

TDA Junior Newsletter

Friday 1st February 2019

Children's Mental Health Week



Next week in school we will be supporting a charity called Place2Be for 'Children's mental health week'. Place2Be are a charity who work across England supporting children, parents and school staff with mental health and emotional wellbeing. They have worked with 294 schools last year and reached 142,000 young children. Throughout the week children can bring in an item from home which makes them happy (e.g. a book, toy, teddy) to discuss in show and tell. If your child would like to contribute to the show and tell, they will need to donate £1.00. Further details will follow next week from your child's class teacher. On Thursday children will be able to have their face painted for a 50p donation. Thank you for your support.

Years 5 and 6 Maths Enrichment Conference

Last week selected children in years 5 and 6 went to Oundle School to take part in the annual Open Maths Enrichment Conference. The event brings schools from across the region together to participate in a range of fun and engaging maths challenges. The morning was spent completing a carousel of activities which focussed on specific topics. After lunch each school split into two teams to compete in the maths treasure hunt. It was a fun and challenging day for the children. Well done to all our children who took part.



Literacy Competition



Some of our year 6 children took part in the final round of the Local Authority English competition. From sixteen teams who entered they made it to the final six and came second place. Well done TDAJ a super effort!

Dinner Monies



Thank you for your support with paying for dinners and using our cashless system ParentPay. We are still experiencing a few children who do not have enough money on their dinner money account. Please ensure you check your child's dinner money account on ParentPay at the start of each week to make sure there is enough money on your child's dinner account.



School Day

Please note the school gates open at 8.40 am in the morning. There are a number of children who are being dropped off and left on their own before the gates open and children are not supervised. Children cannot be supervised at this time as members of staff are not on duty until 8.40 am. If your child needs to be at school before the gates open then please book them in to our breakfast club.

A number of children are not being collected on time when school finishes at 3.00 pm. Could I please remind you that if your child is not collected at 3.00 pm they will be put into after school at a cost of £5.50. Thank you.



Library Books Reminder

Please note all library books or any payment for lost library books should be returned to Mrs. Masters in the school library. There is also a secure returns box located directly outside the library. The school library is open for returns and payments to parents on Wednesdays after school.



PE Kits and Packed Lunches

A number of children are not arriving to school with all their correct belongings including a packed lunch if required. This leaves confusion for the children as they do not know what they are having for dinner or if they can take part in PE. Please ensure your child has their packed lunch and PE kit with them when they arrive at school. Please note all PE kits and lunch boxes need to have the child's name and class so it is easy to identify.



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent for any reason please could you inform the school office on the morning of your child's absence. As you can appreciate our phone line is very busy first thing in a morning. If you are unable to get through then please leave a message on the answer phone. When reporting a child's absence it is essential that you state your child's full name, class and the reason why they are absent. If you state your child is unwell or poorly we cannot accept this as a valid reason and it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Thank you for your cooperation.



Appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day and you need to collect them during school time please notify your child's class teacher in the morning. Some classes are taken across to the Secondary phase for lessons and when you arrive at the Junior Reception office staff will have to direct you to the Secondary phase to collect your child. If the Class teacher is informed they can arrange for your child to stay in school. Thank you.



Lost Jumpers

We have a large number of unnamed, abandoned jumpers and cardigans which we can't return to their owners. If you would like to offer a new home to an abandoned jumper or cardigan, please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher. A jumper or cardigan will be sent home with your child. Thank you.



Dates for the diary:-

Wednesday 6th February - Wednesday 13th March – DaVinci Swimming lessons
Thursday 7th February – Year 4 Feynman Class Visit - Pizza Express
w/c 11th February – 15th February – Year 6 SATS Mock Week
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half term week
Thursday 21st February – School Holiday Camp run by Just Do Sport
Monday 4th March – Year 5 Visit to Space Centre
Thursday 7th March – Year 4 Tyson Class Visit - Pizza Express
Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March – Parents Evenings

Kind regards

Lucy Burks
Head of Juniors

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Jumper Request

Child's Name: Class:

Cardigan:

Jumper:

Age 7 – 8

Age 9-10

Age 11-12

Signed Parent/Carer: