

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have certainly hit the ground running this half term. The school disco was a great hit and we have many exciting events planned for the rest of this term. The run-up to Christmas is always a fantastic time in school as the children become more excited. Today's newsletter is a long one but has lots of important information about what is happening in school and also in our local community. Please keep your eye on the diary dates at the end of this newsletter – we endeavour to keep these as up to date as possible. If there are any other events that you think could be promoted in our newsletter then we would love to hear from you.

### Parent Governor

Letters were given to all the children on Monday. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please make sure that you return the nomination form by 9am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, as we cannot accept any later nominations. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact myself or Emma Whyle, our Chair of Governors.

### Regular Reading Challenge

At Tickford Park we promote regular reading at home and children are encouraged to read at home at least three times a week. Entries should be made into their reading records to record this. Staff check reading records weekly and the children are rewarded termly with Regular Reading Certificates and are entered into a book prize raffle. Well done to this term's regular readers and the prize winners.

### Phonic Decodable Reading Books

At Tickford we teach phonics through letters and sounds and it is delivered through Phonics Play. Phonics Play has 6 phases of teaching and has many fun and interactive games for the children to play on the whiteboard. We are continuing to introduce the children to the sounds and letter formation through the RWI ditties, e.g. 's'- slither down the snake. We have worked to ensure that our phonics match our reading books. Therefore, for Key Stage 1 will have a special phonics reading book (Collins Big Cat Phonics for Letters and Sounds or Rising Stars Reading Planet) and in addition, their usual book banded colour book to compliment it.

For all children it is essential that they read every day and learn any key words that are sent home. Your support in helping our children read to the best of their ability is much appreciated. On that note, if there are any parents out there that can spare an hour a week to hear children read, then please get in touch with the school office. We will provide the appropriate training for you.

### Diversity Week

For the week beginning 11th November 2019, the whole school will be taking part in our annual event of Diversity Week during which we share and celebrate our differences. We also address the issue of bullying and how to prevent it occurring. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November we will be having an Odd Sock Day to raise awareness that we are all different and to value it. We will not be collecting money on this day but simply asking the children to wear their odd socks with pride!

### Year 1 Visit to St Peter's and St Paul's Church

Year 1 will be visiting St Peter's and St Paul's Church on Thursday 14th November from 9.00-11.00 as part of their RE learning. They will be meeting the Vicar and having a tour of the Church and finding out about important features such as the font, pulpit, altar etc. They will be exploring the theme of Christianity and finding out why Christians choose to be baptised. There is no charge for this visit.



### Maths Week England – 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 “ROCK OUT 2019” – Times Tables Rock Stars (Daily 7:30am – 7:30pm)

Once again we are promoting Times Tables Rock Stars. For further information, please visit the following website, where you can try and answer as many questions as possible and you may be able to win a prize.

[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEKENGLAND2019](http://TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEKENGLAND2019).

## PE Kits

It is important that all children take part in PE for two hours each week, as this is part of the National Curriculum.

Please could you ensure that your child's kit comes into school on Monday and stays in school, as a change of clothes is essential for PE. Plimsolls/dark trainers, black shorts (with no logo), bottle green tee shirts (no logo) or bottle green Tickford Park tee shirt, long jogging trousers and a dark/green sweatshirt (green hoodies for outdoor PE, all kit should be named and brought to school in a named drawstring PE bag (no logo).

Children with pierced ears may wear studs. You should be aware that when wearing studs there is a small possibility that their ears could be hurt. Parents can remove studs on PE days, or cover the earrings with micropore tape which should be provided from home. Watches can be worn for school but must be removed before PE and games. No jewellery is permitted.

## Children-in-Need

This takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. It would be great if children could come in wearing spots and/or stripes for a donation to this great cause in supporting charities that change the lives of vulnerable children. Thank you.



## 'Wear as much blue as you can' day: an appreciation of the work of Willen Hospice

Following the sad news of the recent death of one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Ann Knaption, and to show our appreciation of the fantastic work that Willen Hospice do in supporting individuals and their families with cancer, we are holding an appreciation day in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This will include a visit from Flo (Willen Hospice's mascot) and a whole school assembly.

We are asking the children and staff to 'wear as much blue as they can' that day, to show our support. We are aware that there have been a number of fundraising events in school so will not be asking children for a donation to wear blue as we want them to be able to be part of the day.

However, there will be the opportunity for the school community to make donations to Willen Hospice on the day should you wish. If you would like to make a contribution through your child, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Year 1 Visit to Campbell Park Sculpture Trail

Year 1 are very excited to be taking part in a fantastic sculpture trail as part of their Art and Design learning. They will find out about a range of sculptures and learn about the artists who created them. The children will enjoy a day in the great outdoors and learn about the physical features of the park as part of their geography learning and so will need warm clothing and suitable footwear. If your child has ordered a hot meal that day, then they will be provided with a cheese sandwich lunch.

