

Tower View Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers

It's lovely to be back after some time not in school. I've been enjoying getting into classes and spending some time reconnecting with the children and teachers. I am very grateful to Miss Harvey and Mrs Mafham for leading the school in my absence and to all those in the school who supported them.

It is World Book day today - which is always a fun and exciting day in school and, as you have already been told, school have gone 'back to basics' this year in promoting the love of a good book and in reading. Sometimes that can get lost in the dressing up or other activities that schools do to celebrate this important day.

Tomorrow is the annual Reception/ Year 1 Mother's day event - another very special day in the school's calendar.

Please do read through the rest of the newsletter as it contains important information on staffing and dates through the year.

Best wishes

Mr G Lobb

Head Teacher

Mrs Chapman

Mrs Chapman spoke to me last summer of her intention to retire at Easter after spending many years at Tower View as both a teacher and as our SENCo. Her last day in school is Thursday 14th March. Over the years, she has co-ordinated the support of a great many children and I know she will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents. I know I will miss her wise council! I wish her a long, calm and happy retirement!

Over the last 18 months, knowing that her retirement was not too far away, we have been expanding the expertise of our team in the support of special needs. From Easter, Mrs Khanom will act as SENCo and will have extra time away from the class to carry out these duties. Details of the permanent arrangements for SENCo will be announced once these are confirmed.

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 20th March - Class Assembly
9:10am - 2RH

Friday 22nd March - Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 8th April - Back to school

Wednesday 17th April - Class Assembly
9:10am - 4RW

Monday 22nd April - Y4 overnight school camp

Wednesday 24th April - Class Assembly
9:10am - 1PM

Wednesday 8th May - Class Assembly
9:10am - 3CW

W/C 13th May - Y6 SATs

Wednesday 15th May - Y1 School trip
(more information to follow)

Wednesday 5th June - Class Assembly
9:10am - Reception

Thursday 13th June - Sports Day

Friday 28th June - PTA Summer Fayre

Friday 19th July - INSET day



Electronic Devices/Smart Watches

Children should not be wearing smart watches or similar to school. We have had a few incidents where children have brought these into school and taken photographs.

As a potential safeguarding issue, parents have been notified and asked to collect the device from school and ensure all images are deleted. Thank you for your support and understanding these measures to keep everyone safe.



School Dinners

From 1st April 2024 there will be an increase in the cost of school dinners.

They will be £2.95 per meal.

Please click on the link below to see if you are eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Should your child want a school dinner, this must be paid for in advance via ParentPay.

All outstanding debts must be cleared as soon as possible.

Uniform

We are starting to send messages to parents through Arbor about uniform expectations when children are not in the correct uniform. We are initially sending these messages about PE kits. Please remember KS2 children are expected to wear their PE kits on Outdoor Learning Days! Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Tuck Shop

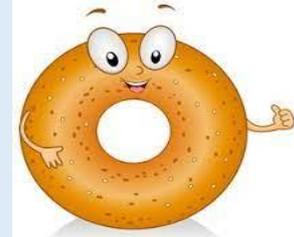
KS2 tuck shop prices:

Milkshake - 75p

Pancakes - 25p

Crumpets - 25p

Bagels - 25p



Community Support

It has been brought to our attention in the local community, that some of our pupils wearing Tower View uniform have been helping themselves to items of food from the local One-stop shop. It would be appreciated if you could remind your children that items from the shop must be paid for.

If you have any concerns regarding this then please contact the school office as we are working closely with the One-Stop shop to resolve this issue.

World Book Day

We had a very fun morning visiting different adults to hear their favourite stories! Y6 were treated to some carpet time in KS1 with Mrs Holford! They heard about her favourite book, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and she shared her happy memories of being a little girl listening to her teacher read it. The Y1 classes visited the Y5 and Y6 classes - the chairs were a bit big! Everyone had a great time and the teachers are putting in their requests for which class they'd like to see next! Look out for a reading challenge coming from Ms. Edkins before the Easter holidays....





Hop on over for our

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Raffle draw

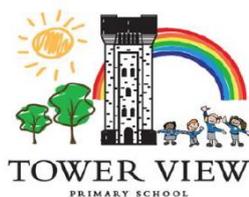
March 15th after

school

Refreshments, Visit from
the Easter bunny, see the
Easter competition
entries on display.



In the main school hall



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.