

# TOWER VIEW NEWS



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents/ carers

Welcome back to the final full term of the school year.

This is always a full and busy term with sports day, transition days and testing for Years 2 and 6.

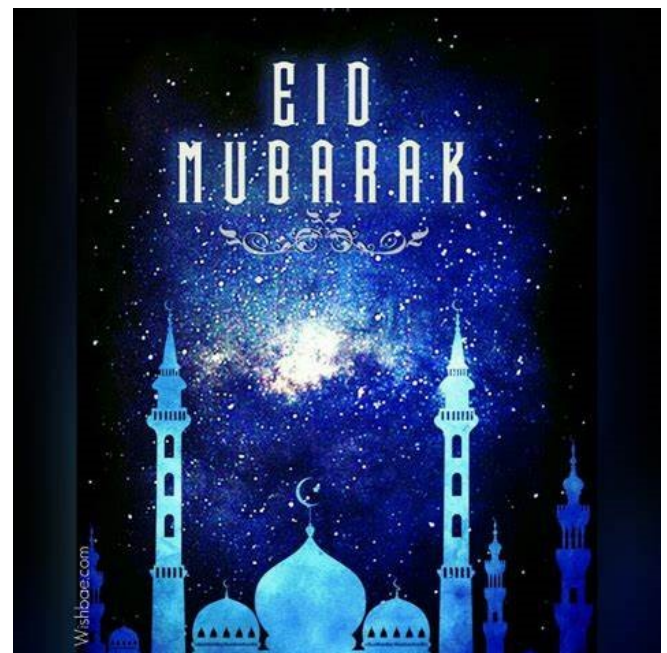
Sadly, I need to start the term with some sad news. Jackson, one of the much loved guinea pigs in Reception, became very poorly and had to be put down.

Due to his age, all children in school that started with us in Reception would have been in Reception class with Jackson. We are talking to the children to decide on a suitable memorial to remember him.

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Eid Mubarak to our families who will be celebrating over the week ahead.



## Attendance Reminder

Children are expected to attend school every day unless ill.

Please make sure, if your child is ill, you contact the office in the morning as soon as you can.



## **Change in school day from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Consultation**

Planned change:

From: **Monday-Thursday 8:50-3:30; Friday 8:50-2:00**

To: **Monday-Friday 8:50-3:20**

### ***Why the change?***

The current hours are short of the expected 32.5hours per week.

More time to teach the curriculum with 5 full afternoons per week.

Consistency for children, parents and staff across the week.

The large numbers of children in the OOSC on Fridays.

Pre-school need to be open 5 full days until 3:15pm to be able to offer the hours they are required to.

### ***Why the chosen timings?***

3:20 finish gives time for parents to collect from pre-school and then get to other areas of school.

Starting earlier would be a challenge for all!

Informal feedback I've had from parents on the 3:30pm finish has not been positive.

Informal feedback I've had from parents on the 2pm has not been positive

Fulfills the expectation of school being open for 32.5hours per week.

### ***How will the timings work?***

8:40 – Gates open

8:50 – Register taken – school day starts – arrival in class after this time will result in children being marked late

8:55 – Learning starts

Any feedback: [headteacher@towerview.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@towerview.staffs.sch.uk)

This consultation will close on 28th April 2023

## Thank you PTFA!

Reception children were surprised with brand new balance bikes, pedal bikes and helmets from the PTFA! They were so excited! The children have loved whizzing around the playground! A HUGE thank you to the PTFA for enabling us to build on our gross motor skills, coordination, balance and develop our confidence when riding a bike.



### PARKING

Please ensure that you park with respect to our neighbours if you drive your children to school. I have had reports recently of cars blocking driveways and pavements. Thank you.

## Upcoming Dates

### May:

Monday 1st: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd: Roman Day for Year 3

Thursday 4th: May Day celebration (details to follow)

Friday 5th: Coronation celebration (details to follow)

Monday 8th: Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th: Year 6 SATs week**

**Thursday 18th: Reception Class Assembly (9:15) [BOTH CLASSES]**

Wednesday 24th: HSBC to work with Year 6

Thursday 25th: Last day of half term

Friday 26th: INSET Day—school closed for children

Further dates to be added as we move through the term. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible.

The NEU have announced further strike days through this term. I will update parents as more information becomes available.