

# Tickford Times

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16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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## Harvest at Tickford Park

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating harvest at Tickford Park Primary School with activities in all of our classes, teaching children to be thankful for the food that they have and helping them to understand where our food comes from and how harvest may differ in other parts of the world.

Alongside this, we will be making a donation to MK Foodbank. The COVID-19 crisis has caused demand for their emergency food parcels to increase significantly and the need for community donations is higher than ever before. This year they are asking us to focus on their six most needed items, which are:

- Tinned pasta (spaghetti, spaghetti hoops, ravioli, macaroni cheese);
- Tinned custard and rice pudding;
- Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, or tins of Bolognese, chilli con carne, hot dogs etc);
- Tinned fruit;
- Biscuits;
- Long life juice/squash.

The foodbank are discouraging donations of dried pasta, dried rice and soup as they have high stock of these already.

If you are able to support our donation, please send items to school with your child throughout the first week back after half-term. The items will be collected in boxes in each year group rather than centrally in the hall, to avoid unnecessary mixing of bubbles.

## Working Together

At Tickford Park, we believe that a healthy relationship between school and home is key to high-quality education. An important part of this relationship is parent-teacher consultation. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold parents' evenings this term in the way that we usually would and we will therefore be using a different model of reporting and consultation.

After the half-term break, we will be sending home a snapshot report for every child. This will be a brief report, accompanied by an explanation sheet, designed to give you an overview of you child's attainment and engagement in school.

After you have received this report, you will be given the opportunity to have a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher to discuss their attainment, progress and behaviour in greater detail. These appointments will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time and will replace the traditional parent-teacher consultation evening.

We hope that this two-part process will help to provide you with the information that you need to understand how your child is getting on and continue to support them effectively at home.

After we have concluded the process, we welcome your feedback as this is a new approach, dictated by the current need for social distancing, which we will review and refine as required.

## Race for Grace

This week we were delighted to hear about more members of our school who have been making a difference in the local community and beyond.

Last weekend, several pupils from Tickford Park Primary School took part in Race for Grace by running, cycling and scooting to raise money for Neuroblastoma UK, in memory of Grace, who sadly lost her battle with this disease last year.

Well done to Daphne and Hughie, Sorcha and Cillian, Annalise and Emily, Charlie, Jacob and Millie for their thoughtfulness and efforts in raising funds for such a good cause. If you would like to support this charity, or find out further details, you can do so [here](#).



## Term Dates

Please see below the term dates for the current academic year. These can also be found on our school [website](#).

<u>TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021</u>	
<b>OPEN ON MORNING OF:</b>	<b>CLOSE AT END OF SESSION ON:</b>
<b><u>AUTUMN TERM</u></b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
<b><u>SPRING TERM</u></b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b><u>SUMMER TERM</u></b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021
<b><u>STAFF TRAINING DAYS</u></b> (School closed to pupils)	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	

Please note that the school will also be closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

## Diary Dates

Please take note of the following dates which occur in the coming months:

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Staff Development Day.* School closed for pupils.

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – [Children in Need](#).* Children are invited to wear spots and make a small donation.

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Diversity Week.* Children will learn about diversity within the school community.

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – [Odd Socks Day](#).* To kick off Diversity Week, children are invited to wear odd socks to school.

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – [Christmas Jumper Day](#).* Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and make a small donation to Save the Children.