

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Wanted – scrap materials

Year 2 are sewing and making sock puppets this half term. If you have any spare wool, threads and plain odd socks we would be really grateful for any donations. We would also like newspapers and cereal boxes to help us make carrier pigeons for our history topic of 'Communication'. Many thanks in advance.

### Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics

A huge well done to the year 5/6 indoor athletics team who represented Team TPPS on Wednesday. The team were fantastic and showed great sportsmanship. Each child took part in a track, field and relay event. Tickford placed 4th overall which is fantastic. Thank you to all our parents who came along to support too!

### Bedtime Reading Pack



On Monday, Mrs Battle donned her pyjamas and very excitedly launched our new Bedtime Reading packs in a special assembly! The packs have been put together to encourage reading for pleasure. They include a collection of great books, a hot chocolate for you and your child to enjoy and a bedtime journal to record any responses in, should you wish to!

You can also tweet us a response at @tickfordpark on Twitter, please note, we cannot retweet if you use any names with photos as per our Safeguarding Policy. Each week, teachers will choose a reader to bring the pack home and then return it each Wednesday. So, pour that hot chocolate and swirl off into a reading adventure.

### Library Launch – Visit from the Mayor

On Wednesday, we had a very exciting visitor...the Mayor and Mayoress of Newport Pagnell who came to open our new and improved library. He said, 'It's important to fill your brains up with knowledge.' Our children talked about why reading is so important and how books can transport you to another world!

### Baby news

Congratulations to our Year 1 teacher, Kim Nash, who gave birth to a beautiful boy, Alfie, on Wednesday – 12 days overdue! Mother and baby are doing very well and we are all looking forward to meeting the new arrival.

### Online Safety

Below are two links that show two short videos that help parents understand the importance of monitoring/parenting online use.

Beware of the Cyber Playground: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ApfDVJbcS0>

Where's Klaus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lOOn2wR8bU>

### Driving onto School Premises

It has been brought to our attention that once again parents are driving onto school premises, despite our frequent requests for them not to. The staff car park is extremely busy. This week a vehicle executed a three point turn on the crossing whilst children were closeby. This is potentially dangerous to children and adults who were nearby. The only time it is permissible for parents to drive onto school premises is if we ring you during the course of the day to collect your child or if your child has an appointment and you need to collect them. Parents/carers with a blue badge are of course welcome to park in the car park. Thank you to all those parents/carers who adhere to this request thereby keeping the car park safe for our children and pedestrians.

### Children's Mental Health week 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The theme this year is **Find your Brave**. Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. For further information please visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools-and-youth-groups/>

### Parents evening

Thank you to everyone who has booked their parents evening slot online. If you haven't yet done so, please click on this link to make an appointment with your child's teacher: <https://tickfordpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.

*Claire*

Miss Claire Britnell  
Executive Headteacher



### Milton Keynes SEND Information Day 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

This event is to provide information and support for parent, carers, young people and children with a special educational need or disability aged 0 – 25 years.

### Parents and Carers Alliance MK (PACA MK)

They are an independent voice representing what matters to families in MK. PACA is a forum for parent carers of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs in MK. For further information visit [www.pacamk.org/privacy-statement/](http://www.pacamk.org/privacy-statement/)

### Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (MK SEND IAS)

The above offers impartial and confidential information, advice and support on special educational needs/disability (SEND) issues for young people, children and their parents/carers. Advice line 01908 254518 (9:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday). For further information visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mksendias](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mksendias).

### Milton Keynes Museum – Spring Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

There are five days of special activities geared for younger visitors. The museum is open from 11am – 4:30pm. For further information, please visit [mkmuseum.org.uk](http://mkmuseum.org.uk).

### Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)

The council follows The Severe Weather Protocol, which is designed to get rough sleepers off the streets when temperatures are very low. This is activated when a weather forecast predicts three consecutive nights, or more, of a temperature of zero degrees Celsius or lower. SEWP is implemented on the first day of the Met Office forecast.

If you know of anyone who is sleeping rough, you can contact Milton Keynes Rough Sleeper Outreach Project. This is in partnership with other councils who provide support for people who are homeless. The Rough Sleeper Partnership (RSP) which will work with Open Door MK to identify, engage and provide support to vulnerable people on the streets, sleeping rough and homeless. You could also contact the 24-hour national street link service.

The Winter Night Shelter is also open and will be open until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Singles and couples of 18+ are accepted but the project cannot cater for children. A self-referral can be made by telephoning the project direct on 07549 609427 or email [welfare@winternightsheltermk.com](mailto:welfare@winternightsheltermk.com).

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

| Date       | Year Group   | Visit/Event                               |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 05.02.2020 | 5            | Visit to a Mosque                         |
| 06.02.2020 | Foundation   | Newport Pagnell Library                   |
| 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           |