

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant book week everyone has had. Our children have enjoyed many activities related to books this week including all classroom doors decorated with the theme of a book and a visit from an author. I am told the children and staff had great fun yesterday dressed as their book characters and everybody joined in the spirit of things. Fortunately the weather allowed the parade to take place this year. If you haven't yet done so please take a look at all the photos on the Twitter feed of our website where you can see all the things your children have been up to. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the book fair and to Louise Battle who organised the week for us.



Sporting Success

A huge well done to the year 3/4 netballers who competed on Thursday at Ousedale. Team TPPS 2 placed third overall and Team TPPS 1 came first. A fantastic result for Team TPPS! Well done to Abi who was named player of the tournament.

Musical Talent

Well done to our musicians who took part in the brass festival at Christ the Cornerstone Church on Wednesday. I heard they played brilliantly and they should be very proud of themselves.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a L1 Teaching Assistant (mornings only to include lunchtime support). If you love working with children and the following applies to you: passionate about children's learning and improvement, flexible, adaptable, educated to at least NVQ Level 2, possess a high level of communication skill with children and adults, are creative, enthusiastic and have a positive approach, then you are who we are looking for.

The start date is Monday 20th April, hours 8:30am – 1pm (£18,303 - £20,748 FTE (pro rata)). We encourage potential applicants to visit the school. Please contact us to arrange an appointment, or to request further information and an application pack.

The post requires an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service and reference checks. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The closing date for applications is Friday 13th March and interviews will be held on Wednesday 18th March.

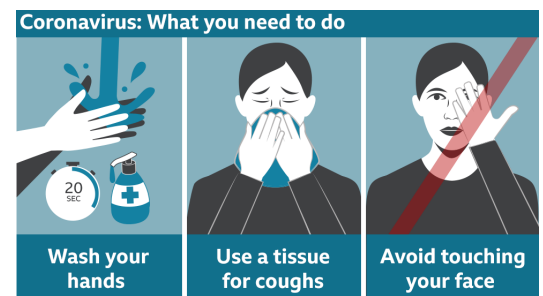
Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. If you love working with children in the great outdoors, then this would be perfect for you! If you would like more information and an application form, please look at our website http://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/uploads/1/0/8/8/10881774/advert_for_lunchtime_supervisor.pdf or contact the school office. Thank you.

Wash Your Hands!

One hot topic of conversation everywhere at the minute is the Coronavirus. Schools are receiving daily updates from the DfE and one thing is clear, we all need to ensure that we are doing what we can to reduce the risk and potential impact of the virus. We have discussed the importance of hygiene with the children again this week and it would be great if you can reinforce these messages at home.

One guideline we give to children is to sing "Happy Birthday" twice (which is about 20 seconds) when washing their hands then rinse and dry.



Often children can become frightened by some of the stories they see on the news. If your child is worried and you need some advice on how you can deal with it, then please click on this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855>

All government advice about the virus can be found by clicking this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Year 1 Synagogue

Last week, Year 1 enjoyed visiting Milton Keynes Reform Synagogue in Giffard Park. They engaged in a range of activities, including using a Yad to read the Torah (right to left), exploring a range of religious artefacts, tasting bread and biscuits, trying on a Kippah and listening to a Jewish story. The children were super representatives for Tickford Park School, and all the adults felt very proud of them.

Friday 13th – Bake Sale in aid of Willen Hospice

Annalise, Sorcha, Millie, Amelia and Illiana from Jet Class are holding a bake school after school (under year 6 canopy) on Friday 13 March to fundraise for Willen Hospice.

Year 6 - 2019/2020 SATs Parents' Meeting

As you are aware this is a very important year for your child, as they prepare for the Year 6 SATs tests that take place during the week beginning, **Monday 11th May 2020**. We would like to invite you and your child to a special meeting on **Wednesday 18th March at 5:30pm in Martin Hall**.

During the meeting you will have the opportunity to meet the year six team who will show you examples of test papers and explain how you can support your child between now and May in maths, reading and writing. In addition to this, we will offer advice concerning useful websites and books you may wish to use to help your child prepare for the tests at home. Many thanks for your continued support, we hope to see you on the 18th March.

Hot Lunches

Hot dinners served at the school are not provided by Tickford Park but by a company called Chartwells. Please remember that all hot lunches must be pre ordered or cancelled by midnight on Thursday of the previous week. If your child is going on a school visit and the letter states he/she needs a packed lunch, you will be expected to provide one. It is your responsibility to contact Chartwells to cancel a hot meal if you have already ordered one for the day of the trip. If you are unsure as to whether they need a packed lunch for any given trip please ask the class teacher.

Mothers Day Stall

Our Friends Association will be holding their annual Mother's Day stall next Thursday. All children will have the opportunity to attend with gifts priced at £1 - £6. Please could you also send a bag in for the gifts.

Supporting Your Child to Manage Their Anxiety - Information Evening for Parents.

