



Friday 4th September 2020

TYSOE NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2020 Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! And welcome to our Reception children beginning their Tysoe journey this week!

All of the staff have been delighted to see the children back to school and straight into learning this week. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust to our new routines. The children have been outstanding this week and have settled back into school amazingly well. I am very proud of them all.

Thank you to those parents who have directed their queries and questions to the office. Please continue to email or call the office if you have any queries or wish to speak with your child's teacher.

Communication

Thank you also to those parents who have already signed up for ParentPay. Alongside using ParentPay for lunch payments (and hopefully trips in the not too distant future!), we will be using ParentPay to send the newsletters and other correspondence and urge all parents to follow the sign up instructions emailed to you as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you are having any difficulties with logging in.

Newsletters and other communication will continue to be published on the school website www.tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk

We endeavour to keep you updated of important events and dates as far in advance as possible.

A few polite reminders please;

- A filled water bottle should come to school everyday.
- The children need rain jackets and weather appropriate clothing please.
- On PE days, the children are welcome to wear black shorts or jogging bottoms dependent on the weather. They can also wear trainers.
- The children may bring in a packed lunch box but it will remain on their peg and it will be returned home each day for washing.
- Please be aware of social distancing for adults during drop off and collection times. Many of our families are shielding loved ones and we Thank you for respecting their wish to keep a distance



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our Christian core value is Friendship

It can be difficult to see all of the parents down the lane (especially under umbrellas and rain jacket hoods!) so we thank you for bearing with us as we try to dismiss the children safely.

Although we do not know when, our plans will have to adapt and change again. We look forward to being able to welcome parents back to school for collective worship, shared learning and celebration assemblies. Until then thank you for reading the information coming home and for your ongoing understanding.

Parents and Children Meet and Greet

We will shortly be sending more information about the online 'Meet and Greet' for parents, children and teachers.

*Paige Neale
Head of School*

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service

Your school nurse team is here to help!

We know these times can be unsettling for children, young people and families. Our school nurse team is here to provide support with any concerns or questions about health and wellbeing: get in touch using the details below for free confidential advice.

Parents/carers

Service mainline: 03300 245 204

Text Parentline: 07520 619 376

Children/young people aged 11-19 years

Text ChatHealth 07507 331 525

For urgent support with mental health for children and young people, please call the 24/7 CW RISE supportline:

02476 641 799 between 8am and 8pm

0300 200 0011 outside these hours

<u>TERM DATES 2020/2021</u>	
10 th October	Google Meet Friends 6.30pm
14 th September	Teams Meet and Greet (online)
26 th - 30 th Oct	Half Term
21 st Dec-1 st Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 th January 2021	Inset Day
15 th - 19 th Feb	Half Term
2 nd -16 th April	Easter Holiday
31 st May-4 th Jun	Half Term

<u>Community News</u>	
	The decision has been made to cancel The Apple Day in October and The Wassail in January. It is disappointing but let's look forward to next year!

School Dinners

The week starting Monday 7th September is **Week 2** on the menus, which can be found on the school website under the Parent Tab, School Meals. Meals cost **£2.60** per day and should be paid for using ParentPay.

The Friends

The next meeting of The Friends will be on Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm on Teams.

Postponement of 11+ Testing in Warwickshire

The link below is to a press release from Warwickshire County Council, published on their website on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/1239/postponement-of-11-testing-in-warwickshire>

Parents are advised to contact the Admissions team for further clarity on this matter: admissions@warwickshire.gov.uk

Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus outbreak

There is a link to new guidance on our website on the front scrolling page titled Return to School September 2020.

Leave of Absence During Term Time

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any

length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent. *Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.