



Tiverton Academy Newsletter



April 2022

Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of another busy half term and I would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break. This term has been an extremely productive one where we have been able to provide many wider learning opportunities for the children.

Please note that the children return to school on Wednesday 27th April.

Year 2 will begin two weeks of swimming on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Timings of the school day

From the Summer Term, we are going back to the original school day timings that were in place pre COVID. This means that we will have a soft opening for all children from 8.45-9.00a.m. Any child arriving after 9.00a.m. will be marked as late.

All children from Reception to Year 6 will now finish school at 3.15pm as this will see the end of staggered start and finish times.

Parent Consultations and Parents Evening

Parent Consultations will take place **week beginning Monday 16th May 2022**. The consultations will take place during the mornings of that week with a mop up parents **evening on Thursday 19th May** for those who cannot attend a day time appointment. You will receive information about booking a time slot when we return after the Easter break.

Voting day

Local elections are taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022. **School is being used as a voting station and will be closed to children on this day.**

We are asking **Year 6 (only)** to come to school as normal in preparation for their SATs that begin on the 9th May. Year 6 will be taught in the outside classroom and parents should drop off and collect their children from the back gate on Dawlish Road entrance. They can be dropped off at 9.00am and collected at 3.00pm.

Reception Class

As you are aware, Mrs. Dunn has been teaching Reception Class since January after Mrs Matthews left. Mrs Weblin has now returned from maternity leave and will be teaching in Reception Class in the Summer Term. She will be working alongside Miss McCulloch, Mrs Perks and Mrs Dunn (on a Thursday). Mrs Weblin has spent the last few weeks getting to know the Reception children in order to ensure a smooth transition for the Summer term.

Forest School

Reception Class will have 'Forest School' every Monday during the Summer Term. Please ensure your child has Forest School clothes in school every week: wellingtons, old clothing (suitable for weather) as they may get muddy!!

Y6 SATS

Year 6 will be taking their SATs exams in the week beginning Monday 9th May 2022. **It is vitally important that all children attend school during the week of the 9th - 13th May.** School will be providing breakfast for the Y6 children and you will receive more information regarding this after Easter. Please see the timetable for the week below.

Mon 9th May 2022: **Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1**
 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2

Tues 10th May 2022: **English Reading**

Wed 11th May 2022: **Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)**
 Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thurs 12th May 2022: **Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)**

New COVID advice from the DFE

We have now received the latest COVID guidance for children from the NHS and the DFE. Please see the guidance below:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in children

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school, college or childcare, or do their normal activities

They can go back to school, college or childcare when they feel better or do not have a high temperature. If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

Easter Egg Competition Results

We had some wonderful entries for our 'Easter Egg Competition', as always, giving our judges a really difficult job in choosing the winners. Please see the results below:

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
REC	T'airree	Ellenor	Hibba
Y1	Inaayah	Zoe	Elizabeth
Y2	Allington	Muznah	Anisa
Y3	David	Faaris	Aira
Y4	Aahana	-	-
Y5	Kohin-Kenzie	Mohammed Kaif	Reuben
Y6	Mavis	Chloe	-

Well done to everyone who entered, you are all amazing!

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.

Summer Term Dates 2021/22.

(Showing Teacher Days – school closed)

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 26th April 2022

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

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

TEACHER DAY: Tuesday 26th April

TEACHER DAY: Thursday 21st July

Collection for Ukraine

This term I have been working with Chloe in Year 6 on a project plan to support refugees. Chloe is passionate about helping others and has many creative ideas about how we as a school can help.

With the crisis in Ukraine our talks have evolved and we have had conversations with a Charity called 'Goods for Good'. We would like to ask for your help and donations to this project.

We will be collecting the items from now, up until **Friday 6th May**. We will aim to transport the donations week beginning the **9th May**. Donations can be sent in with your child or handed in at the School Office.

We would also welcome donations of cardboard boxes (in good condition) to enable us to package the donations.

We would like to thank you in advance for your kindness and support. Chloe and I will be communicating with you throughout the project with any updates that we may have and we will keep you posted on the progress being made.

Food

- Tinned food (with a pull-tag) Pasta and Rice
- Chocolate Spread, Peanut Butter and Jam
- Nutrition bars, chocolate bars and sweets
- Cuppa Soups/Pot Noodles
- Coffee, tea and Sugar

First Aid

- Bandages
- Cotton Wool
- Antiseptic wipes
- Plasters
- First Aid kits
- Paracetamol/Aspirin
- Antibacterial hand gel

Hygiene Goods

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Deodorants
- Nappies
- Packs of Tissues
- Soap Dispensers
- Baby wipes
- Toilet paper