

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of everyone at Tickford Park, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their words of condolences on the passing of Ann Knapton on Wednesday. As you can imagine it has been a difficult time for us as she has worked here for 9 years, was a trusted colleague and a dear friend. Your support is invaluable during times like these and it is much appreciated.

Cross Country Champions!

A huge well done to all of our cross country runners who ran at the MK Bowl on Saturday. We are thrilled to announce that Tickford Park came first overall in the large schools category. All children represented team TPPS brilliantly and showed great sporting values such as teamwork and determination. Well done to the junior girls who came first and the senior boys who came third. We also had three top 5 finishers- well done to Joel, Leo and Lysia.

Year 5 Badminton

Congratulations to our year 5 badminton team who competed in the MK schools finals at the National Badminton Centre on Tuesday. Tickford Park came in third place- another great sporting success for Team TPPS!

Staff News

I am pleased to inform you that we have appointed Ian Cowper to a new position of Assistant Headteacher. Currently working at Southwood School, he specialises in Maths and PE. He will be leading the development of teaching and learning throughout the school and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the team in January.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who have completed the recent survey about our Relationships and Behaviour policy. It is very much appreciated. Some parents have said that they haven't seen the policy however, a link to the it was sent out to parents at the beginning of the year detailing our 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' values. It is also published on our website or you can access it using by clicking here:

http://www.tickfordpark.org.uk/sites/default/files/relationships_and_behaviour_policy.pdf

If you haven't yet done so, please have a little look and if you can spare a couple of minutes I would appreciate if you could answer these 6 quick questions on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G7Z9KY3> Your feedback is invaluable if you think there are ways we can improve things for our children.

Flu Forms

Please remember to return the flu forms by **Monday 4th November**. Any forms received after this date will not be processed and your child will be unable to have the vaccination at school.

School Photographs

Everyone looked very smart in their uniforms. If you wish to order a school photograph, please return all proofs by **3pm on Tuesday 5th November**. Any orders received after this time will not be in time for the collection.



The Friends of Tickford Park Primary School has organised a clothes and shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the school library.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £32 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for Tickford Park Primary School, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Tickford Park Primary School on **Tuesday 5th November at 9am**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the main front gates by the noticeboard and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale during the first week back after half term. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please make sure they bring in their donation in an envelope. Thank you.

A Request from our Kitchen

There is a new menu after half term so please could you check that your child likes what you have ordered for them. There were a few upset children today as they did not like what had been ordered.

Disco

We have two discos – both on Wednesday 6th November; tickets will be sold on the door.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 disco will be between 4.15pm and 5.15pm

Key Stage 2 disco (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) will be from 5.30pm until 6.30pm.

If your child is attending a disco please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and **bring it to the disco with £2.50 (correct change if possible please)**. Your child will need to sign in with their teacher, give in the form and pay as they enter the disco.

Please bring your child in, and collect them, via the **River Meadow** entrance to school.

If your Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 child travels on the bus and would like to attend the disco they may stay in school with a member of the Lead Team before the disco. Please ensure you complete the form at the end of this newsletter stating that your child will not be travelling by bus and will stay in school before the disco. Please ensure your child remembers their disco clothes on Wednesday morning. We will only be able to supervise bus children if we have written permission from parents. If your child attends the After School Club please speak to them directly about arrangements for the disco.

All children must be collected from Aston school hall by an adult at the end of each disco.

We would be very grateful to any parents who are able to help at the disco. If you can spare some time to help please contact FOTPPS via facebook or email FOTPPS@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultation evenings, we hope you found them informative.

School for the children closes today for half term. I hope all our families have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on 4th November 2019 for an exciting term and countdown to Christmas.

Claire

Miss Claire Britnell
Executive Headteacher

SCHOOL DISCO – Wednesday 6th November

If you would like to help please contact Friends directly.

Name of child: Class:

Name and contact details:

Contact number during the disco:

Name of adult collecting your child:

Medical conditions (please ensure your child brings their inhaler or epipens to the disco and hands them into their teacher). Please advise if your child has any food allergies.

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YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING THIS SLIP TO THE DISCO WITH THE CORRECT MONEY. THANK YOU.



SCHOOL DISCO – Wednesday 6th November – School Bus

Name of Child: Class:

Please tick as appropriate. Thank you.

- My child will not be travelling on the school bus on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

FOR FOUNDATION STAGE, YEAR 1 AND 3 CHILDREN WHO TRAVEL ON THE BUS ONLY.

- My child will be staying at school and not travelling on the bus on Wednesday 6th November 2019.

Signed:

(Parent/Guardian)