

Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, I cannot believe we now have just two weeks left of this term! I appreciate that it has been very hard for many of you who have had to keep going with distance learning but, I have to say, there are some fantastic things going on out there and we are very proud of all our children for continuing to give their work the best they can. We received the latest Government guidelines yesterday which means we can now press on and finalise our plans for all children to return to school in September. We will share these with you as soon as we can.

September classes

You will be receiving an email today informing you of who your child's new class teacher will be next year. As you know, we often mix up classes before they go into the next year group. Teachers spend a long time discussing, considering and reflecting on the new class lists. We do this:

- ✓ To create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers.
- ✓ To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school.
- ✓ To ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to transfers in and out of TPPS.
- ✓ To promote a greater sense of community in a large two-form entry primary school.
- ✓ To enable children to develop resilience when facing changes and challenges whilst in a safe and supportive environment.
- ✓ To move children from other children (due to behaviour, intense relationships, over reliance on each other, to prevent distractions etc)

Classes are created to achieve a good balance according to the following criteria:

- Gender
- Academic abilities
- Special Education Needs and disability
- Educational, social and personal needs
- Ethnicity
- Behaviour
- English as an additional language
- Friendship

It is unfortunate that the children will not be spending any time with their new teacher this term however, I know the teachers will be writing to the children in their classes via the website next week. We will email or text to let you know when this becomes 'live'.

Reports

Reports will be sent out at the end of next week. Children in school will bring these home on Friday 10th July and all other reports will be posted.

A message from your new headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am thrilled to be joining the Tickford Park community in September and leading the school in its next phase of development. I know that these have been challenging times for schools across the country, and, as we are all aware, it will be a little while before things are entirely back to normal, but I am excited about the challenges that lie ahead as we seek to provide an excellent education for your children.

I believe that a key feature of a good school is a strong, purposeful relationship with parents and I am looking forward to meeting you all over in the coming academic year and working with you throughout your children's time at Tickford Park Primary School.

In the meantime, I'd like to wish you all a positive end of term, and an enjoyable summer.

With best wishes,

Daniel Smith

Headteacher Designate

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Claire

Executive Headteacher

Year 1 are enhancing their indoor and outdoor provision and would warmly welcome quality donations please:

- * Play kitchens**
- * Wooden/Metal kitchen utensils, saucepans, baking/muffin trays**
- * Bags of small pebbles, bark, slate**
- * Brightly coloured exterior wood paint**
- * Plastic play people/animals**
- * Dinosaur figures, puzzles, books**
- * 'Play mobil' sets/vehicles**
- * Small pet tanks, hutches, cages**
- * Play house**

All donations will be quarantined and disinfected before and after use and will be gratefully received.

♥ THANK YOU ♥