

Tickford Times

Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all our children and families at Tickford Park. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break during the summer. I have heard lots of stories from the children of exciting things that have happened during the holidays and what has been absolutely lovely is how quickly they have all settled back into the routines of school.



As you know the roof in Aston Building is being replaced, there is still some work to be done, but the end is now in sight. We appreciate your co-operation whilst we have had to accommodate this necessary building work.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:40am for every child. Classroom doors open at 8:30am. Parents are asked to ensure that children do not arrive any earlier than 8:30am. Should children arrive before this time they will not be supervised on the playground. We ask that children do not use the apparatus before or after school unless they are supervised by their parents/guardian.

Please ensure you collect your child from their classroom promptly at the end of the school day. For your information, Foundation Stage and KS1 (years 1 and 2) school day finishes at 3:00pm and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) school day finishes at 3:05pm.

School Uniform

All the children look very smart in their new school uniforms, please encourage them to keep up this high standard. Please make sure that you label all your child's clothing. It can be distressing for children when they cannot find their clothes and is obviously expensive if you have to keep replacing school uniform.

Parking

It wouldn't be a newsletter if I didn't request that you please be considerate to our neighbours in the surrounding area and **DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS**. In addition please be aware when parking, that we have school buses that need to access school via Avon Close. Parents are not allowed to park in the school car parks during the school day. The Kings Arm Pub are happy for people to use their car park before and after school.

School bus

If your child travels to and from school on the bus, you must write a note addressed to the class teacher if there are different collection arrangements stating which date your child will not be on the bus. We cannot accept verbal instructions from your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Absence

If your child is unwell, please telephone the school and leave a message on the ansaphone. If we do not hear from you your child will be marked as unauthorised, we will telephone the priority contact number requesting a reason for their absence.

Wanted!

If you have any spare/old men's tee shirts, please can you kindly donate them to school to use as cover ups for when they have art lessons. Thank you.

Data Protection Policy and GDPR

For your information the above policy and our GDPR privacy statement are available on the school website.

Individual Photographs

For your information, individual photographs will be taken on 15th October. Please make sure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform. Thank you.

Year 6 – Secondary School – September 2020

For your information you can now apply online for your child's secondary school place. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2019, if you apply after this date you will have limited choices. To find out more please visit the website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Dates

Please see below for a list of dates. These will be added to over the coming weeks as the school visits and performances are finalised so keep checking! This has been a really super start to the new year – our school is buzzing with activity and we look forward to seeing your children make progress and enjoy all the exciting activities that we have planned in the coming term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Claire

Miss Claire Britnell
Executive Headteacher

Dates for your calendar

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
18.09.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
25.09.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
26.09.19	Whole School	Day of Languages
27.09.19	Parents	Phonics Meeting (9am – 10:15am)
27.09.19	Year 4,5,6 (selected)	MK Springers Challenge Day (12:30pm – 3pm)
02.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
04.10.19	6	Cadbury's World
05.10.19	Year 1,2,3 (selected)	MK Springers Challenge Day (12:30pm – 3pm)
09.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
11.10.19		Harvest Assembly (9:45am)
16.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
18.10.19	3	Chiltern Open Air Museum for Stone Age day.
19.10.19		Cross Country
23.10.19	3	Swimming (9:30am – 11:30am)
23.10.19	Whole School	School closes at end of session
25.10.19	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
04.11.19	Whole School	School opens
15.11.19	Whole School	BBC Children in Need (wear spots and stripes, £1 donation please)
02.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Post Box arrives
09.12.19	Whole School	Foundation Stage to perform for the whole school
10.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 9:30am (Parents Welcome)
12.12.19	Choir	Singing at Kings Arms pub
13.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome)
16.12.19	KS1	KS1 to perform for the whole school
16.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Discos
17.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am (Parents Welcome)
17.12.19	6	Bowling (2pm – 4pm to be collected from Hollywood Bowl)
18.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 1:30pm (Parents Welcome)
19.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concert at Church (am)
19.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Parties (pm)
20.12.19	Whole School	Christmas jumper day
20.12.19	Whole School	School closes at end of session
06.01.20	Whole School	School opens
12.02.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
24.02.20	Whole School	School opens
03.04.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.20	Whole School	School opens
08.05.20	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
22.05.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
01.06.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school
02.06.19	Whole School	School opens
22.06.20	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.20	5	Residential visit returns
17.07.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school