

Tickford Times

9th July 2021

Covid-19 Update

You will have heard this week that the Government intends to proceed with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 19th July. We are pleased to hear that we will be able to take this step closer to normality.

From Monday 19th July, in line with Government guidance, we will no longer be requesting that parents wear face masks when picking up and dropping off their children. We do appreciate, however, that many of you may still wish to do so.

We will not be making any further changes to precautions within the school until the end of the school year. Staggered start times and year group bubbles will remain in place as we do not feel that it would make sense to make changes for only four days. Before the end of term, we will share with you further arrangements for September.



Good luck to the England men's football team for the European Championships final on Sunday from all of us here at Tickford Park Primary School!

Athletic Allstars!



Earlier this term, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a local athletics tournament, competing in various events against children from other local schools. We are delighted to be able to share with you two significant achievements from this competition.

In the 600m, Leo's excellent time of 1 minute 53 seconds was the fastest out of all the children in the competition, whilst Iysia's time of 2 minutes 13 seconds was the second fastest of all the girls in the same event.

Congratulations to Leo and Iysia, and to all of the children who represented the school so admirably through their efforts and conduct at this event.

Moving On

This week, children across the school moved up for a day to meet their new teachers and spend some time in their new classrooms. I hope that they all enjoyed this opportunity.

We were sorry that some children (and staff members) were unable to make this day; however, we will be holding a second transition day on Tuesday 20th July.

After the transition day, children in Turquoise Class shared their views on transition and on the year that has almost passed. Here's what they said:

About transition day:

"I enjoyed meeting my new teacher. She was really nice!"

Pippa

"Our new class is lovely!"

Ava

About their time in Year 4:

"I enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt."

Nessy

"I had a great time at Egyptian Day."

Ruby

"It was fun being in Year 4."

Alarna

"I really enjoyed Year 4 this year even though we were in multiple lockdowns!"

Nathan



A Sad Farewell

We have received notification from our tree consultants that it will be necessary for the beautiful Weeping Willow at the front of the school grounds to be removed over the summer holidays. This is because the roots of the tree are causing significant structural damage to the paths at the front of the school, which in turn creates a significant health and safety risk.

This is a beautiful tree and we will be sad to see it go. We look forward to planting a replacement tree on the school grounds in the autumn term.



School Librarian

We are currently advertising a voluntary position for a school librarian. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please encourage them to get in touch with us.

Details of this role can be found on the [vacancies section of our school website](#).

Our new Year 2 children enjoyed their transition day. They wrote about themselves and thought about the things they would like to achieve in the next year.