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Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



Welcome back to school after the half term break. The staff returned on Monday and attended our Concordia MAT Inset which was a day full of training around the theme of creativity and wellbeing.

We hope you all had a good half term and are looking forward to some warmer weather in the next few months.

Places at Town Lane September 2024

We currently have places available in our nursery and reception classes for September 2024. If you, or someone you know, would like to book a personal tour of the school please enquire further at the school office.

Attendance

Attendance at school is high priority for all of our children. It has been wonderful to see so many children arriving at school on time over the last few days and showing that they are ready to learn after being reunited with their friends.

Please can we remind you about the information from the DfE about attendance. There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly. It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough,

runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it.

If you feel you need support with your child's attendance, please contact the school office.



Number Day

We are so pleased to be able to share that we all raised £215 for the NSPCC. Thank you all for your contributions.



Reading Reminder

We would like to remind you that it is of utmost importance for children to practise their reading at home. Please can you let us know how your child is reading by writing a comment in the reading record book. We love to find out about and monitor children's reading experiences at home and would like to support, wherever possible. If you would like any help with this please contact your child's class teacher.



World Book Day 2024-Reminder

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, our school is celebrating WORLD BOOK Day on Thursday 7th March. On this special day, your child can, if they wish, come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book and bring in a book to share with their class. As an alternative, the children could wear their comfiest clothes so they can snuggle up with a book. During this week, the children will be participating in lots of book related exciting activities. Spending just ten minutes every day enjoying books together can make a BIG difference to a child's development. Sharing stories boosts creativity and imagination, improves wellbeing and is great fun! There are lots of helpful tips for sharing stories and book recommendations on the World Book Day website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com>

There are also lots of wonderful stories to listen to. We look forward to sharing the children's favourite stories and seeing their costumes. Happy reading!

Year One Visit

The Year One children will be taking part in an 'Easter Experience' at Christchurch on Thursday 21st March. The children will be leaving school at 1.00 and will return to school for home time.

For us to take part in this event we would require some adult support in walking to and from the church and to support the children during the workshops at the event. If you are available and would like to help please speak to your child's class teacher.

The Year One postponed trip to Liverpool, due to the strikes, will now take place on Tuesday May 7th.

PE Days

Please can we remind you that earrings should be taken out for PE sessions for health and safety reasons. Information about PE days are on Google Classroom Y1/Y2 and Tapestry F2.



Foundation Two Fundraising

Thank you to all parents who have sent in sponsor money for the F2 'Alien Hunt'. Please can any remaining sponsor money be returned to school by Friday.

We look forward to letting you know the final total soon – watch this space! We really appreciate these vital funds!

Year One (last year Foundation Two)

Thank you to the Year One parents for all of their contributions to last year's Sponsored Bear Hunt. As well as buying some amazing new water trays with spouts, we have also bought a reading barn so children can access books comfortably outside. Thank you for these vital funds.

Forest School

It is vital that children wear appropriate clothing for Forest School including old, warm clothes with named wellies and waterproofs (which fit them), a change of clothes, including socks, with no earrings and their hair tied up. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you for understanding.

Office Staff Request

Please can children come to school with all items ready to start the day. We have a lot of parents and carers dropping off forgotten items (water, books, PE kits, letters, wellies) and this is taking time away from administration tasks.



Wellbeing Wonder

Calm time – create a calm box for your child to help them to learn to self-soothe. Place items in which help them when feeling upset or angry, such as their favourite book, a fidget toy, teddy bear, colouring book and crayons or lavender drops on a tissue.

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



Friday 1st March
Non-uniform day
Cancer Research

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Monday 11th March
Science Week
Chester Zoo visit school

Tuesday 12th March
Hedgehog Sanctuary visit F1

Thursday 14th March
Mental Health Support Team
Coffee morning 9-10am
Year One Friendship workshops

Monday 18th March
5-year-old Dental Survey

Thursday 21st March
Year One visit Christ Church
Easter Experience

Wednesday 27th March/ Thursday 28th March
Y2 Residential visit
Barnstondale

Thursday 28th March
End of day school- close for holiday

Monday 15th April
School opens to pupils

Tuesday 16th April/Thursday 18th April
Parent's Evening

Tuesday 7th May
Year One trip to Liverpool

Wednesday 8th May
School photographs

Remaining INSET Days
Thursday 2nd May 2024
Friday 7th June 2024