



Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all at the start of this new school year! We have been delighted to see everyone back together again after such a disruptive summer term and we are pleased to have been able to set in place much needed routines for us all. Thank you for your patience and support throughout this time.

We are very proud of our wonderful children who have been extremely sensible with our new arrangements for handwashing, keeping in two separate bubbles and distancing where possible. They have all been very excited to see their friends and teachers after the long break from school.

It was lovely to, at last, be able to welcome our new Reception pupils into school. We have been very proud of their confidence in coming into class this week - they have made a fantastic start!

We have also welcomed other new pupils to our school: Freddie (Y1), Aston-Ray (Y3) Clara (Y5) and Harvey (Y5). We wish them well and know that they will quickly start to feel part of our very special TSM team.

Ash Class Get Cooking

The children have been watching the apples grow on the KS1 playground since early spring, observing them turn from green to a beautiful bright red when they returned to school last week. They have been so keen to pick and eat the apples that we thought we would try our hand at making apple crumble! The children chopped and mixed the apples and then rubbed together the crumble ingredients before taking them home to be baked. We hope you enjoyed the fruits of their labour!



Science experiments in Yew Class



Yew Class started their Properties of Materials Science unit by helping Mrs Aitken separate a delightful mixture of sand, raisins, rice, pasta and water. We had to improvise as we were unable to find a sieve with big enough holes in the school, so we used a tennis racquet (don't tell coach Jake!). At the end, we filtered the water to remove most of the sand. The children learnt a lot of new vocabulary and understood the difference between a solution and a mixture. We then looked at devising a way to separate raisins, paperclips and a sugar solution. Some children impressed Mrs Aitken by suggesting we use magnets to remove the paper clips, which showed great integration of their Science knowledge. We look forward to trying out a winning plan next week.

Reminders

Next week, starting **Monday 14th September**, we will be making some slight changes to the procedures to enable us to speed up drop off and collection and fit more teaching and learning into the school day.

Drop off: child's surname: A - H 8:35am - 8:45am I - Z 8:45am – 8:55am
Collection: child's surname: A - H 3:20pm I - Z 3:30pm

This will be for all of our children including the children who are new to our Reception class.

Please can you remember to send in coats, school jumpers and sensible shoes for the children as they are outside as much as possible during the day and we are keeping windows and doors open.

Please come into the playground for collection at the end of the day as it makes it easier for the class teacher and your child to spot you and helps with adult social distancing.

We have opened up our trim trail for use during the school day by children in Key Stage 2 only. We would be very grateful if you could ensure that children are not on the play equipment before or after school.

After school activity clubs and EnergyKids Breakfast and After School Clubs all resume next week.

Harvest Festival

Although we are unable to have visitors in school this term, we will still be going ahead with our Harvest Festival with our children in two separate bubbles on **Friday 2nd October**. We will be asking for donations for the Winchester Food Bank. More information will follow on this in due course.

Parents' Evening

This term we will be holding parents' evening appointments as telephone calls once again as we are trying to minimise all face to face contact out of our Key Stage bubbles. The calls will be between 4:00pm and 7:00pm on **20th and 22nd October**. A sign up email will come out to you nearer the time.

School Council

Despite our school working in two separate bubbles, we will be electing a new school council on 24th September, reminding us that we are one community. Over the course of this term, we will be setting up many activities that we have always done as a school and are very important to us but in slightly different ways.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Parent Governor Tim Barker has decided not to stand for re-election as parent Governor, leaving a vacancy. We would like to thank Tim for all his work and support of the Governing Body over the past 4 years.

More information will be coming out next week about how to apply if you are interested in becoming a school Governor. In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact Chair of Governors Freya Fixler on ffixler@twyfordteam.com

Kirstie Baines
Interim Headteacher



Star of the Week

Ash	Ayla L-D	For a fantastic start to Year 1! Ayla has been such a good role model to our new children by being kind and having a positive attitude all week!
Beech	Flora	For being an 'all round super learner' and her thoughtful responses during whole class discussions.
Sycamore	Samuel	For a flying start to the new school year, demonstrating impressive reasoning skills in maths and great attention to detail in his pencil portrait. Well done!
Willow	Tamsin	For superb descriptive writing in English - I could really picture the setting!
Yew	Violet	For a fabulous start to the year; being so focussed and enthusiastic with her learning and an all-round role model.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Archie	For being a Persevering Pig when practising tricky words in phonics.
	Esme	For being a good role model by always listening beautifully during carpet time.
Beech	Ruben	For being a helpful and caring learning partner this week.
	William	For completing three pieces of home learning in the first week of school! Wow!
Sycamore	Chase	For his super positive attitude this week, with a huge grin every morning! Thank you!
	Maisie	For her fabulous independence this week, setting a fantastic example through her conscientious approach to work.
Willow	Clara	For settling in so well to a new school and showing great perseverance in PE!
	Harvey T	For settling in so well to a new school and learning well with others.
Yew	Saul	For superb work in Maths and for devising a way to separate a range of materials in Science.
	Isabel C	For her lovely imagery in a poem she wrote titled 'This Summer I didn't ...'

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
14th September	After school clubs begin this week
22nd September	Old class photos (from academic year 19/20)
24th September	New School Council elections
25th September	Visit from Jude's Ice Cream into Willow Class
29th September	Photographs – individual and sibling
2nd October	Harvest Festival (at school)
20th and 22nd October	Parents' evening telephone appointments
26th – 30th October	Half Term