



Tiverton Academy

Newsletter



12th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Parent Consultations

Next week we will be holding our Parent consultation meetings. The meetings will be held in the school hall and the outside classroom. This is to enable us to ensure that we are in a large open space that is well ventilated. The Consultation mornings will run from 9.00am-12.30pm

- Tues 16th November am - Year 1 Consultations (**School Hall**)
- Wed 17th November am - Year 2 (**School Hall**)
and Reception (**Outside Classroom**)
- Thurs 18th November am - Year 6 (**School Hall**)
and Year 3 (**Upstairs Classroom**)
- Friday 19th November am - Year 4 Consultations (**School Hall**)

Year 5 Parent Consultations have been temporarily postponed due to staff illness. We will inform you once a new date has been set.

If you are unable to make the above daytime dates, there will be a 'mop up' evening slot that you may wish to make an appointment to attend between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. This will be held in the school hall.

Please see the dates below:

Tuesday 23rd November - Year 1

Wednesday 24th November - Year 2

Thursday 25th November - Year 6

Monday 29th November - Year 4

Tuesday 30th November - Year 3

Wednesday 1st December – Reception

Applying online for a Reception Class Place for September 2022

If your child will be 4 years old before 31/08/2022 you will need to make an online Reception application by the closing date of 15th January 2022. Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit your online application. We

would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting your application.

Children in Need

It's that time of year when we say hello once more to Pudsey Bear, as he comes back for 'Children in Need 2021'.



As a school, we will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 19th November**. This year's theme is '**together we can change young lives**'. Children and staff can come into school wearing their own clothes and the day will be filled with lots of fun activities, games and work related to Children in Need and the importance of the charity work that is done every year.

If you would like to donate to Children in Need please follow the link below that will take you directly to the payment page. **All donations (minimum of £1) must be paid through this link. Please do not send any money into school.**

URL link - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4483>

Mrs Matthews

Mrs Matthews will sadly be leaving us at the end of the Autumn Term. It has not been an easy decision for her but she has decided that it is time to take a break from teaching and focus on family life for a while.

Whilst our Reception children will have the continuity of Miss McCulloch and Mrs Perks for the rest of the year, our priority now is to ensure that they continue to receive the high quality teaching that they have had during the Autumn Term.

With that in mind, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Dunn our Vice Principal and Early Years Leader will be teaching Reception Class after Christmas. Many of you will have already met Mrs Dunn in some capacity and the Reception children are already very familiar with her. She is an extremely experienced outstanding teacher of the Early Years and I am certain that your children will be in very capable hands with our Reception team.

Finally, we have been extremely lucky to have Mrs Matthews, an outstanding teacher, as part of our team for so many years. Being able to teach in Reception, laying the foundations of knowledge for such young children requires a very unique talent. I often say that we have our very own 'Mary Poppins' in Mrs Matthews and we will miss her immensely.

We wish her lots of luck in whatever her next adventure may be and very much hope that our paths may cross again in the future.

Start of Day

We are still experiencing a substantial number of children arriving late to school at the start of the day. The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am. The attendance team is monitoring lates closely this half term as it is really important that children have a positive start to the day and the opportunity to complete the morning task of work that is set for them.

We fully understand that on the odd occasion there may be an emergency that prevents you from arriving at school on time but we are concerned about the children who arrive late on a regular basis.

We hope we can work together to improve punctuality this half term.

Holidays during Term Time

We would like to remind you that we cannot authorise any holidays taken during term time. If you need to discuss term time leave, please make an appointment with Mrs Dunn via the School Office. Any absence due to holidays during term time will be unauthorised and your child will be taken off role if they have not returned within a 15 day period.

` Congratulations!!

Last week, some of our children went to Birmingham University with Miss Meah and Miss Hale to take part in the Panathlon Challenge. They competed against 7 other schools in 8 different events and won first place overall. I was so proud to see them return to school with their Trophy, T- Shirts and Gold Medals.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.



Uniform Sales

We are currently in the process of setting up our online portal with 'Uniformd'. This will enable you to purchase good quality nearly new items of uniform at a very reduced cost. If you have any spare uniform that your child has grown out of we would welcome any donations that we can add to the site. When we are ready to launch our platform we will send you the link to access it.

Tutoring

If any parents are interested in Private Tutoring for your child, please see the advert below from an independent company called 'Tutor in a Box.'



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The advertisement also includes three inset photographs: a smiling woman in a white top, a woman in a green top leaning over a desk to help a young girl, and a stack of 'Tutor In A Box' learning materials.

School Term Dates 2021 to 2022
(Showing Teacher Days – school closed)

Autumn Term 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

TEACHER DAY: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 22nd July 2022

TEACHER DAY: Monday 25th April 2022

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