



Towcester Church of England Primary School

We will send the children out, as Noah did the dove (Genesis 8:8-12), having nurtured and prepared them for life. Knowing that they are valued, they can fly and take the values of the school out into the world.

'If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.' (Galatians 5:25)

Newsletter Term 4 2023

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Dates for the Term Ahead

<i>Dates and Events for the Term Ahead</i> <i>Spring Term 2 2023</i>	
Mon 20 th February	School Opens to Pupils
Wed 22 nd February	9 – 10.30 Parents' Maths Learning Morning
Thursday 23 rd Feb	PCSO Charlotte Morris Whole School Fire Safety Talk 10.30am (40 mins)
Monday 27 th Feb	Year 3 Visit to the Ashmolean
Tuesday 28 th Feb	1.45 Zones of Regulation Information Session for Parents
Wed 1 st March	Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents
	Industrial Action Day – some classes affected
Thursday 2 nd March	10am Collective Worship with Revd Paula
Friday 3 rd March	Year 2 Visit to the Zoo
Sunday 5 th March	Year 2 Sunday Service at St Lawrence 9:30am
Monday 6 th March	World Book Day – all to dress up!
Wednesday 8 th March	Class photos and year 6 Yearbooks
Monday 13 th March	Parents Evening Session 1: 4 – 7pm
Mon 13 th –Wed 15 th Mar	Experience Easter week (all KS2 classes) Mon – Wed Rota to follow
Wed 15 th Mar	Year 2 SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm
	Industrial Action Day – some classes affected
Thurs 16 th Mar	School Nursing Team: Foundation Stage and Y6 Height and Weight
	Industrial Action Day – some classes affected
Friday 17 th Mar	FOTOPS stall for pupils to buy Mothers' day Gifts
	Special Celebration for Mothers' Day 2.45pm
Tues 21 st Mar	Parents Evening 4 – 7pm
Wed 22 nd Mar	Reception Classes' Trip to Rookery Farm
Thurs 23 rd Mar	English Open Morning for Parents 9 – 10.30am
Wednesday 29 th Mar	9.30 am Easter Service Led by Year 5
Thursday 30 th Mar	Sponne Brass ensemble to play for us (time TBC)
	FOTOPS Bring an Egg to school day
	School closes to pupils
Friday 31 st Mar	Teacher Training Day
Monday 17 th April	School reopens to pupils

Maths and English Learning Mornings 8:45-10:30am

Thankyou to all of the parents and carers that joined us for today's Maths Open morning. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, engaging in the information session about 'How we teach Maths at Towcester' then visiting your children's classes to learn alongside them. Feedback from those attending included these comments:

'Really good to see how maths is brought to life in school'

'Good to see how they are working out problems and relationships between numbers'

'Awesome! Learnt lots!'

'It's been an eye opener! I knew that things had changed, but more than I realised. Lovely way you can mix learning with play.'

'The session was very informative and helped me as a parent to understand the learning.'

'Helpful to see what's being learnt and methods that are used so we can help them at home'

On **Thursday 23rd March, 9 – 10.30am**, we will hold a similar morning focussing on **How we teach Reading at Towcester**. We will be welcoming parents into school to take part in our daily English sessions. Please do come along and join us.

Industrial Action

As I'm sure you are aware, further industrial action is scheduled to take place on:

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Thursday 16 March 2023

For some classes, this will mean that learning will be disrupted on the above dates. We will inform those classes that will be closed due to industrial action on **Wednesday 1st March** by the end of this week. If you do not receive a notification, your child's class will be open as usual.

Should your child's class be closed, we are unable to make school work available for the day of the industrial action.

Freestyle Football will run as usual for all existing members, please contact Freestyle should you have any queries.

Parents' Evenings

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will be held between **4 and 7pm on Monday 13th March and Tuesday 21st March**. Information about booking appointments will follow shortly, please add these dates to your diaries, we look forward to sharing your children's learning with you.

Library Open Session for parents and children

Please do pop into the school library on a Thursday after school. It is open from 3:30pm to 4pm for children and their parents. Take the opportunity to visit the library with your child; look at and share a book as well as borrowing a book to read at home.

