

Tickford Times

26th February 2021

Back to School (again!)

I am sure that many of you, like us, were pleased to hear the Prime Minister's announcement this week that schools will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We are looking forward to seeing full classrooms once again and working with children in person, rather than online.

Whilst we will be retaining many aspects of our approach from the Autumn Term, we'll be adding a few additional precautions to minimise the risk of infection within the school community. Most significantly, we've revised the drop-off and collection times to further reduce the number of parents on site at any one time.

I'll be sending out a letter later this afternoon outlining the details for our reopening on 8th March. Please read this carefully to ensure that you know the arrangements for you and your child(ren). We appreciate your support with these precautions which we've put in place to keep you, your families and our staff safe.

We'll revisit our risk assessment and review these arrangements at the end of the Spring term.



World Book Day

Don't forget that on Thursday 4th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Although many of you will still be learning from home, if you still want to dress up as a book character, we'd love to see your costumes!

Lots of our staff have been busy recording stories or story extracts for your children to enjoy throughout the week. We look forward to sharing these with you on Monday. We'd also love to hear about the books that you've been reading during lockdown. Maybe you could read a story to a younger sibling if you have one.

We'd also like to invite you to enter our school competition to design your own *Mr Man* or *Little Miss* character in celebration of 50 years of Roger Hargreaves' classic stories. You should draw and describe your character and send it to your class teacher by Friday 12th March. More information will be available on next week's class blogs.

Book Wars!

We're also excited to announce the first ever edition of Tickford Park's '*Book Wars!*' competition.

Four members of staff have been busy making promotional videos for one of their favourite children's books and it will be up to your children to vote for the one that they'd like to hear read at the end of the week.

We'll be sharing the videos, along with details of how to vote on Class Dojo on Monday morning.

School Meals

Thank you for your patience over the past few weeks as we've needed to deal with a somewhat makeshift ordering system to order school meals for children attending our keyworker and vulnerable pupil provision.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that from Monday 8th March, Chartwells will be recommencing their usual ordering process so you will be able to order hot meals through Parent Pay. Please remember that orders need to be placed by midnight on Thursday.

I'll publish the menu on Class Dojo, for your information, at the start of next week.



Children in Foundation Stage created their own 'Rainbow Art'. Thank you, Foundation Stage, for adding so much colour to today's newsletter!



Staff Commendations

Has a member of our talented team gone above and beyond to support your child this term?

Has one of our hardworking staff members particularly impressed you with their commitment to remote learning?

Has someone on site supported your children especially well during these challenging times?

If so, we'd love to hear about it!

You can submit a commendation for any member of the team by clicking [here](#). Your encouraging feedback will be passed on and I know that it will be greatly appreciated.



Spring has sprung at Tickford Park – but can you work out where this photo was taken?

Wrap-around Provision

When we reopen school on Monday 8th March, we'll also be restarting our after-school club, and River Meadow Pre-school will be recommencing their Breakfast Club.

Bookings for after-school provision are now open on the School gateway. Any questions regarding this provision should be directed to [Louise Andall](#), our School Business Manager.

If you wish to book a place for your child in Breakfast Club, you should contact River Meadow by [e-mail](#) or by phone (01908 615200).