




# Tiverton Academy



20/12/2019

Last week's Attendance	Total Number of Days missed	Total number of lates	<b>Target Attendance is: 96%</b>
Y6 – 86% Y5 – 93% Y4 – 94% Y3 – 96% Y2 – 95% Y1 – 96% R – 86%	Y6 - 9 Y5 - 3 Y4 - 3 Y3 - 4 Y2 - 7 Y1 - 2 R - 7	Y6 - 5 Y5 - 4 Y4 - 2 Y3 - 8 Y2 - 9 Y1 - 4 R - 7	<b>Well done to Years 1 &amp; 3 ...</b>
<b>Overall Attendance is:</b>  <b>93%</b>			 <b>... our attendance champions! It was very close this week!</b>

## Happy Holidays

We have finally come to the end of an exciting and extremely busy Autumn Term. We would like to wish our families and children a very Happy Christmas holiday and a peaceful New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout the Autumn term and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 when school will open again for pupils.



**School is closed to pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January for teacher training day.**

## Christmas Production

WOW!! What an amazing way to end the term and get us in to the spirit of Christmas. As ever I was totally amazed by the performance this year and extremely proud of everyone. Nothing beats the atmosphere of the whole school coming together in one very special celebration.

Year 4 did an amazing job of performing the play. You had learnt your lines and delivered your performance with confidence. It was a pleasure to watch each and



every character shine in their own unique way - you did an amazing job Year 4 and I would like to thank both you, Miss Wyatt, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Tranter for your hard work. Thank you to everyone that managed to join us at the church, we hope you enjoyed the production as much as we did. Well done everyone!

## **Mrs O'Donnell**

**This week we said goodbye to Mrs O'Donnell as she set off on her next adventure – RETIREMENT!**

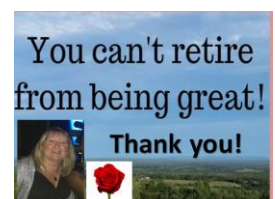
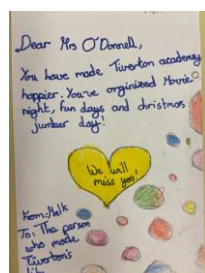
Mrs O'Donnell has been a valued member of our team for many years and we will miss her immensely. I'm sure you would agree that nothing was ever too much for Diane and everything she did was with a high level of professionalism and a warm helpful smile on her face.

She has supported staff, parents and children alike in the day to day running of the school and the school office. I personally feel extremely privileged to have known her and appreciate her many words of wisdom that have helped me during her time here.

She is a kind, loyal compassionate person who I will miss as both a colleague and friend. Mrs O'Donnell now intends to spend her time with her family and many grandchildren that she looks after throughout the week as well as being able to travel and holiday abroad during term time!

The children have so many lovely memories of Mrs O'Donnell which they spoke about during her retirement assembly on Tuesday. Every message echoed the same sentiments of how much she had helped them, the events she had organized for them, the compassion she had shown them and all spoke about her wonderful smile and kindness.

We will all miss you Mrs O'Donnell and we wish you a very long, relaxing retirement full of happiness.



## **Christmas Fayre**

We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Christmas Fayre. It was extremely busy with all of the different stalls and the Christmas café and grotto. We raised £490.60 for the school and are currently planning how this can be spent to provide further opportunities for the children. Thank you everyone!

## **Parent Pay**

As you are aware, Mrs Teasdale has introduced Parentpay to Tiverton Academy. This will make it easier for you to make payments online for everything at a time to suit you, without having to come to the school office.

I would like to remind you to activate your Parent Pay account as soon as possible and please bare with us should there be any teething troubles during this interim period. If you have any further queries or need support in setting up and activating your account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

## **Book Swap**

Mrs Perks would like to thank you for your generous donations of books for our book swap. The book swap is one of the many initiatives this year that will form part of our year long project with the Open University promoting 'Reading for Pleasure' and a love of all good books.

## **Parking**

We have noticed an improvement in parking recently and would like to say thank you for not parking on the zig- zags or double parking opposite school when dropping off or collecting your children. This has definitely improved the safety of our children as they come to school and cross the road. We now only have a small handful of parents who continue to put the safety of our children at risk and would like to remind those parents that it is illegal to park on the zig-zags or double park opposite the school. We are all responsible for safeguarding our children and I would like to see this improvement continue in to the New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Hospice visit**

Thank you to Miss Meah and our amazing dance squad who performed at St Mary's Hospice last week. It is so important for our children to understand the value of giving back kindness to our local community and those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you children, I'm sure your wonderful dancing had a really huge impact on the residents of the hospice.

## **Forest School**

Year 2 and Year 3 will be starting forest school after the Christmas break. Please refer to the letter you have received for further information regarding the clothing/footwear needed **every Monday** until the Easter holidays.

## **PE**

Please also ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in order for them to take part in PE outdoors. They need to have black/blue or grey plain tracksuit bottoms. We still like to take the children outside for PE during the winter months and it is important that they are as warm as possible.

### **Term Dates 2019 /2020**

Please see below for term dates 2019/20. This also includes teacher training days.

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#### **Spring Term 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term Ends: Friday 3 April 2020

**TEACHER DAY Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

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#### **Summer Term 2020**

Term Starts: Monday 20 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Term Ends: Monday 20 July 2020

**TEACHER DAY Monday TBC**

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**Voting Day Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – School closed**

**Bank Holiday Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – School closed**

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very 'Happy Christmas' holiday and a 'Happy New Year' to everyone.**

**Best wishes from Mrs Norbury and the staff at Tiverton Academy.**

