



Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

First Newsletter of the School Year

6th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year at Tynsel Parkes. We are all very excited to start the new year and look forward to the challenges ahead. I hope you have enjoyed the summer break with your families and friends.

The children have settled back to school very well, looking very smart in their school uniforms. I would like to welcome all the new children who are joining us this week, from the youngest who join us in Nursery and Reception to the older children who have joined us throughout the school. We look forward to getting to know all the children over the next few weeks.

Mrs. Rachel Chandler.

Principal

Staffing:

There have been a number of staffing changes for this term, below is information regarding the staff in the Academy.

Nursery - Caterpillars	Mrs Evans Mrs Holmes Mrs Chatfield
Reception - Butterflies	Mrs Helm Miss Edensor
Year 1 - Mice	Mrs Irving Mrs Lauben Mrs Roberts
Year 2 - Owls	Mrs Webb Mrs Clark
Year 3 - Squirrels	Mrs Walker - Vice Principal Mr Sahota (Thursday and Friday)
Year 4 - Bees	Mrs. Skelton Mrs Sowter



Our office staff: Mrs Sandbach – Bursar

Mrs Turner – Will be working in our office every morning

Mrs Sowter – Will be working in the office after school during the week

Meet the Teachers: Thursday 13th September .

This is an important time of year as your children join new classes and are new routines and expectations are put in place. We would like to invite parents of children, from Year 1 to Year 4, to meet with your child's new class teacher so that routines and year group expectations can be discussed. There will be two sessions delivered after school, so if you have more than one child you will be able to attend both sessions, each session will last about 20 minutes. (There will be a parents' consultation evening later in the term for you to attend to speak to the class teacher about your child's attainments on a one to one basis.)

The meetings will take place at **5pm** and **5:30pm** . We hope to see you at these sessions.

Reception and Nursery parents the class teachers will be available straight after school on Thursday 13th September if you have any questions further to your parent meetings before the Summer break.

Dinners:

We moved to the Dolce catering company after Easter this year. Dolce would like to invite you to a tasting session on Wednesday 19th September, from 2:30pm, to come into the hall and see the range of food on offer for your children. Please remember to order your child's lunch via the Livekitchen website in advance.



Food Allergies:

Please can we remind all families that snacks or packed lunches should not contain any nuts whatsoever. We do have children with nut allergies and if these children came into contact with foods with nuts or even nut derivatives then they could suffer from extreme side effects.

Pupil Premium – FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Did you know that if your child is registered to receive free school meals, the Academy would receive additional funding to support your child's learning, nursery pupils are also eligible for the additional funding. Even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free School Meals [UFSM] – Reception, Years 1 and 2 please still register for FSM as otherwise you will miss out on this additional funding.

You can do a quick check to see if you are eligible via

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

PTFA – Tuesday 18th September, 2pm.

We are very lucky at Tynsel Parkes Academy to have a very supportive PTFA, the PTFA are a team of volunteers who come into school and support with school events and fundraising. Last year we had many successful fundraising events including, coffee mornings, discos, Summer Fete to name a few!

The first PTFA meeting and AGM will be held in the community room at **2pm** on **Tuesday 18th September**, please come along and support our Academy. Everyone is very welcome!

Dairy Dates:

There will be a list of dates available on the website shortly showing activities taking place at Tynsel Parkes, listed below are a few dates that can be added into your diaries for this half term:

- Tuesday 11th September, Year 3 Stone Age Workshop – taking place in school
- Thursday 13th September 5pm and 5:30pm, meet the teachers meetings, for Years 1 – 4.
- Wednesday 19th September, 2:30pm tasting session in the school hall- Dolce's Catering Company.
- Tuesday 18th September, 2pm – PTFA meeting.
- Thursday 25th October, Parents' consultation evening.