We have arranged an information evening for parents, delivered by Eleni Holland from the Inclusion and Intervention team at the Local Authority, called 'Supporting your child to manage their anxiety'. The session will give detailed information around anxiety in young people and then outline strategies that can help children manage their anxiety. This may be something that you feel would be beneficial to attend. This is taking place from **5-6:30pm on Wednesday 1st April**. If you would like to attend, please email sendco@tickfordpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk to confirm your attendance no later than Friday 27th March so that we can make the necessary arrangements. Alternatively, you can leave a message with the office for the attention of Dave Matthews.

Next week, we enter into our science week full of investigations and exploration. Look out for all the class 'tweets' showing all the exciting investigations your children are participating in. And good luck to all our children taking part in the dance project next Thursday – I am sure they will be fabulous!

Have a lovely weekend and may this lovely sun continue to shine.

Best wishes,

Claire

Miss Claire Britnell
Executive Headteacher



Chicheley Street Park – Official Opening of Play Area – Wednesday 1st April 3:30 – 5:30pm. (Reserve date of Thursday 2nd April if needed due to heavily inclement weather)

There will be lots to keep everyone entertained including balloon modelling and circus workshop with "The Great Gappo", football coaching and face painting. For the older children there will be a new MUGA and High Slide. There will be free gifts to give away for the first 20 young people arriving. Parks are not only for children, gardeners, walkers, people who enjoy open spaces all love them. Come along and join us for tea and cake and find out how to become a friend of Chicheley Park.

MK Council unveils plans to tackle climate change

A new Energy and Carbon Hub, more energy efficient buildings, and new country parks and green spaces could help Milton Keynes Council become carbon neutral by 2030 and carbon negative by 2050 to tackle climate change. MK Council and a Task and Finish Group worked with green experts last year through a series of workshops and public meetings to help come up with solutions to tackle climate change and increase biodiversity across the borough.

Ideas include:

- The creation of new country parks in the east and west of MK, as well as more green spaces for leisure and active travel. Living roofs at bus stops and buildings would provide a home for bees, bugs and butterflies.
- A commitment to plant two trees for every dangerous and diseased tree cut down.
- The Council itself using more renewable energy (buildings on existing work including solar panels on the roof of the Civic offices)
- A zero-carbon development programme for all schools and council buildings.
- Ensuring developers design friendly environments to encourage biodiversity and wildlife in new communities.
- Green job creation and skills training.

YMCA Campus

The new YMCA campus in Central MK will open its doors to formerly homeless young people, with 199 rooms, a café, nursery and meeting rooms. The eight-storey campus includes training and meeting facilities to support young people as they become independent and search for employment.

MK Council supports people facing homelessness in a number of ways. Further funding will be allocated to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping in the 2020/21 budget. This funding will help the Council support rough sleepers to move from temporary into permanent accommodation. They have helped more 130 people move off the streets.

Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change)

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
11.03.2020	6	Selected children to NEC – science event
12.03.2020	Whole School	Mother's Day Stall (organised by FOTPPS)
13.03.2020	Whole School	Sport Relief (wear sports clothes)
13.03.2020	Whole School	Willen Hospice Bake Sale after school
16.03.2020	Parents	Maths workshop 5:30 – 6:30pm
17.03.2020	Parents	Maths workshop 9 – 10am
18.03.2020	Year 6 Parents	SATs meeting in Martin Hall
19.03.2020	Foundation	Pizza Express
24.03.2020	Whole School	Class Photographs (please make sure your children are in uniform)
01.04.2020	Parents	Supporting Your Child to Manage Their Anxiety'- Information Evening for Parents. (5 – 6:30pm)
02.04.2020	Foundation	St Peters and St Pauls Church and Sandwich Shack
02.04.2020	Whole School	Film Night (organised by FOTPPS)
03.04.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.2020	Whole School	School opens
27.04.2020	Foundation	Rookery Open Farm
27.04.2020	Whole School	Bake Sale (organised by FOTPPS – donations from years 2 and 3 please)
29.04.2020	3 and 4	Performance – 1:30pm
29.04.2020	3 and 4	Performance 6pm
01.05.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of gifts/toiletries please)
08.05.2020	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
11.05.2020	6	SATs begin
18.05.2020	Whole School	Bake Sale (organised by FOTPPS – donations from years 4,5 and 6 please)
22.05.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of sweets please)
22.05.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
01.06.2020	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
02.06.2020	Whole School	School opens
11.05.2020	Whole School	Father's Day Stall (organised by FOTPPS)
12.06.2020	Whole School	Donation Friday (organised by FOTPPS – donations of bottles please)
22.06.2020	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.2020	5	Residential visit returns from Oakwood
03.07.2020	Whole School	Summer Fair/Dance Showcase (organised by FOTPPS)
10.07.2020	6	Ousedale Art Transition Day
14.07.2020	6	Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves
17.07.2020	6	Residential visit returns from Caldecotte
17.07.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.2020	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
07.09.2020	Whole School	School opens

22.10.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
02.11.2020	Whole School	School opens
18.12.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
05.01.2021	Whole School	School opens
12.02.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
22.02.2021	Whole School	School opens
26.03.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
12.04.2021	Whole School	School opens
03.05.2021	Whole School	Bank Holiday
28.05.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session
08.06.2021	Whole School	School opens
22.07.2021	Whole School	School closes at end of session