

Tower View Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to the last full newsletter of the school year!

Firstly, apologies for the cancellation today of sports day. We will be looking at the events happening in school and the weather forecasts to see if there is a possibility of re-arranging this at some point next week with spectators. If we can't we will try to make sure classes/ year groups are able to get outside to complete as many of the events as possible when they can around weather and other activities.

Last week were the 2 transition days when children all moved up to their new classes. It was a very successful couple of days and there was a lovely atmosphere around school. I know the teachers are really looking forward to next year even more now.

Next week I will send out a general letter outlining arrangements for next year. We will aim to give as much details as we can around days of the week for activities such as forest school/ PE to support parents making the best choices with uniform buying. There are still some details to be finalised with days when some external people visit schools before this can 100% be confirmed - although I hope to have these details by next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend (It's coming home!)

Best wishes

Mr G Lobb

Head Teacher

PS NON UNIFORM DAY MONDAY

To celebrate the England team reaching (and hopefully winning) the final of Euro 2024. Please come in non-uniform on Monday. Please wear Red, White and Blue or football kits..... Let's celebrate the team's success - win or lose - they are heroes.

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 15th July - Music performance by our instrumental students 11:30am.

(Music student parent's welcome)

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Parents leavers assembly 11:00am

Thursday 18th July - Break up for summer holiday

Friday 19th July - INSET day

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September - INSET days

Wednesday 4th September - Back to school

Updating details:

Please go onto the Arbor app and update any changes to contact details. You can also confirm your permissions on there. We would really appreciate you doing this over the holidays ready for the new year.

Permissions have been left blank so you can start from scratch. Years 3-6 are especially asked to look at permissions for walking home alone as children with these permissions will be dismissed slightly differently next school year (details to follow)

School Reports

Pupils will be coming home with their school reports tomorrow (Friday 12th July)

Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to 2 members of staff; 2 long term supply teachers and a very longstanding governor at the end of this term.

Firstly, to Miss Jackson, we all wish you much luck and happiness as you move to your new school. We are very sure you will make this move very successful. Our loss is most definitely their gain. Good luck!

Miss Rogers is leaving at the end of this school year as a Midday Supervisor. Thank you for your work at lunchtime.

To Mrs Marples and Mrs Revill - thank you for the care you have shown our children over the last few months. It is very difficult to find high quality supply teachers with the notice we needed them - we are very lucky to have you both. Good luck next year in your new adventures. Mrs Marples' last day with us is 15th July. Mrs Revill's last day with us is 18th July.

Finally, we are losing one of our long standing governors - Laura Adcock. Laura has been the chair of our finance committee for some years and has a wealth of knowledge in this area that has really helped us manage the school's finances - in this very tricky financial time for school. Thank you for all you have done. Governors are often the unsung heroes in school who's unpaid but essential work and challenge is unseen.

Term time holidays/ attendance

From September the rules are changing for attendance/ holidays and the ways that school are expected to act.

This will mean that we will be far stricter for holidays from September and will have to consider a fixed penalty notice for both unauthorised holidays or for children with consistent poor attendance. Penalty notices will need to be considered for children with 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence over a 10 school week period. Each instance will be looked at individually.

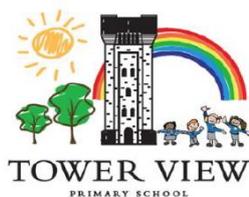
For a First offence the Penalty Notice fine would be: -

- £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to
- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days.

For a Second offence within 3-years of the first penalty notice being issued, the penalty notice fine would be:

- £160 per parent, per child if paid between 28 days.

Following the second offence every new offence within the 3-year period, will be prosecuted under the Education Act 1996. If the prosecution takes place, the maximum fine is £1,000 per parent, per child.



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.