

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Parent survey and headteacher recruitment

Thank you everyone for your survey responses – I will collate them all next week and provide you with a summary of responses with actions going forward. One of the queries was about knowing what was happening with the recruitment of a substantive headteacher. I can let you know that the shortlisting of candidates occurred last night with the interviews taking place in 2 weeks time. When this has happened, our chair of governors will write to you regarding the outcome.

### Radio 2 500 words competition

We had a great assembly on Thursday to celebrate the launch of the BBC Radio 2's writing competition: 500 Words. This is the 10th year that the competition has taken place. We would love to encourage our children to enter and it would be great if you could support your child to do so if they are keen. There were certainly many hands that went up when asked if anyone was going to have a go. Competition details can be found through this link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>



The closing date is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February and this year's final is being held at Buckingham Palace. How exciting would it be to have entrants and finalists from the amazing children of Tickford Park Primary School?

### Parents evening – online booking system

We are introducing an online booking system for Parents Consultation Evenings, which take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

From today, you will see a link on the school Gateway app for booking a parents evening appointment and there is also a link on the home page of our school website.



In order for the system to know which parent is registering, you will need to complete the authentication by entering:



**Title/First Name (preferred name)/Surname and your child's details, your email is NOT needed.**

NOTE: you must enter your name exactly as you've provided to the school, for example Sue and not Susan if that is the name we use in school.

You will then be able to choose the day of the appointment where you will find your child(ren) listed. From there, simply select your time slot.

[Click Here to Book your Appointment](#)

As with all new electronic systems there maybe a few teething problems for our first go. If you do experience any please contact the school office and we will sort them for you. This system has been used at Giles Brook School for a number of years now and it really does make life easier for parents and teachers alike.

### MK Dons Set

The Dons run a variety of football sessions throughout the week that cater for all abilities and ages. As our school is part of their school delivery they are offering the opportunity to book a **free session** on any of the following courses.

Monday – Skills Centre (Foundation – year 6)

Tuesday – Skills Centre (Foundation to year 2 outfield trainin. Goalkeeper specific session for year 2 – 6)

Wednesday – Futsal (Year 4 – 6)

Saturday – Soccer (Foundation 0- Year 6)

For further details and to claim our free session please call on 01908 622888 and quote our school name.

## Aspirations Morning

This morning, we held our first 'Aspirations Morning', organised by our School Council children.

Some of our TPPS parents & carers kindly came in to school to talk to the children about the jobs they do. This linked to our Citizenship & PSHE learning in school, and helped the children begin to develop early aspirations for their futures by widening their knowledge about jobs and careers they can have when they leave school – helping them to become 'responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to society'.

The morning has been a huge success with our volunteers talking about their work, telling us what it was that made them consider that job and outline what they needed to do to get the job they wanted. Jobs included environmental health, tattoo artist, nurses, engineers, scientists, architects and business development. Some of our volunteers also brought in images and equipment to share with us, including an Aston Martin car, fresh bread from a bakery, filming equipment and a fire fighters uniform.

The morning has been a huge success, with the children asking some very challenging and well considered questions, and welcoming our volunteers' contributions of their own experiences.

The School Council would also like to say a huge 'Thank you' to the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to join us this morning – 'we couldn't do it without you!'.

## Year 3/4 Badminton

A huge well done to the year 3/4 badminton team who competed last night at Radcliffe. The children took part in a variety of badminton skill based activities where they all showed great sportsmanship and represented Team TPPS brilliantly! We are very proud of them.

## Everdon parents Meeting

Straight after school on Monday, there will be a parents meeting about Everdon for those parents who were unable to make last week's meeting.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Claire*

Miss Claire Britnell  
Executive Headteacher



## Power League – Kids Camps

If you are looking for ideas for February half term, you may be interested in a football camp with qualified coaches who are perfect for ages 5 – 11, from £10 a day. For further information visit [powerleague.co.uk](http://powerleague.co.uk).

## Climb Quest Milton Keynes

This new climbing quest is opening in February 2020. Climbing centre meets theme park, you can experience over 20 unique climbing challenges that twist, turn, light and excite, you could also hold a birthday party there. For further information, visit [climbquest.co.uk](http://climbquest.co.uk).

## Dates for your calendar (these dates may be subject to change and additions – any changes are typed in bold)

Date	Year Group	Visit/Event
20.01.2020	4	Everdon Meeting
23.01.2020	Foundation	Newport Pagnell Library
<b>05.02.2020</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Visit to a Mosque</b>
06.02.2020	Foundation	Magic Wok
10.02.2020	Year 2	MK Museum
10.02.2020	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 leaves for Everdon
12.02.2020	4 (group 1)	Residential group 1 returns from Everdon
12.02.2020	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 leaves for Everdon
13.02.2020	Foundation	Aston Martin
14.02.2020	4 (group 2)	Residential group 2 returns from Everdon

14.02.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
24.02.2020	Whole School	School opens
06.03.2020	6	RAF Museum
19.03.2020	Foundation	Pizza Express
03.04.2020	Whole School	School closes at end of session
20.04.2020	Whole School	School opens
08.05.2020	Whole School	May Bank Holiday
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
22.06.2020	5	Residential visit to Oakwood leaves
26.06.2020	5	Residential visit returns from Oakwood
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
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