



Thursday 4th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience over the past few weeks as we have been organising the initial phasing of children back into school. I am pleased to say that this has gone extremely well and we are very much getting used to the new normal.

New Baby Arrival



We would like to wish Mrs Davies and her husband many congratulations on the birth of their beautiful baby boy last week – Acer Joseph Benjamin Davies, weighing 7lbs 6oz.

I hear they are all healthy. Acer is a wonderfully happy baby and they are settling into family life together well.

Return to school

It has been lovely to welcome back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, making TSM feel like a school again. The new arrangements for drop off and collection at the start and end of the school day seem to be working very smoothly, however we would like to make a few changes to the timings from the week beginning Monday 8 June as follows:

	Drop Off	Pick Up
A-H	8:40-8:50am	3:10-3:20pm
I-Z	8:50-9:00am	3:20-3:30pm

Many thanks to all of you and your children for respecting the new social distancing rules outside the school gates and at collection.

For those of you with children still at home, we have had to alter the previous daily youtube lessons and learning as all staff are now involved in teaching each day. I am very grateful for the feedback we have had which has helped us to refine the packs for next week to support you at home and make them manageable for us. Please can you continue to send in work via the 'Twyfordteams' email address as before and staff will respond to it – although maybe not quite as regularly.

Many parents have asked me about my thoughts on the return of all primary age year groups by the end of June and, like you, I am awaiting further government guidance.

PTA

Before the half term break, the PTA held their virtual AGM. We thanked the committee for all of their work, particularly as many of the committee post holders will be stepping down. Last year, they raised an incredible £12,770 thanks to all of your support and generosity. We have had many comments on the very smart new PTA shed, which has been installed on the KS2 playground and will be used for additional storage. They will be holding an additional meeting early in September to elect a new committee and would be keen to hear of anyone who wishes to join.

Staffing for September

Following the appointment of Mrs Davies to Headteacher, Willow class will have a new full time teacher from September. Miss Carly Woodcroft will be joining us from Ludlow Junior School as class teacher and taking on the position of English Lead. We look forward to her joining us for some transition time before the end of term to meet children, either virtually or in person.

As you will be aware, our special needs coordinator Mrs Lawrence is currently on maternity leave and will be returning to her position on 8th July. I am very happy to pick up any SEND concerns until her return later in the term.

With kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

Interim Headteacher