## Part-time School Librarian required

This position is for 3 hours per week term time only (£15,998 FTE (pro rata) £8.29 per hour.

We are a busy, friendly, hardworking school. Staff are dedicated and work closely as a team for the benefit of the children.

We are looking for someone who is: passionate about children's learning and improvement, flexible, adaptable and enjoys working with children with a creative and enthusiastic with a positive approach.

Visits to the school are encouraged, for an application pack please contact Heather Dean, school secretary.

Closing Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 19

Interview date: TBC

## Friends of Tickford Park

We are excited to announce that this year we will be participating in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). The funds raised through your support will be used towards the refurbishment of the school library. The project is also a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate your child's creativity and the items they make are great to send to family and friends.

The accompanying artwork your child has created (which will be coming home this week) will be reproduced in full colour onto Christmas cards that are available in packs of 12. Additional items will also be available, such as a pack of 6 luxury, gloss-coated cards, gift tags and wrapping paper. To order simply visit <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>, and input the unique artwork code found on the label on the reverse of the artwork – and your child's first name and surname. Orders must be placed by midnight on **15<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. Any orders placed after this date will be classed as a late order and will be subject to a handling and postage fee.

Benefits to ordering online include being able to personalise your items with your child's name and/or school, create your own custom greetings, and pay securely by debit or credit card.

Many thanks for your support with this project



### New Autism Service launches in Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning group have launched a new support service for people with autism. Developed in partnership as a jointly funded service, the Milton Keynes Integrated Autism Service (MKIAS) covers assessment, diagnosis and post-diagnostic support for people aged 16+.

Based at the Neath Hill Resource Centre, the new service will offer psychology, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy alongside social care access. Milton Keynes Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group believe this service will improve co-ordination, support and signposting to existing services whilst offering a more tailored approach for individuals. This new support service is planned to start in January 2020.



**360 Play** are offering a free play session to all our pupils on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. The only stipulation being that they have to wear their uniform or prove they are a pupil.

### MacIntyre Christmas Fair – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – 12pm – 4pm Chicheley Hall, Chicheley Road, Newport Pagnell

There will be food, drinks, gifts and crafts, as well as Santa's Grosso (booking for this must be made online). For further information please either telephone 01908 230100, or email [events@macintyrecharity.org](mailto:events@macintyrecharity.org) or visit the website [www.macintyrecharity.org](http://www.macintyrecharity.org).



Have a lovely weekend

*Claire*

Miss Claire Britnell  
Executive Headteacher

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

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
11.11.19	Whole School	Diversity Week
15.11.19	Whole School	BBC Children in Need (wear spots and stripes)
18.11.19	4	Ancient Egyptian Day – Portals from the past
19.11.19	Whole School	Flu vaccinations
21.11.19	3/4	Basketball at Ousedale (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
21.11.19	6	Badminton at Radcliffe (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
22.11.19	Whole School	Wear Blue for Willen Hospice
29.11.19	Whole School	Non Uniform – bottles to be donated for school fayre
30.11.19	KS1 and KS2 Choir	Choir singing at the church - 3:30 – 4:30pm Lights switched on at 5pm
02.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Post Box arrives
02.12.19	2	Living History Visitor in school
06.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Fayre
09.12.19	Whole School	Foundation Stage dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school
10.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 10am ( <b>Parents Welcome</b> )

10.12.19	KS2	Visit to the pantomime at 12pm
11.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Lunch (order by Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December)
12.12.19	Choir	Singing at Kings Arms pub
13.12.19	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Christmas performance at 1:30pm <b>(Parents Welcome)</b>
16.12.19	KS1	KS1 dress rehearsal to perform for the whole school
17.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 9:30am <b>(Parents Welcome)</b>
17.12.19	6	Bowling (2pm – 4pm to be collected from Hollywood Bowl)
18.12.19	KS1	KS1 Christmas performance at 1:30pm <b>(Parents Welcome)</b>
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
15.01.19	Sept 2020 starters	Applications for children starting school for the first in September 2020 need to be completed online
10.02.20	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 leaves for Everdon
12.02.20	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 returns from Everdon
12.02.20	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 leaves for Everdon
14.02.20	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 returns from Everdon
14.02.20	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
02.06.20	Whole School	School opens
22.06.20	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.20	5	Residential visit returns from Oakwood
13.07.20	6	Residential visit to Caldecotte leaves
17.07.20	6	Residential visit returns from Caldecotte
17.07.20	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.07.20	Whole School	INSET Day – staff only in school