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# Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



We want to start this newsletter with a warm welcome from all of the staff and governors at Town Lane Infant School. Your children have had the most wonderful start to school this academic year.

We are so proud of how the Y1 and Y2 children have returned and how settled they seem to be in their classrooms with their new teachers. Our new early years children in Little Acorns, Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 are all settling into our routines and have now become part of our Town Lane family. **WELCOME TO ALL!**

## Attendance

At Town Lane, attendance at school is a high priority. We aim to have high levels of attendance for all of our pupils. School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full-time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly. We understand that and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. Please refer to the letter previously sent out about mild illness and the advice from the NHS. If you are unsure

you can always contact the office for support.

Many people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up easily. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will find it hard when school assessment time comes around. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social side of things which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can dent their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

A pupil with attendance under 90% is considered a persistent absentee and this is a huge worry.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to contact school to discuss further.

## Parent Governor Roles Available

Our Local Academy Board hold a vital role in monitoring the delivery of education as well as providing support to the staff within Concordia. As part of the Governance Structure, the representatives bring understanding and local knowledge to support the school to meet the needs of the community. LAB's are made up of



staff, parents/carers and co-opted community representatives. As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties delegated by Trustees. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the local academy board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a parent representative you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the local academy board delivers effective governance delegated by trustees

**Expectations of representatives/governors**

- Attendance at meetings
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Committing to training
- Visiting the school
- Completing the term of office

### How to apply

If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form from the office and return to the school office email address by 27th October 2023. If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this. If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school.

[Concordia Multi Academy Trust: Join a Local Academy Board \(concordiamat.co.uk\)](https://concordiamat.co.uk)

### Summer Science Competition

Last Summer, pupils were invited to enter our summer science competition, a build a bug hotel competition! The children were encouraged to observe who visits their hotel and make observational drawings and photos of the minibeasts. This competition was a co-fundraiser with Town Lane's new STEM partner Ignota Labs. Proceeds will go to developing our science curriculum.

We shared the entries in an assembly last week and the winners were announced. Dr Jordan Lane, Science Lead and co-CEO of Ignota Labs, judged the competition and provided feedback to each of the entrants on their scientific knowledge and process. The winning pupil was given tickets to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre. <https://www.eurekadiscovery.org.uk>  
A huge well done to all who were involved.

### Foundation 2 Curriculum Meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the curriculum meeting with F2 staff. Feedback was positive and if you would like to share more feedback with staff please communicate this via Tapestry. The information shared during the meeting will also be uploaded to Tapestry.



### Stikins – Reminder

We have teamed up with Stikins who can provide parents with quality sticky name labels for all children's belongings. When this is used by our parents, you will be generating commission for school (30%). Please go to <http://stikins.co.uk> to place your order and remember to use our unique fundraising number 23869



### **Mental Health Support Team**

This year, we continue to strengthen our partnership with the Wirral Mental Health Support Team (WMHST) and build on the successes of last year. We will be hosting coffee mornings/afternoons throughout the year to provide you with the opportunity to meet Lindsey Crawford, our Mental Health Support Team lead. We will also be providing opportunities for you to attend workshops too.

**Monday 9th October:** Coffee morning  
9.00 to 10.00

**Wednesday 18th October:** Parent workshop 'How to support my child when worried'

**Tuesday 28th November:** Coffee afternoon 2.00 to 3.00

**Thursday 14th December:** Parent workshop 'How to support my child's behaviour' 2.00 to 3.00 (to be confirmed)

**Thursday 18th January 2024:** Coffee morning 9.00 to 10.00

Please let the school office know if you are interested in finding out more about these workshops.



### **Forest School Information**

As we are moving into the autumn and winter months, it is important that children are appropriately dressed for forest school. Please can parents ensure that children have named wellies in school in a named bag - they must have a change of shoes in school to prevent bringing mud back into the classroom. Children also need waterproof coat and waterproof

trousers. It is advisable that each child brings a complete change of clothes in case they get wet and is especially important to have a change of socks each week. If a parent is having difficulties providing any of their kit, please speak to their class teacher and we will provide what we can to support.

