



Town Lane Infant Newsletter

What a wonderful start to the new year! The children have come back into school ready to learn and have settled quickly back into school life. It is great see them becoming more independent and confident when walking around school and within their classrooms. Thank you for your continued support from home.

Attendance

As you know, it is of utmost importance that your child has high attendance at school. We believe that regular school attendance is central to raising standards in education and to improving the life chances of all children. Regular attendance at school enables children to gain maximum benefit from the range of educational and wider opportunities available to them. We monitor this closely and can offer support to families that may need this. Please contact the school office if you have any concerns.

Trip to Chester Zoo



What a highlight of the year so far! We were all really impressed with how well behaved the children were during this visit and the weather didn't stop us from learning new knowledge about the animals and having lots of fun. We

couldn't have managed this trip without your support so thank you to all of the volunteers who accompanied the 9 classes on this day.

Nursery Experiences

The children in our nursery are currently focusing on local wildlife and how we can improve our immediate surroundings to support this. They have been involved with planting a brand-new hedgerow within our grounds. They are now hoping that this will encourage more wildlife in our grounds and that they can capture this using the night camera. Very exciting times! They have also had visits from the hedgehog rescue team and have found out about how to take care of the animals in the wild.

Curriculum Project

We have now embarked on our whole school curriculum conservation theme for this half term. We are planning to showcase our learning through an exhibition for the school community after February half term. Watch this space for more information coming soon!

Number Day

We will be celebrating Number Day on Friday February 3rd. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it -football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie! You can get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. Don't worry if you can't find an item of clothing as an old birthday badge or a homemade number badge will be just fine. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on the day.

**Year One Penguin Day**

The Y1 children have been learning about penguins and their habitats. On Friday 20th January, they took part in Penguin Awareness Day. The day raises awareness about penguin habits and habitats. The day also aims to bring international focus on the conservation of penguin habitats. During the day, the children took part in a penguin 'waddle'. Thank you for your contribution as now the children are able to sponsor the penguins at Chester Zoo.

**Forest School**

We are always looking for donations for our outdoor provision. The forest school practitioners have made a request for donations of gardening equipment and plants for Forest School. If this were to be something that you might be able to donate, please contact the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health week starts week beginning 6th February. This year's theme is called 'Let's Connect'. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

To begin Children's Mental Health Week, we would like to invite parents and carers to our second coffee afternoon on Monday 6th February at 2.00pm. Jayne Hart, who is our educational mental health practitioner from CAMHS, will be leading the session and will be able to provide advice about any mental health concerns you may have.

During this focused week at school, we will expose the children to thought provoking stories, play games and enter into discussions about how we can improve how we are feeling. On Friday 10th February, we will be celebrating the end of the week by asking the children to take part in a 'Dress to Express' day at school. The children can dress up in whatever they choose in order to express themselves and who they are and to show what they are interested in. We will not be asking for any donation to take part in this day.

Wellbeing Wonder Tip of the Month

Outdoor fun – research shows that children need to be outside to develop well. You could go for a walk, explore, discover, run, climb or even make an obstacle course in the garden or the park!

UN Convention for the rights of the child

Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests on the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Diary Dates



Wednesday 1st February

Partial closure due to strike action

Friday 3rd February

Number Day 'Dress for Digits'

Monday 6th February

**Children's Mental Health Week begins
Coffee afternoon 2pm led by Wirral
Mental Health Team**

Friday 10th February

'Dress to Express' Day

Friday 17th February

Last day of half term

Monday 27th February 2022

INSET Day

Tuesday 28th February

Start of new half term for pupils

Wednesday 1st March

**Environmental Exhibition at Town
Lane**

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Wednesday 22nd March

**PTA non-uniform day in return
for chocolate for the raffle**

Friday 31st March

Last day of term

Further INSET Days

Thursday 4th May 2023 -Polling Day

Monday 5th June 2023

Please note

**There is an additional bank holiday
due to the King's Coronation and this
will be 8th May 2022.**