



Tower View Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers

As we approach the end of a busy half term it is great to see that the days are getting lighter and there are a few signs that Spring is not too far away!

Having said that, snow has been forecast overnight so please do ensure that you read our snow procedures very carefully. Obviously, it is our priority in these conditions to ensure that the site is safe enough for adults and children, so the site will be assessed and we will aim to notify you as soon as possible if we do have to close.

Over the last few weeks, it has been great to visit classes in school to see the children in their maths and English lessons as part of our regular monitoring. The children love to talk about their learning and it has been good to see the variety and quality of provision offered throughout the school. This week we will be welcoming a science advisor who will be working closely with Miss Jackson, our science lead, to ensure our science provision is effective and advise us how to improve it even further.

There are a few changes of staff to make you aware of after half term. Firstly, Miss Wright will be leaving school as year 3 class teacher to take up a role in another school. We wish her well in her career and know the children will miss her. After half term, her class will be taught by Mrs Marples, an experienced teacher who has previously taught here as a supply teacher. We also say goodbye to Mrs Wilson, who has been working in 4AH this half term. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment. After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Revill who will be teaching 4AH. To ensure a smooth transition, both members of staff have visited school to meet the pupils and have already started to work closely with staff. I'm sure they will settle in very quickly and everyone will make them feel very welcomed.

Thank you all for your continued support over the last half term and I do hope you have a restful half term next week. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes

Miss A Harvey

Deputy 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

Monday 19th February - Class 4RW music performance - 2:45pm KS2 hall

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

Friday 1st March - Come as you please day

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



Come as you please day

The PTFA have arranged a 'come as you please day' on Friday 1st March.

Children can come in their own clothes in exchange for chocolate or 50p for the Easter raffle.



Easter egg design competition

Your child should have brought home an Easter egg outline. This is for your child to design their own Easter egg. They can be as creative and colourful as they like as these will all go on display in the hall. A winner from each year group will be chosen to win a prize and will be announced in assembly on Friday 8th March.

All Easter egg designs need to be returned to school by Wednesday 6th March.



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

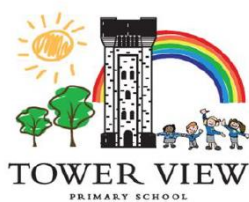
If the school is to remain closed for a second day, a decision will be made by 6pm the same day.

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.



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.