The forest school team are asking if anyone has any of the following items to kindly donate to school

- Pots and pans
- Seeds
- Flower pots
- Large logs
- Tyres
- Oven trays
- Whisks
- Vegetable mashers
- Drain pipes and clips
- Rope
- Tarpaulin

If you are able to donate any of the above items please take them to the school office. Thank you in advance.

### **After school clubs**

The following clubs are well under way this month

Stem club

Eco club

School Council

Full of Beans physical activity clubs

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding, please contact Full of Beans for a funded place.

Watch this space for more clubs available soon.

Our school council have been checking that all classes have created their classroom charters and that children across the school know our rules 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. As we are a rights respecting school, the council will be asking children to think of some new rules for our playground charter. We have been

learning about article 31 in the UN Convention for children's rights which is the right to relax and play. The council members will be creating a sign to show the rules in our playgrounds.

To promote democracy across the school, the council members will be making a voting station for everyone to vote for their favourite music to be played in assembly. We will also be helping in discussions during health week, anti-bullying week and helping our school to get ready for the kindness challenge during the last week of term. More information will follow.

#### Eco Assembly

Many thanks to Reverend Mike and Councillor Ed Lamb for joining us in assembly to talk about how we can work together to protect our planet.

#### Numbots

All children in Y1-Y2 have access to this online maths platform. Please encourage your child to use this to support their knowledge of number facts. F2 pupils will be given access to this in the Spring term (January)

#### Message from Y2 staff

Our Year 2s are settling in so well into their new classes. We have been fortunate to have volunteers for secret readers already and are always looking out for more parent/grandparents for reading volunteers! In the next few weeks, we are looking forward to having Mrs Price's father in to develop our portrait skills during health week!

#### Day for Change

We are raising money for both UNICEF and NSPCC during health week which commences on 16th October.

Children are invited to dress in blue on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October to promote and

raise funds for improvements for children across the world.

To raise funds for the NSPCC, children are invited to take part in the 'Kindness Challenge' and a sponsor form will be provided. We are encouraging as many acts of kindness as possible throughout the challenge.

#### Reminders

All uniform must be named so that if items become lost we can reunite them with their owners.

All children are encouraged to bring in a water bottle to school so that they can keep hydrated and drink water throughout the day.

Children should not have varnish on their nails while at school.

A full PE kit is required for all pupils. Please see our website for more information.



#### Wellbeing Wonder Tip of the month

Give compliments – compliment your child and give them positive praise when it is deserved. You could also encourage your child to give compliments to others to boost their self-esteem.

UN Convention for the rights of the child  
Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests of 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**



#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Year One Curriculum meeting 4.30pm

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Change in menu at lunch time all to try and have a school dinner today

#### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Y2 Curriculum meeting 4.30pm

WMHST\_Coffee morning 9.00 to 10.00

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Y1 Harvest Festival Christ Church 2.30pm

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Health week begins

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Day for Change UNICEF  
Parents Evening

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Photographer in school  
Individual/ sibling photos  
WMHST Parent workshop 'How to support my child when worried'

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents Evening  
Pupils break up for half term

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Children return to school

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

F1 Curriculum meeting 4.30pm

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-Bullying Week  
Children to wear odd socks to school

#### **Thursday 14th December**

WMHST Parent workshop 'How to support my child's behaviour' 2.00 to 3.00 (to be confirmed)

#### **Tuesday 28th November**

WMHST Coffee afternoon 2.00 to 3.00

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

F1 Nativity 10am

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

F2 Nativity 10am

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

F2 Nativity 10am  
Y2 Xmas Carol service 5.30pm  
at Christ Church, Bebington

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Little Acorns Stay and Play 11am  
Little Acorns Stay and Play 2.45pm

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

F1 Nativity 10am