



## **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**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*It has been lovely to see our children returning to school, looking smart and ready to learn after their Easter break. They have settled well into their routines ahead of a busy period in school.*

*The summer term brings lots of things to look forward to with events such as Sports Day, Healthy Living week, exciting trips and music events all planned in. It is also the time of year where children across the school take a range of statutory tests; Year 6 and Year 2 have SATS, Year 4 their Multiplication Tables Checks and Year 1 their Phonics Screening. We wish all of our children lots of luck, we know that their effort and hard work in learning will be duly rewarded.*

*In the second half of the term, we will be welcoming our new Reception intake and their families into the school whilst preparing to watch our oldest children fly off to their secondary school adventures. We will be celebrating our wonderful Year 6 children in many ways in the summer term.*

*We have detailed many of the events for this term in the table below, these will be added to throughout the term so please do check for updates. Information will also be shared on our Social Media Feeds, please see the details of these below:*

**Twitter at: @TowcesterPrim**

**Facebook at @TowcesterCEPrimary**

## Dates for the Term Ahead

<i>Summer Term 1 2023</i>		
Week 1	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts for pupils
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April, am	Year 3: First Access Project 1
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	FOTOPS Rule Swap Day
Week 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupil Progress Meetings
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April, am	NEU proposed industrial action day
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April, pm	Year 3: First Access Project 2 Tove Children and Families: Y3 Godly Play
Week 3 KS1 begin SATS	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	NEU proposed industrial action day
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Class Photos
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May, am	Year 3: First Access Project 3
	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May, pm	King's Coronation Celebration
Week 4 KS2 SATS week	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, King's Coronation
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May, am	Year 3: First Access Project 4
Week 5	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 8.00pm	Choir singing at Mayor's Inauguration
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, am	Year 3: First Access Project 5
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 10am	C-Salt assembly
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 9am	Revd Paula CW
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May, am	Year 1 Visit to Silverstone Circuit Experience
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3: First Access Project 6 Term ends
<i>Summer Term 2 2023</i>		
Week 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Term starts
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window starts (2 week period) Year 3: First Access Project 7
Week 2	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check Week
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponne Staff Visit (Year 6 Transition) Year 3: First Access Project 8
Week 3	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Activity Week (all week)
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3: First Access Project 9 RSHE Resources Sharing with Parents (after school)
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 9am	Revd Paula Colective Worship Year 3: First Access Project 10
Week 5	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Healthy Living Week (all week)
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	RHSE week all week
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3: First Access Project 10am, C-Salt Collective Worship
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day : races in the afternoon!
Week 6	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day: races in the afternoon
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6: It's Your Move, Year 6 Transition Workshop
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	A Celebration of Music!
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sponne Transition Day Whole school transition day (meet your new teacher day)
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sponne Transition Day
*Week 7	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	PDET Going for Gold Day
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Lawrence Church
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Service for Parents in school
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Promfest Celebration (after school) Term Ends

### Sporting Achievements

#### KS2 Rounders

Huge congratulations to our fantastic KS2 Rounders team who attended an inter-school competition at Sponne on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Our wonderful children demonstrate our school values both in and out of school. They played fantastically, showed great team spirit and outstanding sportsmanship to other teams.

**They have now been awarded joint-first place after batting, bowling and fielding brilliantly in all their matches!**

Well done Towcester Team!

Huge thanks go to Miss Simonds for organising the team, Mrs Martin and Mr Taylor-Rutt for taking them and Coach Churchward for his training!

### KS2 Netball

Our Netball team are through to the County Finals which take place this Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We are proud of them for their great teamwork, positive attitudes and wonderful sportsmanship. Please join me in wishing them lots of luck in the tournament! Go Towcester!!!

### Coronation Celebration, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with a performance of song and dance from countries across the Commonwealth. Children are invited to dress in red, white and blue clothing for the day (school uniform can also be worn). ABM (the school meals company) are organising a picnic lunch for the children to have on the field. This can be ordered through parent pay.

We will perform songs and dances in each year group as well as whole school 'country dancing'. Please join us in our celebrations, the Rec gates will open at 1.25pm for parents and carers to enter. Please sit or stand within the marked areas to enjoy the performance.

The performances will start at 1.30pm after which the children will be taken back to their classrooms, they will be dismissed from their usual places.

We look forward to seeing you – bring your dancing shoes!

### Industrial Action

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

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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 **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. 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 clubs will run as usual for all existing members, please contact Freestyle should you have any queries.

### School Council Rules Swap Day

Thank you to our amazing School Council members who organised our Rule Swap Day to raise funds for both the school and for charities. You did a fantastic job – well done! Huge thanks also go to Mrs Dowdeswell who supports the School Council in their roles.

### *Trips this term*

Our staff are currently arranging some exciting day trips for pupils to experience during the summer term. We will not be running our usual range of residential trips this year as we are mindful of the cost of living crisis and do not want to add additional financial strain.

Instead, our teachers are busy organising some day trips for all of our children to experience, incorporating exciting activities that they may not experience every day!

We look forward to sharing the details of these with you and to making sure that all of our children enjoy some great days out!

### *A Celebration of Music!*

We are lucky to have NMPAT working with our children this term on a number of 'First Access' projects. All Year 3 children will participate in ukulele lessons across the Summer Term. Likewise, Year 6 will also be learning woodwind or brass instruments across the coming weeks.

Both First Access projects will culminate in a 'Concert' to which the year group's parents will be invited. We would also like to share our children's accomplishments in a celebration of music on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July where our instrumentalists and choir will perform – more details to follow!

### *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!

Please could we ask that all children wear the expected uniform to school unless an agreement with the school has been reached for special circumstances. Please avoid sending your child to school in trainers or 'astros'.

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.

We are aware how quickly the children grow and how uniform can be costly. To support with this, we will set up a clothes rail of good condition pre-loved uniform that can be bought (£1 per item) from the main reception area.

If anyone has any donations of pre-loved uniform (sweatshirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts, badged white T shirts) that is in good condition to add to our supply, please do bring it in to the main reception.

Please do let us know if you need support with providing the listed school uniform, the school office team who will be happy to help: [office@towcester.pdet.org.uk](mailto:office@towcester.pdet.org.uk).

### Attendance

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please could we ask that you contact us before 9:00am so that we can mark them absent on the register. If we do not hear from you, the following process will be followed:

- Parents/carers will be called to discuss the reason for the absence.
- If school staff are unable to make contact, a home visit will be made on day 2 of the absence period. A red card alert will be left/posted at the home address asking you to contact school as a matter of urgency. If there is no answer at home address the school will attempt to contact any additional contacts held by the school.
- The family and contacts will be telephoned daily until contact is made.

### SATS Periods

As May approaches, we enter the SATs windows for our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils. Please do try to ensure that your child is in school for their tests, this is particularly important for our Year 6 pupils whose tests are scheduled for specific days.

Year 4 children will have their Multiplication Tables Checks in the two week window commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Our Year 1 pupils will sit their Phonics Screening Checks in the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please support us by ensuring that your child is in school during these periods.

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 5	School re-opens	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
	School closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
	School closes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Term 6	School re-opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
	School closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

#### Academic year 2023/24

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