



Tower View Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers

We are nearly there.... The summer holidays seem a very distant memory and it has been a very long half term. I know the staff and children are ready for this half term break!

I know many parents miss the communication that Seesaw has offered in recent years. After half term, we will be starting to use a new communication tool called Arbor. This will link directly into the systems we use to store your children's information and permissions in school. We are still being trained on how to use it - and will slowly introduce the functions but in time we believe this will be the method for 2 way communication between parents and school, booking of parents evenings and clubs, the way for you to keep your information up to date - and more. We will continue to use ParentPay for payments.

To get ready for Arbor please visit the Apple Store/ Google store and download the Arbor App. More information will follow after the holidays with details on how to log in! In the meantime, please continue to email teachers on the YearX@towerview.staffs.sch.uk email address (please allow 48 working hours for replies - anything urgent - please contact the office!)



Mrs Hancox (who has recently retired from our school office) is soon visiting and helping with a charity school in Uganda. They are in desperate need of children's shoes. If you have any shoes at home that may be suitable for her to take over to Uganda - please bring them in to school by the end of November - there will be a box in the main Reception area for them. Thank you!

Please continue to encourage your children to use Numbots and TTRockstars alongside their reading as their homework. Year 6 have been incredible on the amount they are using TTRockstars - Year 3-5 can you beat them? Similarly Year 2 are the current Numbot stars - can Reception and Year 1 catch up?

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Head Teacher

Dates for the diary

Below are some key dates for the whole year, we will endeavour to keep to these dates as much as we can

Friday 27th October - Last day of term

Monday 6th November - Back to school

Wednesday 8th November - Flu vaccinations

Monday 13th November - Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 14th November - Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November - Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November - Class Assembly 9:10am - 4AH

Friday 24th November - Y6 trip to Black Country Museum (letter on school website)

Friday 8th December - PTFA Christmas event

Thursday 21st December - Last day of term

Friday 22nd December - INSET day

Monday 8th January - Back to school

Wednesday 24th January - Class Assembly 9:10am - 2KE

Wednesday 31st January - Class Assembly 9:10am - 5OD

Wednesday 7th February - Class Assembly 9:10am 3IR

Wednesday 28th February - Class Assembly 9:10am 6CG

Wednesday 6th March - Class Assembly 9:10am - 1JD

Wednesday 13th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 14th March - Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th March - Class Assembly 9:10am - 2RH

Wednesday 17th April - Class Assembly 9:10am - 4RW

Wednesday 24th April - Class Assembly 9:10am - 1PM

Wednesday 8th May - Class Assembly 9:10am - 3CW

W/C 13th May - Y6 SATs

Wednesday 5th June - Class Assembly 9:10am - Reception

Thursday 13th June - Sports Day

Friday 28th June - PTA Summer Fayre

PTFA Christmas Event

Dear Parents/ Carers;

Please Support us by selling tickets for the raffle which will be drawn on Friday 8th December after school. Tickets cost £1.00 each, we have sent 2 books of tickets home- don't feel pressured to buy all of them, we know that money is tight. Completed stubs need to be returned with the money in the sealed envelope provided by Friday 1st December for a chance to win a range of fab prizes. Please return any unsold tickets to the office as soon as possible so they can be given to other pupils to sell. Money goes towards school resources to help all our children.

Thank-you and good luck! From the PTFA

We Need You

Ms Edkins needs willing and able parents to listen to our children read. Please contact the school office for more information.



Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 8th November. Consent must be given by 10am on Tuesday 7th November. Please see letter below or the class letters page on the school website for more information.

PTFA Meeting

The PTFA have planned a short meeting on Friday 27th October at 2:15pm in the school dinner hall to discuss their Christmas event. Please come and join them.

PTFA - F for Friends, meaning that it could be grand-parents or anyone that has time on their hands to volunteer.

Parents Evening

Parents evening appointments are booking up fast, please send your appointment request slip back as soon as possible.

Halloween Disco

A massive thank you to the PTFA for arranging and to all those who helped out at the Halloween disco, the children had a great time.





Dear Parent/Guardian

The Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme 2023 will be offered to:

Primary Schools – Reception to Year 6

Middle Schools – Year 5 to Year 8

High Schools – Year 7 to Year 11

Special Education Provision - Reception to Year 13 (up to and including age 18)

This vaccination is to help protect your child against flu. Flu is a virus which can make you feel very unwell and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

This vaccination is free. It is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, they should have the flu vaccine again this year. The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it is more effective than the injected vaccine. However, if your child is at high risk from flu due to 1 or more medical conditions or treatments and can't have the nasal flu vaccine they should have the flu vaccine by injection.

For further information see: www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/
[Protecting your Child against Flu Leaflet](#)

The consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility or Delegated Authority – please see the definitions below if you are unsure.

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>
Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Tower View Primary – 08 Nov 2023 – Flu
Your school code is: SS124046-23

Please make sure that you complete and submit your child's consent form as soon as you get it, whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and **only submit one consent form per child.**

Consents Forms must be submitted by 10am on Tuesday 7th November 2023, as we are unable to accept them after this date. You may be required to bring your child to a community clinic for a catch-up appointment, if you do not submit the consent form by the required date above.

If your child has **ASTHMA** and there are any changes to their health 14 days before the vaccination date **YOU MUST** contact the immunisation service on 0300 124 0366 as your child may not be well enough to receive the vaccination. These include, if your child:

- **Becomes wheezy**
- **Has required oral steroids**
- **Has increased their asthma medication**

Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products and for those, an alternative injectable porcine free vaccine is available this year. This will be an injection, not a nasal spray and may need to be given in a clinic setting, rather than school. If your child needs the porcine free injectable vaccination you will need to complete the e-consent form and tick the no-consent box for the nasal flu spray. You will then be asked to confirm the reason you do not consent to the nasal flu spray and asked to consent to the injectable flu vaccine

***PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY:**

The person(s) with parental responsibility will usually, but not always be the child's birth parents. People with parental responsibility for the child include: the child's mother; the child's father if married to the mother at the child's conception, birth or later; a legally appointed guardian; the local authority if the child is on a care order; or a person named in a residence order in respect of the child. Fathers who have never been married to the child's mother will only have parental responsibility if they acquired it through a court order or parental responsibility agreement. After the 30th November 2003 unmarried fathers have automatic parental responsibility for their children if they are named on the birth certificate.

For a child born before the 30th November 2003, they can be re-registered and the father named on the birth certificate, after which the father will have automatic parental responsibility.

(Ref: www.childrenslegalcentre.com)

DELEGATED AUTHORITY:

In particular circumstances, the person(s) who hold(s) parental responsibility may have given delegated authority to a foster carer to be able to give consent for immunisations. Where a foster carer does not hold delegated authority for immunisations please arrange for the local authority to complete and sign the enclosed form.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss the vaccination further or your child has already received the flu vaccine via your GP please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366 Monday – Friday 8.30 – 4pm.

Yours Sincerely

School Age Immunisation Service.

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation>



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The number of children and young people catching measles has risen. It's never too late to be vaccinated.

You need two doses of MMR one month apart to be fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella.

If your child has missed one or both of the MMR vaccinations contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment.