



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the children have now been back in school for a whole fortnight – the time is passing very quickly. The beautiful weather has made such a difference and enabled the children to be out on the school field playing cricket and football at playtime. Thank you for your patience this week as we have changed the timings of the school day to enable us to fit in more time for teaching and learning.

### **KS1 investigate toys**

Ash and Beech classes have been exploring toys from the past as part of their topic in which they wonder about the question: 'What is a toy?' The children were very respectful of the delicate artefacts and especially enjoyed playing tiddlywinks! They talked about the materials the toys were made from, how they might have been used and what their modern equivalents would be. Here are some of the children's questions about the artefacts:

What is it for?

Who does it belong to?

Why is it painted?

Is it for golf?

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Gregory for lending us these fantastic artefacts!



## **Woodland Walk**

Earlier this year just before lockdown in March, Twyford St Mary's children planted a wood at Hill View Farm. It is well worth a visit in this beautiful Autumn weather and quite easy to find if you feel like a woodland walk. Year 5 parent Rebecca Crawford says that everyone is very welcome to visit despite the sign saying 'Twyford St Mary's Research Wood Private Land'. There are detailed instructions and a map on the email sent out earlier today from Rebecca, so please do read it carefully.

## **Pupil Premium Eligibility**

If you have a relatively low family income, the school might be eligible for additional funding to support your child in school, and if your child is in Key Stage 2, they will be eligible for free school meals. You can check this out very easily by clicking on the following link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

## **Open Evenings for families new to Year R in 2021**

This year, we are unable to hold our usual open days during school hours, so we will be holding two open evenings between 4:00 - 5.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to have a look around the classroom, meet Mrs Keating, the support staff and myself, see the kind of activities that your child will be undertaking during the school day and ask questions. If you would like to book a 15 minute appointment please contact the school office by email [adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk) or telephone the school office on 01962 713358.

## **Harvest festival and Winchester Food Bank**

A reminder that our Harvest festival will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Disappointingly, we are not able to have any visitors in school or hold our service in the church this year however, we are working on producing a podcast or photographs instead. All gifts that you send into school will be taken to the Winchester food bank for distribution, so please give generously. The food bank have provided us with a list of items they are particularly in need of:

Tinned fruit (no grapefruit or prunes)  
Tinned veg  
Tinned ravioli/spaghetti  
Sweetcorn Pies (Fray Bentos or similar)  
Coffee (small jars or refill bags)  
Squash  
Shower gel  
Cleaning spray  
Cat food (wet or dry)

They are unable to accept homemade items, opened items, items past their use by date, alcohol, medicines/supplements, razors or clothing. They also no longer need donations of carrier bags!

### **PTA AGM – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 8:30pm - 9:30pm**

This year, the PTA AGM will be held virtually over TEAMS. If you would like to join as a prospective committee member or just to hear about the work of the committee and how the money raised this year has been spent, please contact [twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com](mailto:twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com) for the meeting link.

### **‘End of the Summer’ Fancy Dress Fun Run – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

To mark the end of the summer and for a small financial contribution in aid of the PTA, we will be holding a fun run for the children on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September throughout the school day. Children can wear fancy dress summer clothes all day which are suitable for running and trainers (no inflatables, flip flops or sandals please). More details on this event will follow next week.

### **School Council and Team Captain Elections**

We could feel election fever in the air at Twyford St Mary’s this week as the nominations for prospective candidates are in. This year we will be filming their election ‘pitch’ and sending the clips around to classes to help children make their choices. The elections will be on next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September with results on the same day.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Unless your child has been away this week, you should have all received a yellow data collection sheet for your child. Please do check, amend as necessary, sign and return to the school office. Sheets can be returned via the children to hand in to the office. There will be Home Learning Agreements going home with children next week.

### **Messages for end of day arrangements and daily absence**

If you have a change in your usual arrangements with regard to end of day collection, please do let the school office know in the morning, either by emailing [adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk) or by calling 01962 713358. If you have a last minute message, please always call - any messages that come in on email after 2.00pm run the risk of being missed as Mrs Chadwick finishes at 2.30pm.

If your child is off school for any reason that you have not notified us of in advance, please call the absence line before 9.00am. Please note that parents are required to call in each morning that their child is absent to let us know. If we do not have a reason for absence, office staff will follow up with a phone call home.

### **EnergyKidz Wraparound Care**

Numbers have been a little low at EnergyKidz this week. If you are intending to book your child in for before or after school club over the next few weeks, please do so via [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk)

Kirstie Baines  
Interim Headteacher



## Star of the Week

Ash	Alastair	For doing great thinking and asking good questions when we looked at the old toys, and for being a good tiddlywink teacher!
Beech	JJ	Coach Jake would like to say well done to JJ for careful listening, always trying his best and for setting a good example to others in P.E.
Sycamore	Georgina	For her excellent use of conjunctions to extend and link ideas in her redrafted instructions. Well Done!
Willow	Zef	For excellent progress in his addition learning this week!
Yew	Samuel	For his fantastically engrossing explorative writing on slave experiences – his choice of writing techniques brought real empathy to the piece.



## Roll of Honour

Ash	Sienna	For always wanting to do her must-do job first and for always trying her best.
	Imogen	For her superb organisational skills and for being such a helpful member of Ash Class.
Beech	Eva	For setting an excellent example of what to do during a fire drill to the rest of Beech Class. Well done Eva!
	Tess	For being Curious Cat when planning her new 'Emily Brown' story - super planning Tess!
Sycamore	Rafferty	For his excellent independence and evaluations in our English work this week, analysing effective phrases.
	Bronte	For her brilliant home learning exploring important artefacts to the Ancient Egyptians.
Willow	Rosie	For showing a wonderful caring attitude towards others.
	Ruby	For excellent effort and perseverance in lessons.
Yew	Wiktor	For his superb contributions to class discussion this week and his inspiring joy in our science investigation, exploring different types of change.
	Pippa	For consistently demonstrating fantastic focus and perseverance in all lessons throughout the week. Marvellous!

## Dates for your diary

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	PTA AGM (virtual) 8.30 – 9.30pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	New School Council and Team Captain elections
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Visit from Jude's Ice Cream into Willow Class
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Photographs – individual and sibling (please note the old 2019/20 class photos scheduled for 22 <sup>nd</sup> September have been cancelled due to difficulties of crossover of bubbles)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival (at school)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	New Year R Open Evenings (for September 2021 entry)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Parents' evening telephone appointments
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term