

Tickford Times

Friday 4th March 2022

Book Week

After our half-term break, it was lovely to return to school for an exciting week of book-related learning and fun. The children have produced book reviews and promotional posters, taken part in book-themed activities and challenges and lots of our doors have been decorated in the style of children's books.

It was super to see the children coming into school in their fantastic book day costumes yesterday too, and I really hope that they have enjoyed the week. I'm sure that teachers have shared with you some highlights from the week on their Class Stories, but I've also included a few photos from World Book Day in today's newsletter, for you to enjoy!



A few 'characters' at Tickford Park Primary School!

Covid Update

We are pleased to report that cases of Covid-19 within the school community remain much lower than last half-term and we have no current Covid-related absences within our staff team. A small number of pupils have been off this week, having tested positive, and we send them all our best wishes.

I'm sure that you will have read much about the Government's plan for Living with Covid. We are all pleased to be moving back towards some semblance of normality.

The guidance that we have from Public Health MK remains in place until the end of next week, when we are expecting an update from Vicky Head, Director of Public Health MK. We will update you once we have received this information.

The guidance for self-isolation remains the same for children who test positive for Covid-19. Children should remain away from school for a minimum of 5 days. Lateral flow tests should be taken on days 5 and 6 and if these are both negative, children can return to school on Day 6. If either of these are positive, children should continue to isolate until they have had two consecutive negative tests, or after 10 days.

Please note that Day 0 is the day that the child tested positive, or the day that they first developed symptoms.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support regarding this matter.

Goodbye & Good Luck!

Next Friday (11th March), we will be sorry to say goodbye to Charlotte Heslop, who has cooked wonderful meals for the children (and staff) of Tickford Park for the past five years. Charlotte is having a career change and moving out of the kitchen and into customer services.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing Charlotte all the best in her new career and thanking her for the hundreds of thousands of meals that she has prepared and served during her time here at Tickford Park.

There will be no changes to way that school meals are ordered and served. Don't forget to order your hot meals by midnight each Thursday via Chartwells' Parent Pay site. For further details or support, please contact the school office.

Charity Cake Sale



Thank you to all of you who attended the cake sale on the last day before our half-term break. I hope that you enjoyed your tasty treats!

The year 6 'Green Group' – who organised this fundraising event – raised £150 (\$203) which they donated to [#TeamSeas](#). Every dollar raised equates to 1lb less rubbish in the ocean.

Well done to the Green Group for your efforts – we look forward to hearing what you have planned next!

Athletic Success



We are delighted to be able to further celebrate the athletic success of Jack and Tom, who recently represented Buckingham U11 at the South East Counties Regional Final, finishing in second place.

Congratulations Jack and Tom!

Staying Safe Online

There are many apps and websites that children use on their devices to interact with others and as a school it is important that we seek to keep abreast of the resources that children are using. These include a range of social media sites and online games.

One of the more recent sites to come to our attention is Omegle which some of the older children in a primary school may be starting to use. Whilst Omegle has a 13+ section, with parental permission, it also includes an 18+ option and is infamous for pornographic content. There is a significant risk that, in using this app, children could be exposed to inappropriate or dangerous content.

We've uploaded [a Parent Guide to Omegle](#) to our website, for your information. It is made by National Online Safety (NOS), who support schools with a range of online safety issues and resources, and includes details about the app as well as top tips for keeping your children safe if they are using it.

