



Tower View Newsletter

18th January 2024

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Dear Parents/carers

This week seems to have gone by very quickly but it has been fun and exciting. The children have been reminded about the importance of building a strong school team this week, where each and every person is valued for their uniqueness. During assembly we talked about two very important women, 'Mother Teresa' and 'Helen Keller'. Both women worked tirelessly for others and valued everyone despite their differences.



The children really enjoyed the Robin Hood Pantomime on Tuesday (oh yes they did!) and we are grateful to M&M Productions for providing a great experience for the children.



Just a reminder, as the weather is so chilly, the children may need additional layers sending into school. Please ensure that these are named.

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

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

Monday 22nd April - Y4 overnight school
camp (more information to follow)

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



Roblox

We are aware that a number of our children across the school enjoy playing the popular, online game Roblox. Although the game itself has an age rating of 7+, not all of the game content is suitable for all ages as some games (e.g. Rainbow Friends) on the app contain themes of violence and horror which young children may find upsetting.

Therefore, it is important that children's access to Roblox is monitored. There have also been concerns from a number of children's charities about who can contact children through the in-game messaging system.

The NSPCC have put together 6 tips for keeping your child safe on Roblox which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>

We would advise all parents with children using Roblox to follow these tips to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

For more information on Roblox, the content on the platform and how to keep your child safe while playing, www.oursaferschools.co.uk have an excellent article with lots of useful information.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age-restrictions/>

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

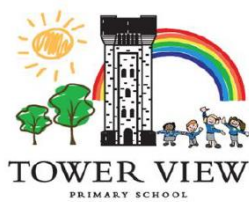
Gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am to ensure the safety of children and staff and the site is safe. Arrivals after this time need to enter the main gate on Vancouver Drive.



We have opened up the classroom on the KS2 playground during our lunch time break. The children are able to sign up for a 15 minute session (4 are available) and they have access to games, colouring and puzzles. The children have really enjoyed the opportunity to do different things during their break. We would also like to thank the PTA for purchasing new playtime equipment.

If you have any unwanted puzzles and games in good condition that you would like to donate to the school for The Den then please bring to the school office.





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.



Welcome to the latest edition of the Aiming High Activity Brochure. Here you will find every activity taking place across Staffordshire in February 2024.

If you see just one child beside an activity (as below), it is for the individual.



If you see all four of our children (as below) beside an activity, it is for the whole family to enjoy together.



Click on each district in the box (below left) to jump to the corresponding page.

You can also click on "February Calendar" to see every activity at a glance on one page.



[Cannock](#)



[East Staffordshire](#)



[Newcastle-under-Lyme](#)



[Outside Staffordshire \(1\)](#)



[Outside Staffordshire \(2\)](#)



[South Staffordshire \(1\)](#)



[South Staffordshire \(2\)](#)

[Stafford \(1\)](#)

[Stafford \(2\)](#)

[Stafford \(3\)](#)

[Stafford \(4\)](#)

[Staffordshire Moorlands](#)

[February Calendar](#)

From Tuesday 2nd
January:

To book a place on any of the listed activities call:

0300 111 8007

(option 2, then option 3)



Children can have two free activities every month!

Click here for further details:

[Aiming High - Activities and short breaks | Staffordshire Connects](#)

East Staffordshire

Wednesday 14th February

10:30am – 12:30pm



Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust

Natural Art at The Washlands

0 – 19 years

The Washlands, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1AH



Friday 16th February

10:30am – 12:30pm



Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust

Wildfamilies: Mud Kitchen

0 – 19 years

Beans Covert, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 3HU



Saturday 17th February

10:30am – 12:30pm



Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust

Wildfamilies: Trent-side Trek

0 – 19 years

Stapenhill Hollows, Stapenhill Road, Burton-on-Trent, DE15 9AP



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