Zones of Regulation Parent Session

Has your child talked about 'zones'? Have they talked about a 'toolkit'? Would you like to know more about the Zones of Regulation and how to help your child with their emotions, feelings and melt downs at home? If so, please do come along to the 'Zones of Regulation' Parent workshop on Tuesday 28th February at 1:45pm in the main hall. It will be an informal session to learn more about the Zones and what it all means. There will be refreshments and we may even have some special guest presenters!

Tesco Tokens

You may have noticed that there is a blue token collection at Towcester Tesco for Towcester CE Primary School Foundation Stage Outside Area. There are a few more days to add your tokens to our collection. We thank you for your support and look forward to enhancing our outdoor environment – watch that space!

Towcester School Celebrate World Book Day - Monday 6th March

We will celebrate World Book Day on Monday 6th March. The children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. There will be many activities planned for the day including an opportunity for every child to choose to hear a book, extract, poem or story read by different adults throughout the school. We are sure they will enjoy all the special activities that have been planned.

Mother's Day Celebration

We will be holding a special whole school event to celebrate Mother's Day on Friday 19th March at 2:45pm on the KS2 playground. We would love you to join us.

FOTOPS Future Events

Thank you to FOTOPS for organising the Movie Night this week – it was an enormous success, and many children enjoyed the opportunity to stay at school with their friends, watch a movie and have a hot dog. FOTOPS work extremely hard to raise funds for the school whilst providing the children with a range of events. This coming term they will be holding a 'Mother's Day Stall' and organising a 'Bring an Egg to school' Day. More information on these will follow soon.

School Uniform

Please remember, we want our children to wear their school badge with pride and for people to look at our pupils and their first impression be - WOW—these children really represent Towcester Primary School well!

School uniform expectations are as follows:

- black or grey trousers or skirt,
- a plain white polo-shirt or shirt, with school logo where possible
- a blue school jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- black or grey socks or tights
- smart, closed-toe black leather shoes. No trainers or astros please.

During warmer months:

- blue and white summer dresses.
- smart black or grey shorts

Hair:

- We ask that long hair is kept neatly tied back during school time.
- Simple headbands may be worn in the school colours.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing large bows, clips, scrunchies or headbands.

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with a sewn-in label or a Sharpie (Biro washes out) as we already have a mountain of unclaimed clothing, most of it unnamed.

Please do let us know if you need support with providing the listed school uniform. We have a supply of excellent quality, unclaimed uniform items that we are happy to provide.

Please contact the school office team who will be happy to help: office@towcester.pdet.org.uk

Cost of Living Crisis

If you or you know of someone who is struggling during this tricky time, please do remember the school is here for our families. We can offer help and advice as well as signposting families to additional financial support. We can help with food bank vouchers as well as clothing needs. Please do email or call into the office and the ladies will ensure you speak to the right person.

If you have any questions or queries about any of the items in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With kind regards

Sally Beaton

Headteacher

Please see below the term dates for this academic year 2022/23.

Term 3	Training day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
	School re-opens	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
	School closes	Friday 10 th February 2023
Term 4	School re-opens	Monday 20 th February 2023
	School closes	Thursday 30 th March 2023
	Training day	Friday 31 st March 2023
Term 5	School re-opens	Monday 17 th April 2023
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 8 th May 2023
	School closes	Friday 26 th May 2023
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 5 th June 2023
	School closes	Friday 21 st July 2023

Academic year 2023/24

Term 1	Training day	Monday 4 th September 2023
	Training day	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
	School opens to pupils	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
	School closes	Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2	School re-opens	Monday 30 th October 2023
	School closes	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Term 3	Training day	Thursday 4 th January 2024
	Training day	Friday 5 th January 2024
	School re-opens	Monday 8 th January 2024
	School closes	Friday 16 th February 2024
Term 4	Training day	Monday 26 th February 2024
	School re-opens	Tuesday 27 th February 2024
	School closes	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Term 5	School re-opens	Monday 15 th April 2024
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
	School closes	Friday 24 th May 2024
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 3 rd June 2024
	School closes	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024