



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to everyone for returning to TSM this week full of courage, care, joy and respect! The teaching team and I are very pleased to have you all back in school and we have loved sharing positive prayer leaves all week.

We hope all our pupils have come home full of smiles from their wellbeing-focused activities they have taken part in this week. Please make time for a good rest this weekend and enjoy the spring sunshine!

### **Team Leaders' Role Model Worships**

The Team captains and Vice-captains collaborated this week to lead two special worships (one of them digitally to KS1). They worked so hard to share their positive ideas of how to 'bee' a TSM role model and some key messages to help pupils return to school.



## Spring 'New Beginnings' Gallery

As part of our wellbeing learning this week the children created nature inspired art pieces, which were put together in a whole school gallery. The children have all been to visit the gallery today and a video will be on the school website next week showing off all of their amazing artwork!



## Twyford St Mary's Pebble Walk

On Tuesday, our two key stage bubbles took turns to walk up to St Mary's Church for our pebble walk. Children had been decorating small pebbles in school, which they then placed along the route. The purpose of this visit was to welcome the church back into our school life and to reinforce the community link between us. Rev. Damon led the children in a short worship. This was the first time in such a long time that we have been able to visit the church and, thankfully, it was a beautifully sunny day!



We received a lovely note from Mr and Mrs Lippiett on behalf of the church -

*"Thank you so much for the beautifully and colourfully decorated pebbles that lined the path from Finches Lane up to St Mary's and for the lovely pots of Spring flowers by the North door of the church. It was great to think of you visiting and we will always welcome you and hope that you feel at home in the church."*

## Red Nose Day



You will have seen a letter sent out yesterday sharing the School Council's plans for **Red Nose Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** in aid of Comic Relief. With a theme of 'Funny is Power', the School Council will be making and selling a joke book full of our children's very best jokes! The joke books will be available in return for a small donation on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March during play times.

We will also be having a **non-uniform day** on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March with the suggestion to wear something red. This will be for a £1 donation. The children will be learning about the work of Comic Relief in their collective worships in March. We hope that during this challenging year we will be able to raise a smile whilst also raising some money for a very good cause!

## Tree Planting in Hunter Park



Twyford St Mary's has been invited to plant trees in Hunter Park. It is the start of an exciting new partnership for the school, helping to improve the Park for wildlife. The 200 little saplings provided by the Parish Council need planting ASAP (while the ground is cold and damp). Because of COVID restrictions the planting will have to be done out of school hours. Steve Pullen and Chris Corcoran will be in the Park on certain days and times.

Please refer to the separate parentmail sent out yesterday with full details of days, times and contact details for Steve and Chris.

## After school clubs next week

We would like to remind you that the following clubs are starting again next week: football, netball, cricket, dodgeball and KS2 homework club.

## Breakfast and Afterschool Club Wraparound Care

The new booking and payment system for our TSM Breakfast and Afterschool Club is now open. You can access this via Scopay – please refer to the parentmail sent out on Tuesday for full details. If you are not yet registered for Scopay, please contact Mrs Chadwick on [rchadwick@twyfordteam.com](mailto:rchadwick@twyfordteam.com)

We have seen some bookings coming through so the system is clearly working. If you have any difficulties though, please do get in touch. The club is re-starting from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## **Parent Consultations and Reports**

If you have not yet made an appointment for your parent phone consultation for the week of 29<sup>th</sup> March, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties, please contact Mrs Chadwick on [rchadwick@twyfordteam.com](mailto:rchadwick@twyfordteam.com)

## **Tuck Shop**



Mrs Woodhouse will be starting up the tuck shop again from after Easter. This is available in the morning break. Children are welcome to purchase items such as fresh fruit, a freshly baked bread roll, milk or fruit juice. Items range from 25p – 40p.

## **Water main repairs on Shawford Road**

We have had an update from Southern Water regarding the urgent water main repairs on Shawford road. The work started on 1<sup>st</sup> March and is anticipated to last for the full 6 weeks originally planned.

## **Covid-19 test kits for parents**

You may have read in the news recently about how families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home now that schools have re-opened. The following link provides information on how to access these testing kits.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuknotifications&utm\\_source=ca1c659b-95d6-490e-87c6-d6c09e85ecfb&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuknotifications&utm_source=ca1c659b-95d6-490e-87c6-d6c09e85ecfb&utm_content=daily)

Warm wishes and stay safe,  
Sophie Davies



## Star of the Week

Ash	Izzy	For being a courageous Curious Cat when exploring new challenges.
Beech	Lucy	For being an excellent role model to the whole of Beech Class by ALWAYS keeping ALL of the 'Golden Rules'!
Sycamore	Rosie	For showing great courage when sharing a proud moment from her lockdown work – a fantastic presentation on Guinea Pig care! Well done!
Willow	George	For being an excellent role model in class; you are always extremely kind towards others and so supportive of your peers George. Well done!
Yew	Wiktor	For his independence and creativity when writing an Apache blessing for his Mother's Day card. I'm sure your Mum is going to be delighted with your poem, Wiktor.



## Roll of Honour

Ash	Isla	For having a brilliant first week in the Ash classroom!
	Harriet	For having a brilliant first week in the Ash classroom!
Beech	Ruben	For showing our value of 'care' to his learning partner <b>ALL</b> week!
	Theo	For showing our value of 'courage' when returning to school in Beech class!
Sycamore	Griffin	For working incredibly hard to follow our Golden Rules this week and setting an excellent example of 'we listen', waiting to take his turn to share his ideas. Thank you!
	Dexter	For a fantastic return to school this week and being a model example of 'we work hard'. Fab!
Willow	Zef	For his super enthusiasm this week, making others smile and showing great confidence in independent learning – well done Zef!
	Josie	For always having a smile on her face and being really helpful towards others! Amazing!
Yew	Zara	For her excellent behaviour and for using her artistic talents to help others in a most caring and thoughtful way.
	Susanna	For her helpfulness and care and going out of her way to tidy and clean during a very messy Art Week. Thank you, Susanna.

## Dates for your diary

<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Outdoor after-school <u>sports</u> clubs begin this week, as well as homework club.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day Dress in Red/Non-Uniform
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Breakfast & After School Wraparound Care begins this week
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Parent Consultation phone calls
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Delayed World Book Day celebrations in school
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	INSET day/ End of term

<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Bank holiday Monday
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 1
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Half Term
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET Day (delayed from the one scheduled in January)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reports home to parents
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 2
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Activity Week (details TBC)
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 3
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 4
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	INSET day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Hamlet performance by Young Shakespeare Company
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of year reports to parents
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 5
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 Forest School – session 6
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Last day of term