



# Tower View Newsletter

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## Dear Parents/carers

We would like to welcome everyone back, we hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It was great to see the children back and we hope they are ready for the busy Spring Term! We would also like to say a warm welcome to the new families that have joined our school and hope you will enjoy being a part of the Tower View family.

Next week we have a pantomime in school to look forward to, we hope the children will enjoy it. Please look at the dates section to see when everything is happening - we will do our best to keep you informed of up-coming events, including after school clubs, as and when they are planned.

During the winter season, we must always be prepared for the possibility of snow/ice disruption. We will always endeavour to open school, however the safety of pupils and staff on site is always a priority. Please do read the section on snow and ice procedures.

Finally, should you need to contact school about your child/children, please contact their class teacher in the first instance, or Miss Harvey or Mrs Mafham as Mr Lobb is not in school for a period of time.

## Best wishes

Miss A Harvey

Mrs P Mafham

## Deputy Head teachers



### 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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Robin Hood  
Pantomime in school for all years

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Class  
Assembly 9:10am – 2KE

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Class  
Assembly 9:10am – 5OD

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Class Assembly  
9:10am 3IR

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Class  
Assembly 9:10am 6CG

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – 1JD

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – 2RH

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – 4RW

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – 1PM

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – 3CW

**W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATs

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Assembly  
9:10am – Reception

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – PTA Summer Fayre



### Head Lice

We have had a number of head lice cases in school recently.

#### How to get rid of head lice:

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You can treat head lice without seeing a GP. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

#### Wet Combing:

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- Wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- Apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- Comb the whole head of hair, from roots to ends.

Wet comb on days 1, 5, 9, and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

#### Medicated lotions and sprays:

If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. These kill head lice in all types of hair and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

## **Snow and Ice procedure**

We are prepared for the possibility of snow disruption during the winter and poor weather conditions. Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for adults and children.

Although we keep up to date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised. What appears to be 'slushy' snow at school can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open we will assess the following criteria:

- Can the site be made for children, parents and staff
- Will we have sufficient staff to meet safe and appropriate adult:child ratios?
  - Can we provide meals at lunchtime?
- Are external agencies e.g. police, LA, monitoring organisations advising against travel?

When we are confident we have an adequate number of staff and accessibility to school is safe, we will open.

**Where a decision to close is made, the Senior Leadership Team will ensure that as soon as practically possible:**

- The decision is made as soon as possible - preferably before 7:30am
  - Parents and carers are informed via a text message
  - The school website is updated
- The close information is shared with the Local Authority and radio stations

If the school is to remain closed for a second day, a decision will be made by 6pm the same day.

### **In the event of heavy snow during the school day**

In extreme circumstances, when adverse weather is predicted or breaks out during the school day, a decision may be made to close the school with immediate effect. The decision to close school during a working day is not taken lightly but the overriding principle is the safety of pupils and staff.

Where a decision is taken to close the school day, parents will be informed in the usual way via Arbor.

Parents and carers will be expected to make arrangements for their children to be collected as soon as possible.

### Reminder of school times of arrival

Gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am to ensure the safety of children and staff and the site is safe. Arrivals after this time need to enter the main gate on Vancouver Drive.

### Tower View Primary School Dining Supervisor Position

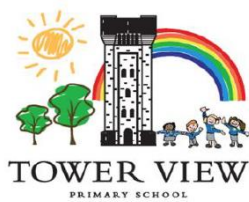


We currently have two temporary dining supervisors' positions available in school.

The school needs supervisors to join our dedicated team. The positions are open to any person to apply and to begin as soon as possible. The rates of pay and terms of condition are outlined below and a full job description can be obtained via the school office.

- Rates of pay: £11.79 per hour
- Hours required to be worked: 7.50 hours per week

We would like anyone who is interested in this position to put their interest in writing for the attention of The Deputy Head teacher by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please outline experience, reasons for applying and at least 2 references. If you would like to discuss the role then please contact the school office who will be able to outline the aspects of the position. Relevant training will be offered to successful candidates and a full D.B.S will be undertaken prior to any appointment as we will only employ suitable people to work with children.



What does my child's % attendance mean?

## Attendance Ladder



If attendance falls below 90% you are a persistent absentee and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Service in order to improve attendance.



## IN SUPPORT OF CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



# MHST INVITE PARENTS TO OUR ONLINE WORKSHOP



*'my VOICE MATTERS'*

The workshop aims to inform parents of the importance of listening to their children, ways to start conversations on mental health and feedback from young people on how they want adults to support them best

The online workshop will run for 1 hour from 6pm-7pm on Monday 5th February 2024

You can access the workshop on the time/date above via the link in the description, or you can call us on 01283 504487 if you want further information

Our Mental Health Support Teams in School are holding a one hour workshop for parents on Monday 5th February at 6pm-7pm to begin the start of Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this week is My Voice Matters and the workshop invites parents to come along and hear about the importance of listening to children, ways to start conversations on mental health and feedback from young people on how they want adults to support them best.

If you wish to join the workshop, please give the team a call for the area in which your school is in, where one of our team will send you the link to access the workshop.

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