



Town Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the end of year draws rapidly towards us our thoughts are immediately pulled to next year. The arrangements we have made for the children to move to their new classes is explained below. The children will be introduced to their new class teachers before the Transition Days take place. During this year I held a consultation regarding a change to the teaching group from ability setting to whole class teaching. The consensus was that it was not the right time to make the change in the middle of the school year; however, the decision has been made to teach the children in classes from September. Staff have been working closely across the year groups to ensure the planning, resources and lesson expectations of this teaching style are ready to be implemented at the beginning of next term. This is in line with many other Sutton schools.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Smith'.

Head Teacher

Hot Weather

In typical British fashion we have now been suddenly sweltering in hot sunshine. Please remember that the children are out at playtime for at least 1hr 15mins per day plus any additional time spent at Kingfishers and that our classrooms can get very hot even with the doors and windows open. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school and that it is filled with **water** not squash. Please also ensure they come to school with a suitable hat and an appropriate factor sun cream.



Transition Days

30th June

1.30-2.30 Y3 children to meet Y2 buddies at Holland House

Tuesday 4th July

Y3, Y4 & Y5 move into new classes for 2 days within school

Y6 in school - Activity Day.

6pm Holland House Y2 to Y3 Parent's Transition Meeting –September intake.

Wednesday 5th July

Y6 to their respective secondary schools – all day.

Y2 from Holland House to Town Junior School.

Year 6 Leavers

Friday 14th July

1.15pm Y6 Leavers Production - for Year 6 parents only.

20th July 1.30 – 4.30 Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 21st July

2.00pm Y6 Presentation Assembly - for Year 6 parents only.

Summer Fayre

Holland House and Town Junior PTA are pleased to present our Summer Fayre on Saturday 24th June 12 - 2pm held at Town Junior School. All are welcome to enjoy a superb summery afternoon of food, fun and games including wellie wanging, raffle, fancy dress competition, cakes, tombola's and lots more. Save the date in your diaries and come along to make wonderful fun filled memories with your little ones. All welcome, 50p entry fee on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 24th June 2017

12- 2pm Summer Fayre

28th June

Sports Day
9.30 – 11.00am Y3 & Y4

1.30 – 3.00pm Y5 & Y6

29th June

9.05 Magical Maths assembly

June 30th

Book Sale

4th/5th July

Town Junior School transition days to meet new teacher

5th July

Y6 Transition – day at new Secondary Schools

5th / 6th / 7th July

Y6 Residential to Conover Hall

10th July

9.05 Summer Concert for woodwind & guitar students

12th July

3.45 – 5.45 Open Evening

14th July

1.15 Y6 Leavers Production

20th July

Big Bounce Day
1.30 – 4.30 Y6 Leavers Party

21st July

2pm Y6 Presentation Assembly
Break up for summer

6th September 2017

Children return to school

Woodwind Lessons

If you would like your child to learn to play a musical instrument please ask for a form from the school office. Learning a musical instrument is fun and it can do wonders for children's self-esteem and confidence. Once a term Mr Henry leads the children in playing their instruments in assembly to the rest of the school.

ParentPay - our new online payment service

Please see attachment which explains about ParentPay which we are introducing on 3rd July 2017 for all payments to school including school dinners and trips.



School Uniform

Whilst I appreciate we are heading towards the end of term I am concerned about the number of children who are not wearing correct school uniform, particularly shoes. Any children wearing shorts to school should make sure they are made from proper school trouser material and not jogging bottom, jersey material. Children should still be wearing their black school shoes and not trainers. Sandals should be dark in colour, sturdy so that toes are protected and they are held securely on to feet. Please remember how much time the children spend playing outside running about on the field and playground. Sensible footwear is vital to avoid accidents.

Big Bounce Day Thursday 20th July

We are again having a 'Big Bounce' Day, this was very popular with the children last year with most children taking part, this will be on **Thursday 20th July**. We have booked 4 large bouncy castles for the day. Children can then choose to pay £2.50 to play on the inflatables for 45 minutes with the rest of their year group. If you would like your child to play on the inflatables please send the money in with them before **Thursday 20th July** in an envelope clearly marked with their name. On the day ensure they are wearing trousers and socks. If you do not want your child to take part they will remain in the classroom with a member of staff. Y6 will use the bouncy castles for the rest of the day as part of their Leaver's Party.



Sports Day Wednesday 28th June 2017

On Wednesday we will be hosting our annual Sports Day. As in previous years the event will be held twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Children from Years 3 and 4 will be competing in the morning event which starts at 9:30am and finishes at 11:00am. The children from Years 5 and 6 will be competing in the afternoon - from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. There will be a series of events and games throughout the morning and afternoon such as Penalty Kick, Space Hopper Race, Javelin and the traditional races like the Obstacle Course! The children will be competing in their house groups as they participate in each event. Your child will know the house they are in and the coloured t-shirt they need to wear. Please avoid sending in football shirts. They need to wear the colour associated to their house: Longmoor – Blue, Wyndley – Green, Bracebridge – Red, Blackroot – Yellow. We look forward to seeing you on 28th June and we hope that the weather will be good. Please ensure that your child has suitable sun protection i.e. hat, sun cream and also an additional drink of water.



