



Tiverton Academy

Newsletter

July 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I wanted to write to you before school closes on Friday 17th July for the Summer. It has been a very strange few months and I sincerely look forward to times ahead when we can all be together again.

School has been open throughout the pandemic to Key Worker/Vulnerable children and also to some Y1 children. It has been wonderful to hear their voices and see them playing on the field. I would like to thank the Teachers, Support Staff, Office Staff, Kitchen Staff and Site Staff for the huge team effort in making this happen.

I would also like to thank the Teachers for their amazing work on the Google Classrooms and thank you for supporting your child/children with their home learning. All in all, it has been a monumental effort on behalf of everyone!

The lockdown seems to have bought out the creativity in many of us. Below are some examples of the wonderful creations from the children that have been in school in bubbles. They have had great fun learning outdoors and have completed some truly wonderful art work.



Staffing Structure for September 2020

Please see the table below to find out which Teacher and Teaching Assistants your child/children will have next year. The teachers are fixed but there may be changes to the Teaching Assistants depending on latest Government guidance before schools return in September.

We would also like to welcome a new KS2 teacher- Helen West. Mrs West is an experienced teacher who will be leading on the Arts at Tiverton. We very much look forward to working with her and welcome her to our team.

Year Group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Reception	Miss Matthews (4 days) Mrs Tennant (1 day)	Miss McCulloch (3 days) Miss Needle (2 days)

Year 1	Mrs Hyde (4 days) Mrs Tennant (1 day)	Mrs McGovern (5 days)
Year 2	Mrs Weblin (4 days) Miss Melady (3 days) PP	Mrs Francis (2 days)
Year 3	Miss Chamberlain	Mrs Edwards (2 days) Mrs Francis (1 day) Mrs Tranter (2 x a.m.)
Year 4	Helen West	Mrs Edwards (2 days) Mrs Francis (2 days) Mrs Tranter (1 x a.m.)
Year 5	Miss Wyatt	Mrs Khan (3days) Mrs Tranter (2 x a.m.)
Year 6	Miss Brewster (4 days) Mrs Tennant (1 day)	Mrs Ward (4 days)

The Community Box Programme **Supporting Young Families Impacted by COVID**



The Tiverton Team, Rackets Cubed, The Birmingham Real Junk Food Project and FareShare are extremely proud of what we have managed to achieve together over the last couple of months.

By working together we have provided Community Boxes to young families in the Selly Oak area who have been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis.

Each box contains:

- A range of healthy foods - tins, bread, pasta, rice, fresh fruit and veg etc.
- Personal Hygiene – eg: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper
- An Educational Fun Activity Pack.

We started the scheme on 12th May 2020 and just under 30 Community Boxes. Eight weeks later we are now delivering around 50 Community Boxes each week!

'We'd like to pass on a huge thank you to the staff of Tiverton that put the boxes together and deliver them each week and of course the charities that support us and enable this programme to happen: Rackets Cubed, The Birmingham Real Junk Food Project and FareShare.'

'Working in Partnership: Combining our respective organisations builds greater scale and impact.'



Well Being

The past few months has had an impact on all of us. Our emotional, mental health and well-being are so important. Below is a list of useful sites that may be helpful when dealing with particular issues.

Parent and Pupil support information

Domestic Abuse

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50238/wellbeing_during_the_coronavirus_covid-19/2128/domestic_abuse_support_during_covid-19

Managing Money

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50238/wellbeing_during_the_coronavirus_covid-19/2158/covid-19_managing_money

Talking to your child about coronavirus

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-how-talk-child.html?scrllybrkr=eec30e01>
<https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>

Mental Health

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50238/wellbeing_during_the_coronavirus_covid-19/2159/mental_health
<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/additional-support-offer-during-covid-19-coronavirus>
<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

Supporting your child with Autism

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/parents-autism-covid19/>

Supporting your child with learning needs

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/parents-learning-covid19/>

Supporting your child with physical difficulties

<https://accesstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/parents-pdss-covid19/>
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 **Opening hours:** 8am to 6pm – Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm – Saturday and Sunday

The E Bug Project

<https://e-bug.eu/> The e-Bug project is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene. Resources are currently available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 and can be used in various settings including schools and at home.

Nursery Closure

It is with great sadness that we have had to make the decision to close our Nursery provision as from September 2020. Our numbers have fallen to a point that the Nursery is no longer financially viable. This is down to many factors, the main one being the number of private Nurseries within the local area that can offer flexible hours and top up hours throughout the week. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Dinner money

Dinner money is currently at £2.20 per meal. **As from 1st September 2020, this will rise to £2.30 per meal.** Please contact the School office on 0121 464 3125 if you have any questions regarding this increase.

ParentPay

We would like to remind parents that we are a 'cash less' school . If you have not yet registered for ParentPay, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. If you need any support with this please contact the School Office on 0121 464 3125.

Google Classrooms

Our Google Classrooms will be disabled throughout the summer holidays in order for teachers to have a holiday and begin to prepare for September. Should you wish your child to access any learning resources over the summer, here is a list of useful sites to visit:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/what-we-offer/discovery-education-espresso>

<https://www.shaunsgameacademy.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/free-stuff>

<https://spellingframe.co.uk>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

<https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks1/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes>

School Uniform (*Advice from Brigade*)

Now that the focus has highlighted schools returning in September, we urge you to consider your uniform requirements now to avoid delay.

We predict a large bottleneck of 'last minute' uniform orders so we recommend parents to start processing any uniform orders sooner rather than later, as all orders will be processed on a first come, first served basis. **The cut-off-date for delivery before the September term is 7th August 2020.** In previous years we have managed to process orders after this date but due to the COVID situation this WILL NOT be possible. We urge you to place any orders as soon as possible. Website: www.brigade.uk.com

School Term Dates 2020 - 2021

Please see below for term dates for 2020/21. This also includes Teacher Training days.

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020

TEACHER DAY: Tuesday 1st September

TEACHER DAY: Wednesday 2nd September

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 4 January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1 April 2021

TEACHER DAY: Monday 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19 April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July 2021

TEACHER DAY: Monday 19th April

TEACHER DAY: Monday 7th June

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful and happy summer holiday. I will be communicating plans for re-opening with you in a separate letter and throughout the summer in order to help us all prepare for September. I would also like to thank you for your continued support throughout the last few months.

Please continue to keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs Norbury