



Tiverton Academy



Newsletter



11/12/2020

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the Autumn Term. This term has not been without its challenges but with joint effort and understanding and by working in partnership with each other we have been able to have a very successful term and have achieved a great deal together despite the circumstances under which we have been working.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Tiverton Academy I would like to wish everyone a restful Christmas holiday and a very peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again in the Spring Term when the children return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

IMPORTANT - Contact Tracing

Public Health England has agreed a **6 day window after the final day of teaching** in which schools and further education providers are asked to remain contactable so they can assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the education setting to be traced.

With this in mind if your child develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID 19 within the 6 day period of school closing, please contact me on

dnorbury@tivertonacademy.org to inform me and I can take appropriate action.

The 6 day period is up to and including Wednesday 23rd December.

Reception Applications

If you wish to apply for a place in our Reception Class for September 2021 please follow the guidance below:

School age - when can your child start school?

Children in Birmingham can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday.

Example: If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they'll be able to start school in September 2021.

Parents can apply for a place in the Autumn of the year before their child turns 4 years of age. It is important that you apply for a place as soon as possible:

- attendance at a Nursery Class does not give a child automatic priority for a place
- do not wait until your child is five years old, or your preferred school may already be full
- Please follow the link below if you wish to make an application.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

The national closing date is (11:59pm) 15th January 2021

It is important that you apply on time as any applications received after the 15th January 2021 will be classed as late applications and will be processed after the national offer day of 16th April 2021 and late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at any of their preferred schools.

Virtual Father Christmas - Ho Ho Ho!

Early Years and KS1 enjoyed a virtual visit from Father Christmas. He appeared on their interactive screens with lots of Christmas messages from the North Pole. The children each had a present to take home and thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Thank you to Aspire Education and Mrs Weblin for organising the visit.

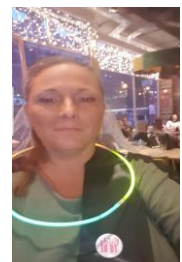
Christmas Dinner

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Eaborn and Mrs Walsh for making Christmas Dinner for the whole school on Wednesday. It was a monumental task under the current restrictions and the Christmas Dinner was delicious! Thank you also to Mrs Gaskin and Mrs Teasdale for ensuring every child had a Christmas cracker!

" Happy 50th birthday Mrs Tranter"

We would like to wish our very own Mrs Tranter a Happy 50th Birthday for the 28th December. Although we won't be with you on your birthday Mrs Tranter, we wish you a day full of fun and laughter.

'Happy Birthday from Team Tiverton!'



School Term Dates 2020-2021

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

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2020

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

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2020

TEACHER DAY Tuesday 1st September

TEACHER DAY Wednesday 2nd September

TEACHER DAY Friday 18th December

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 7th June

'Merry Christmas everyone' have a wonderful holiday and peaceful New Year'.

School will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021