Fun Run

Well done to the following children who raised money through sponsorship for the Fun Run Jenna M, Daniel M, Francesca C, Oliver S, Hannah S, Robert W, Chloe W, Emmanuel A, Joel C, Molly C, Elijah L, Joshua B, Harriet B, Tilly B, Jessica C, Harry R, Charlie S, Daniel W, Samuel A, Eva C, Jahvaughn F, Libby H, Isaiah L, Emily R, Robyn B, Isabelle C, Isaac C, Kayden C, Daniel H, Maria R, Erin S, James A, Jack B, Alice C, Eleanor F, Uzayr H, Valentina I, Harry W, Emily A, Freddie B, Phoebe B, Maddie B, Tyler G, Rowan B, Megan B.

Winners of the £5 gift voucher for the most raised are:

Teo F, Joe C, Isaac C, Phoebe B, Emily S, Oliver S, Sam A, Jessica C, Mason T.

Winners of the £10 voucher for most money raised for upper and lower school are Phoebe B, Jessica C.

As of the 16th June the amount of money the school has raised is £1897!!!

Thank you to all those who sponsored the children.

AWARDS

Congratulations to:

Bronze Merit Award

Y3 = Aaliyah G, Ellie L, Tyler G, Taylor-Mae T, Joshua B, Mason T.
Y4 = Jack B, Elijah L, Jayden B, Molly C, Madison G, Eva C, Daniel S, Summer P, Tom B.
Chloe J Y5
Y6 = Shania M, Simran F, Zoe B, Jess L, Vijay R.

Silver Merit

Y3 = Ben M, Hannah S, Ryan H, Elliot T,
Y6 = Shania M, Jude D, Ishmael M, Kiera M, Maddie B, Millie G, Zara A, Harry A, Sara T.

Gold Merit

Y6 = Freddie B, Sami Z,

Reading Award

Y5 = Libby S, Imogen MN, Chloe J,
Y4 = Kealan P, Zachery O, Carissa H, Daniel S, Eva C, Abisha S.

Bronze Reading Award

Y3 = Emilia M, Elliot T, Tyler G,
Y4 = Mollie C,
Y5 = Donald C, Aayan R

Silver Reading Award

Y5 = Valentina I, Freddie B, Daniel W,
Y4 = Lauren B, Aurora D,

Gold Music Award

Harriet B Y3

Pen Licence

Thomas B Y6

Fathers' Day Lunch

Fathers' Day lunches for Y3 was fun and exciting because Fathers' Day is all about your dad and your dad could work anywhere like a restaurant or a building site, he raises money for the family. For Fathers' Day lunch the food was delicious and yummy! There were baguettes, jacket potatoes and beef or pork, for pudding there was crumble or chocolate cake with custard, there was also fruit it tasted so good! By Jacey

Cluster choir

The choir had amazingly beautiful voices. The songs they sang were astonishing and I could listen to their voices all day. I appreciate them coming to our school on a very hot day. By Abisha Y4
A choir came to our school and sang a few songs; all of their songs were amazing. By Madhusa
The Cluster Choir meets for rehearsals on Wednesdays 5.15pm until 6.45pm at Arthur Terry School, Kittoe Road, B74 4RZ. Please visit the website suttoncoldfieldchoirs.org.uk for further information or ask at the school office for a leaflet.

Y3 Marvellous Maths

Marvellous Maths in Y3 was very good fun. First we stayed in our class and did some maths (weighing, scales, mass). After that one group of 10 went to make some cookies while the other group of 20 did maths and then it repeated with the other groups. We based it on the Great British Bake Off which is why we baked cookies.

Y4 Marvellous Maths

Tuesday 19th June we firstly made a 3D shape (alien). We coloured the alien shapes it was fun! By Daniel S

In Marvellous Maths we did angles, 3D shape making and symmetry. We got a piece of paper and drew a line down the middle and if we drew a shape on it one side you had to draw it on the other. By Irtza

We did some 3D shapes when we finished colouring in we put them together. By Freya

Y5 Marvellous Maths Day

Y5 enjoyed lots of measuring activities this Thursday as part of our Marvellous Maths Day. The Scavenger Hunt was fantastic. We had to find things from the field or playground that measured the same as the measurement on our sheets. Some of the things we collected were sticks, berries, branches and leaves. Next we were sent on a maths treasure hunt, also outside. We had to solve the problems written on the clues and then find the next clue which had the answer to the previous problem on it! It was fun but challenging because we had to problem solve mentally. In the afternoon, we drew angles on pictures of ourselves doing Dabs and had to measure the angles using protractors. We also made paper planes and measured how they flew. By Uzayr & Harry W



Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

Y5 recently visited the Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church on Trinity Hill. The Church was very modern and spacious. A man named Paul told us a lot of interesting facts about Christianity and baptism. We found it interesting when Paul showed us the baptism pool – where people are baptised by being dunked into water. This symbolises that they have deleted their old life and made a commitment to start a new life devoted to Jesus and God. By Libby & Maria



Governor Survey to Parents May 2017

As part of our continuing commitment to school improvement, the Local Governing Board were interested in finding out whether the information we are given at our meetings on how much the school has improved matched with the views parents had of the school.

