



Tower View Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers

Since we've come back to school the weather really hasn't been able to make up it's mind! A few days of beautiful sunshine - then a few days of rain and cold! I have been really surprised to see quite a number of children, especially in Key Stage 2, coming in to school without any kind of coat or waterproof. The weather isn't always remaining as expected for the whole day so please make sure all children come into school with a coat/ waterproof.

This year we are changing our homework expectations. Rather than sending out worksheets each week we are asking that all children:

Read at least 5 times per week. Older children may end up reading to themselves. Younger children should be reading aloud with an adult.

Log on and use Times Table Rockstars/ Numbots at least 5 times per week. Reminders of details of log ins will come home very soon.

Classes are teaching spelling rules - rather than relying on weekly spelling tests so, while some classes may send home words that contain the spelling pattern the children are learning for information - these are not words to just learn off by heart for a test (and forget later)

There may be times that children are asked to do something at home in order to prepare for a lesson the next week or complete some work that should have been completed in class but these will be the exceptions and will not happen every week.

Children in Year 6 will start to get more homework through the year to prepare them for homework once they start high school.

We believe that this change to homework will enable parents to focus at home on the things that will have the biggest impact on their children's learning.

Please do read the rest of the newsletter to find out what is going on in school.

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Head Teacher

Morning drop off

Parents should not be using the staff car park to drop off unless they have had prior permission to do so. This enables us to keep everyone safe when walking up the driveway to school.

Out of school clubs

From Monday 25th September all breakfast and afterschool clubs must be booked and paid for via ParentPay. (For those parents who pay with childcare vouchers, further details will follow)



Halloween Disco

Thursday 19th October

KS1 - 4:30pm- 5:45pm

KS2 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

- Fancy dress optional
- £3.00 per child (pay on door)
- Price includes a drink and a snack



Dates for the diary

Friday 29th September - Harvest Festival

Wednesday 4th October- School photos

Thursday 19th October - Halloween disco

Thursday 26th October - Y2 School trip to Aston Hall

Friday 27th October - Last day of term

Monday 6th November - Back to school

Wednesday 8th November - Flu vaccinations

Monday 13th November - Anti-bullying week

Reminders:

To get in touch directly with your child's teachers, please use the email addresses (eg Year6@towerview.staffs.sch.uk). Teachers will aim to reply in 2 working days. Anything urgent, please contact the school office.

Please park responsibly at the beginning and the end of the day. Please make sure you don't block our neighbour's drives and leave the pavements clear. Remember, many of our children walk home alone so please take care when driving near school.

Please make sure all clothes are named. This makes sure that uniform gets back to the correct child.

RAAC

Following on from the letter before term started, Staffordshire County Council have now completed a survey on the school to see if we have any RAAC present in our buildings. I am very pleased to be able to let you know that this survey found no evidence of any RAAC in the areas of school surveyed. In the few areas that may need a closer look (the areas where the ceiling is not visible and accessible) they may need to return to look at these areas again but the surveyor did not feel there would be any RAAC found in these areas either. I am still waiting for the report but I wanted to put parental minds at rest as soon as I could - especially when you take into account the age of our buildings!

Harvest Festival

Next Friday (29th September) will be the school's harvest celebration. Years 1-6 will be walking down to St Mark's church for this. Sadly, the church is not large enough to have the whole school and also to invite parents.

We are collecting donations for the YMCA Food Bank.

They have given us a list of foods that they are in most need of and last well.

- Long life milk
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned soup
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned rice pudding
- Sugar
- Cooking rice
- Instant rice
- Instant pasta
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat (hot dogs, corned beef etc)
- biscuits
- teabags
- Jars pasta sauce
- Instant coffee
- Cereals
- Chocolate, sweets and crisps (a 'treat item' in a food parcel is always very well received!)

Please send in donations on Friday if you can.

We do understand if you are not able to donate and there is no pressure to do this at a time when many families are struggling.

Thank you in advance for your generosity if you are able to donate



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STAFFORDSHIRE

A **FREE** "one-stop shop" event for young people, parents & carers and education providers.

A marketplace of SEND services to help families, find out what is available in your local area.



DATE & LOCATION

Staffordshire County Showground
Ingestre Suite

Tuesday 3rd October 2023
9.30am – 4.30pm

Drop in anytime during the day

ON THE DAY

- Keynote speakers on the
 - **Dynamic Support Register**
 - **Staffordshire's Co-Production Promise**
 - **New SEDIS Model & EAPDR Pathway**
- Variety of NHS Professionals
- Variety of SCC Professionals
- **New Family Hub**
- **SENDIASS** Coffee & Chat
- Further Education Providers
- Charities and Community Groups
- *Complementary Refreshments provided*

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