



## 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.*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome to the first part of our Summer Term. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday. It is wonderful to see all the children back at school and ready to learn.*

*There are several events on this term for you as parents and carers. We have added the full calendar to the end of this email but would like to draw your attention to the most upcoming ones in more detail below:*



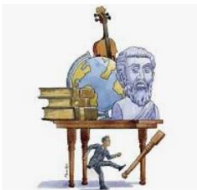
### **Wednesday 24th April**

#### **Online Safety Parent Session 5:30pm in the main school hall led by Simon Aston**

Simon Aston is an online safety and wellbeing officer who works with schools, social workers, parents, various Police forces and young people across Northamptonshire and different parts of the country. He has over 15 years of experience working with children and young people from youth work to various safeguarding roles in schools and colleges.

Over the past few years, Simon has focussed on building resilience within young people online. He encourages the importance of giving children and young people a strong foundation to digital resilience by allowing children to explore the online world but with boundaries in place and not over blocking or removing tech.

Come along and learn practical tips to support building digital responsibility and know how, as a parent, you can keep your young child safe online.

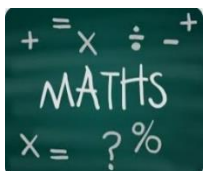


### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Humanities Parent Open Afternoon 2-3:30pm**

We would love you to join your child's History or Geography lesson during the afternoon before enjoying refreshments and a talk about what your child will learn in History and Geography at Towcester CE Primary School and why and how we teach it. Please come to main reception from there you will be taken to your child's classroom.

Post it notes will be available in each classroom and the main hall for you to leave feedback about the session for us.



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Maths Parent Open Morning 9-10:30am**

We will be opening our doors and welcoming all parents to our Maths lessons. You will have the opportunity to join your child's Maths lesson before a parent workshop over refreshments in the main hall explaining how your child learns Maths and what you can do to support and develop this at home. Please go into the classroom with your child in the morning.

Post it notes will be available in each classroom and the main hall for you to leave feedback about the session for us.

**The Hive Parent Group** is open to everyone, and all are welcome, including preschool children and babies. They are very informal with a 'chat and a cup of tea'. Some sessions are more relevant to parents with children who have special needs, but anyone interested is welcome.



**Wednesday 17th April**

**Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am led by West Northants Voices in Partnership**

West Northants Voices in Partnership (WNVP) is an independent group of Parent Carers who all have a child/young person (CYP) with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability (SEND). Their aim is to listen and present the voices of their members at a strategic level to help plan and develop the quality, range, and accessibility of local SEND provision to achieve better outcomes for the CYP of West Northants. The partnership often run free online workshops and events for parent-carers. Membership is free, and open to all parents and carers of children with SEND in West Northamptonshire. Become a member using this [link](#).



**Wednesday 1st May**

**Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am led by Towcester Food Bank**

The Foodbank is a project founded by local people and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in our local area. Staffed by volunteers, the shelves in our storeroom are stocked with the food kindly donated by members of the public and organisations. Come along to hear more about what they do and how they help. You can also find out how they can help you or how you could get involved with them.



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am Talk on Sleep led by School Nursing Team**

Our school nurse team work with children aged between 5 and 19 years old who are attending schools. They offer support on so many different areas of life including encouraging healthy lifestyle choices, support with emotional wellbeing and identifying children and young people who may need additional support. The Nurses will be sharing tips and advice on 'sleep' from how to embed a successful night time routine to individual advice or support on all your child's sleep (or lack of sleep!) problems.

**Absence Requests for Holidays in Term Time**

Please could we share this reminder that we are unable to authorise applications for absence from school for pupils to take holiday during term time.

Last year, we did not issue any referrals to the Local Authority for penalty notices to parents as we were acutely aware that parents and carers had to take days of absence from work to provide childcare during days of teachers' industrial action. It would not have been fair to issue penalty notices within this context.

This year, as there has been no industrial action within the academic year, we will be making referrals to the Local Authority for penalty notices where applications are received for absence for holiday during term time. This has been explained throughout the year in newsletters and communications.

For further information about our attendance procedures and policies, please see our school website page: [Towcester CE Primary School - Attendance \(towcesterprimary.northants.sch.uk\)](http://towcesterprimary.northants.sch.uk)

## School Uniform

We would like to gently remind parents and carers that children should wear school shoes rather than trainers or astros to school. We understand that there will always be odd occasions children will not be able to wear their school shoes however, we would like to see all of our children in their school shoes on a regular basis.

If there are any reasons why this is not possible, please do speak to Mrs McShane, our Family Support Worker who may be able to assist.

## Dates for the term ahead

<i>Dates and Events for the Term Ahead</i> <i>Summer Term 1 2024</i>	
Week 1	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens to Pupils
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Trip to Lunt Roman Fort
	Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am: West Northants Voices in Partnership
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 MHST workshops on Sleep
	FOTOPS Disco after school
Week 2	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Preschool Consultation Meeting 5:30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photos – Lisa Jeffries
	Year 3 to St Lawrence Church pm
	Online Safety Parent Session 5:30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 MHST workshops on Sleep
Week 3	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Open Afternoon: Humanities
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am Talk led by Foodbank
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Inflatables Day
Week 4	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – School closed
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Open Morning: Maths
Week 5	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS WEEK
	Year 5 Bike-ability Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Hive Parent Group 9-10:30am: Sleep Talk led by School Nurse
Week 6	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Shakespeare Theatre Workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Final Celebration Assembly for the Term
	Term Ends
Spring Half Term Holiday	

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Term for all children
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*We look forward to seeing you at these events this term. Thank you for all your support, if you have any questions or queries about any of the items, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

*With kind regards*

**Sally Beaton**

Headteacher