



# Tiverton Academy

## Newsletter



**15th December 2021**  
**(TEACHER TRAINING DAY TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY)**

Dear Parents

We have had an extremely positive Autumn Term and the whole team would like to wish you a wonderful festive break. Children will return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

I would like to thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and the extra measures you have taken with a return to face coverings and regular lateral flow testing. This week we have seen a small number of positive cases at the end of a completely COVID free term. I am sure this is a reflection of the National picture and the transmissibility of the new variant.

I will be keeping a close eye on the Public Health England and DFE advice for schools over the Christmas break. If there are any changes to our Operational Risk Assessment for January, I will communicate them with you before the children return.

Your child will be bringing home their RM Unify email address and Google log in details on Friday. We are extremely hopeful that January will not see a return to online remote learning but it is important that we are prepared for every eventuality. Please keep your child's log in details and password safe over the holiday.

This time of year is always magical when you are working with children and it has been a delight to see their excitement building. We started with our traditional Christmas dinner day followed by a theater trip to the Rep in Birmingham and a visiting theatre in school. Yesterday Father Christmas arrived in school with sacks of presents for the younger children and we will be finishing the week with our Christmas party afternoon. Tiverton always feels like a very special place to be and I feel extremely blessed to spend every day with such a dedicated and inspirational team and the truly wonderful children and families that we have.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

As we move forward into January and February I would like to encourage you all to continue Lateral flow testing your child / children twice weekly. If your child is unwell or displaying COVID 19 symptoms it is advisable to switch to daily testing and book a PCR as soon as possible.

## Applying online for a Reception 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](http://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.

### Mrs Matthews

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, Mrs Matthews will be leaving Tiverton Academy at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for her passion, dedication and enthusiasm towards ensuring that all children blossom and become 'the very best they can be' Mrs Matthews is an outstanding early years teacher who has been extremely influential in shaping the educational start of the young children she has taught. Her skills and patience in early years has often led to me calling her 'our very own Mary Poppins'



We will miss you immensely Mrs Matthews and would like to wish you luck and happiness for the next chapter of your life.

### 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.

### Christmas Craft Fayre

Please see the details of a local Christmas Fayre at Selly Oak Methodist Church on Saturday 18th December from 11.00am - 2.00pm.



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

An advertisement for Tutor in a Box. The background is yellow with a hexagonal pattern. The text reads: 'WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IN MATHS &amp; ENGLISH?' followed by 'THREE AWARD WINNING SOLUTIONS:'. Below this are three options: 'LIVE GROUP LESSONS', 'INDIVIDUAL TUITION', and 'HOME LEARNING SUBSCRIPTION'. At the bottom, it says 'VISIT WWW.TUTORINABOX.CO.UK AND GET 20% OFF YOUR FIRST ORDER USING PRINT20'. The Tutor in a Box logo is at the bottom left, and there are images of children and a tutor on the right.

**School Term Dates 2021/22**  
*(Showing Teacher Days – school closed)*

**Autumn Term 2021**

Term Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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**Spring Term 2022**

Term Starts: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**TEACHER DAY: Tuesday 4th January 2022**

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**Summer Term 2022**

Term Starts: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**TEACHER DAY: Monday 25th April 2022**

**TEACHER DAY: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**