A survey was conducted at the parents evenings held during the week beginning 22 May 2017. 30 questions were asked in the survey, which dealt with views on the Teaching & Learning, Care, Well Being & Behaviour of Pupils, Trips and Out of School Activities, Staff and Communication, Resources and Facilities of the school. Many thanks to the 92 parents/carers who completed the survey. The Local Governing Board have read and discussed the feedback which we appreciate and take very seriously. Where appropriate, the comments where room for improvement or concerns were raised have been taken on board by Mrs Smith and will be addressed as necessary.

The school received some wonderful comments from parents and, overall, the results were overwhelmingly positive. Please [click here](#) to see the survey results in full.

Magic Moments continued

Potato Competition

In February Y5 entered a competition called 'grow your own potatoes' where you needed to grow your own potatoes at school. You then had to pick them and weigh them together and then weigh the largest separately. Meteors grew rocket potatoes and Comets grew Jester potatoes. The Rocket potatoes weighed more at 2.1kg and the biggest potato was 20grams. We then used this data to enter the competition. To end off the day we learnt about Field to Fork and the life cycle of a potato. By Daniel W



Rounders Tournament

On the 20th June a group of Y5 and Y6 played a group of rounders at Kingsbury School. It was an exciting experience for everyone who came. We played a total of 4 games. We drew the first game and won the second. The whole afternoon was filled with excitement and after 4 matches we found out our score. We came in at 3rd place, which we were really proud of. The other schools were very good. We had an amazing afternoon.

By Rosie & Harry R Y6/Y5

A Summary of the Results revealed that:

90% of parents surveyed thought that the overall standard of education was excellent or good;
87% of parents surveyed agreed that their child's enjoyment of learning at school was excellent or good;
86% of parents surveyed thought the leading and management of the school was excellent or good;
85% of parents surveyed thought the approachability of staff was excellent or good; and
85% of parents surveyed thought the school rated excellent or good.

Comments made by Parents/Carers included the following:

"The approach to teaching has helped my child to engage and become more enthusiastic to learning".

"My child is extremely happy at school and I'm delighted with her progress".

"I think the school has developed a lot in the past few years and my children are all happy, well supported and are learning very well".

"My child is extremely happy at school. I can't thank the staff enough"

"Super availability of school trips this year. Many thanks to staff for their extra time in arranging and going on trips".

As with any survey, there are areas to improve on and these include:

Ensuring parents feel happier with the level of homework provided to their child

Communicating how the school is resourced and the facilities that are available to the children

The range of extra- curricular activities

Communicating the work of the Governing Body more effectively

It was comforting to see that the responses received matched the data and information we as Governors receive through our meetings. The Governors have asked Mrs Smith to pass on our congratulations and thanks to the staff for their hard work and positive engagement with parents/carers.

Please see future newsletters and communications from the Governors about the continuing work we do and how we and the school are working on the areas identified for improvement.

School improvements

- Miss Powis has attended her NQT course at Boldmere Training School.
- Town Standards Committee met to discuss progress data with the SLT.
- Mrs Gilmour attended the Safeguarding Hub meeting at Plantsbrook School.
- Writing moderation carried out with year group partners.
- Mrs Powis attended the Excellence for Learning Trust Literacy Leaders meeting looking at reading strategies.
- Mrs Smith attended the Plantsbrook Board of Trustees Financial meeting.
- Mrs Smith and Mrs Gilmour interviewed candidates to fill vacancies for September.
- Miss Wilson attended a course at Boldmere Teaching School.
- Fathers' Day lunches have been held for all year groups.
- The Speech & Language Therapist has been in school to work with individual children and provide plans for staff to use.
- Sex & Relationship Education sessions have started for Y6.
- Mrs Smith attended the Sutton Headteachers Consortium meeting at Fairlawns.
- Miss Collins attended the Autism update course led by Mark Hill.
- Y6 transition workshops have been held for a group of children led by Our Place Community Hub.
- Town School Local Governing Board

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

To cover lunchtimes approximately 1 hour daily, term time only

Grade 2 + Living Wage Enhancement - £8.45 per hour

To join a team responsible for supervising pupils during the lunch-break. The successful candidate will have experience of working with young people and be able to communicate in a calm and positive manner with pupils.

Closing Date: 16th June 2017. For informal enquiries or to arrange a pre-application visit, please telephone Kim Gwinnett on 0121 464 8738