

# Tickford Times

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Walking to School

When they reach Year 5 and 6, your children sometimes feel confident enough to walk to school on their own. We ask that, in such cases, you provide written permission. This includes children who say goodbye to, or meet their parents a little distance from the school.

If your child presently walks to school, or you would like them to, please could I ask you to complete the form that is available through the following link?

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NLAWpshZ70Oran1wFqncF\\_miR7anygR\\_NkMFY4vdzDzhURFdHVE9NSzhNRVE4T0YySk5SWEMxRE5PRi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NLAWpshZ70Oran1wFqncF_miR7anygR_NkMFY4vdzDzhURFdHVE9NSzhNRVE4T0YySk5SWEMxRE5PRi4u)

This will enable us to keep an up-to-date record of which pupils are permitted to do so.

If your children are in Year 4 or below, we request that you continue to bring them to school, and collect them at the end of the day, as we believe that this is too young for them to be walking alone.

## Bikes and Scooters

It's lovely to see so many of the children coming to school on their bikes and scooters each morning. Could I please ask that children do not ride into the school grounds, as there are many parents and children walking around? Children should stop at the school gates and walk their vehicles to the racks where they leave them throughout the day. Thank you.



*Welcome to our new Foundation Stage children!*

## Remote Learning

I'm aware that some of you have needed to follow government guidance and keep your children at home this week. I hope that these children are feeling much better.

I understand that it has been very frustrating for those of you who have tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain Covid-19 tests. I'd like to thank you for your patience in this regard as this is helping to keep our school community safe.

If you remain unsure about whether or not to send your child to school, please refer to the flow chart that I posted to Class Dojo earlier in the week.

We've been considering this week how we can continue to support the education of pupils who need to self-isolate but are well enough to continue their learning.

Our teachers are putting together 'Home Learning Plans' which your child will be able to use if they need to work at home for a short period. These will be published next week. Please note, these will not be renewed weekly but rather are intended as a one-off to support pupils in a period of self-isolation.

## Class Focus: Jet

Jet class have made a fantastic start to their life in Key Stage 2. This week, we are peeking through their classroom door to see how the first two weeks of term have been for them...



## Ask the Teacher...



**Name:** Miss Coomber

**Class:** Jet – Year 3

**Favourite subject:** Maths

**Years at TPPS:** 13

### Why did you become a teacher?

*I've always wanted to be a teacher, although I can't recall a particular time when I'd made that decision! I always loved school when I was younger and knew teaching was for me. I love being able to help children learn, the variety of each day and I especially love those 'lightbulb' moments.*

### What is the best thing about working at Tickford Park?

*The children! They make me smile and laugh every day. I'd like to cheat and add a few other favourites too, please! I think all of the staff at the school are amazing, the families, and our incredible school grounds. It's a very happy place to be.*

### What can Jet class look forward to this year?

*A fun year, packed full of interesting and exciting topics. They'll have a little more responsibility than they've had before and have the opportunity to make lots of new friends, as we welcome in new children from the surrounding infant schools.*



Photos: children working hard in Jet class this week.

## Pupils' Views

"I like all of the work we've been doing. We've been learning with maps and that's my favourite subject." – *Oliver*

"I think it's a really good idea to do our 'fluency four' when we come in." – *Imogen*

"I really liked the 'Stones & Bones' activity – I was just getting on and enjoying it!" – *Robin*

"I just love Year 3 – I can't say anything else!" – *Lily*

## Jet Class in Numbers

**100**

Jet were one of three classes with 100% attendance in the first week of term. Well done to Amethyst and Peridot who also achieved this.

The number of Dojo Points earned by children in Jet class so far this term. **806**

**44** The number of Dojo Points earned by Daisy – Jet class's highest earner.

