



Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery

In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely break over the half-term. It's only a five week half-term before we break up for Easter, so there is much to be done in only a few weeks. A special welcome to Lydia who has joined Year 1 this week.

On Monday evening a group of parents joined together to form the new Tanworth PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association). which is really great news. Georgina Thompson was elected as Chair, with Gemma Hickey as Secretary and Sarah Hoadley as Treasurer. The new PTFA did not waste any time and have already got their first event in the diary, 'Tanworth Easter Hunt'. More details will follow, but children and their families will be able to purchase a map the week before Easter and go on a Easter Hunt around the village finding the eggs. There will be a prize for all children that enter, with prizes being presented (in school in a special assembly. There is a special message from Georgina on the back of this newsletter.

The PTFA have also planned the Mother's Day Shop but need donations of paper gift bags and wrapping paper. If you have any spare wrapping paper or paper gift bags that would be suitable to use to wrap gifts from the Mother's Day Shop, then please send them in. Next Friday will be the non-school uniform day in which we ask for donations of gifts suitable for the Mother's Day Shop, please send in any unwanted suitable gifts.

Thursday saw 65 KS2 children, and staff, join together with other schools at Resorts World in Birmingham. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but Miss Evens fed back that it was a magical evening. Young Voices was an opportunity for 58 of our children to sing in a choir with 5000+ others in an arena, alongside incredible artists. This was not only a chance to sing but also to develop their own self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! The concert last night was the culmination of a lot of hard work from not only the children but also Mr Fidler (our Music lead). Thank you to Mr Fidler for arranging for our children to take part and to both Mr Fidler and Miss Wilding for giving up their lunchtimes to help the children learn the songs. Thank you also to the staff that accompanied the children, without your support this opportunity would not have been able to take place. Thank you also to you the parents for supporting your children, I hope those of you who managed to attend had an enjoyable evening.

But a special thank you must go to the children. Miss Evens said that they were all just amazing their behaviour, without exception, was impeccable. Well done children, once more you did Tanworth proud!

With the rain this week, I am sure many of you are looking to book holidays either for this year or next. The holiday dates for 23/24 and 24/25 can be found on the school website, including the days when school is closed for Teacher Training. On page 4 of this newsletter is a reminder that Tanworth is a referring school and as such this means:

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Thank you to Steve and Ann (our site team) who over half-term made good the fencing area on entry to the school. A thank you also to the 'mystery gardener' who came in over the half-term and worked on our Prayer Garden area. It is looking so much better already.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Bamford

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NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 23rd FEBRUARY 2024

It has been lovely to welcome back our children in Nursery after half term. We have also had the pleasure of Eloise joining us in Nursery for the new half term. We have had a wonderful week in Nursery celebrating love and reading lots of stories about love. On Wednesday we gave the children the option of coming out in the wet weather. Twelve children decided to come out and embrace the elements including lots of lovely MUD!



TANWORTH PTFA!



We have news! Following Monday's very first AGM, we officially have a new PTA! We had a great turn out with fabulous ideas and input with a lovely group of parents. Thank you to all that attended!

We worked hard to finalise our Spring events and begin gathering ideas for future events!

Follow us on our social pages to get the latest updates, what we're raising for and upcoming events! www.instagram.com/tanworthinardenpta

Still time to join us! Our next meeting will be Mon 8th April 7pm!

Georgina



TESCO STRONGER STARTS

If you have been to Tesco recently you may have spotted that we are part of the 'Tesco Stronger Starts' scheme. It's a scheme which gives community projects grants of up to £1,500. Last year we applied to support us in securing funding to help us purchase Trim Trails and before Christmas we found out that we have been successful. Tesco customers will now be able to vote in the stores listed below during January to March. The more blue tokens we get, the more funding we will receive. So please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

Barnt Green Bham Express B45 8NE

Redditch Extra B98 7RU

Lodge Park Express B98 7LB

Marlbrook Brmsgrv Express B60 1DL

Redditch Brockhil Express B97 6PH



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SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

Friday 1st March Non-school uniform donations for Mother's Day Shop
 Thursday 7th March World Book Day dress as your favourite book character
 Friday 8th March Mother's Day Shop
 Friday 15th March Home Learning in
 Monday 18th March Home Learning Gallery 3.15
 Tuesday 19th March Home Learning Gallery 8.30am
 Tuesday 19th March Parents Evening In person
 Wednesday 20th March Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Parents Evening Virtual
 Friday 22nd March Easter Bonnet Parade 1.10pm
 Friday 22nd March Easter Service in Church Year 5
 Friday 22nd March School and Nursery close for Easter


Monday 8th April School and Nursery reopen for summer
 Monday 8th April Shakespeare Week in school
 Monday 8th April PTFA meeting 7pm in school
 Monday 6th May May Day School and Nursery closed
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May KS2 SATS week
 Friday 24th May Break up for half-term
 Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School
 Friday 21st June Sports Day/Summer Fete
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop
 Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete (back up day)
 Wednesday 10th July Secondary Induction Day
 Friday 12th July School Disco
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday
 Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24

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School Holiday
 Public Holiday
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 3rd June 2024 for Teacher Training .

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Leave of Absence

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not** grant any Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

Expectations

Parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.

Head teachers will determine how many school days a child may be absent from school if the leave is granted.

The school can only consider applications for Leave of Absence which are made by the resident parent. i.e the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Applications for Leave of Absence must be made in advance.

When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

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Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

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

The Warwickshire Attendance Service have the authority to consider issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for Leave of Absence in line with the Warwickshire County Council's Non-School Attendance and Penalty Notices Code of Conduct. (A copy of which can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/pupilonattendance>).

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 each child if paid within 21 days).

If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and is not paid within the timeframe set out in that Notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Each application for a Leave of Absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

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Support for autistic people and those awaiting a neurodevelopmental diagnosis

Did you know you can access free support if you have a child or young person who is autistic or if they are still awaiting a diagnosis?

The Community Autism Support Service (CASS) offers support to people of all ages living in Coventry and Warwickshire. The service can help you to find the right support, whether you are waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment or already have a diagnosis of autism. This support also extends to families and carers, so if you have a loved one and you're not sure how to help CASS can guide you.

The team will listen to your needs and help to put in place personalised support which might include one-to-one or group sessions, workshops or referrals to other services.

You can contact CASS in the following ways:

By calling the dedicated phone line on 02476 012333. Available five days a week (Monday to Friday), 8am to 8pm

Visit the CASS website for information, guidance and online referrals

Email: navigation@casspartnership.org.uk

For the latest updates follow CASS on social media:

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