



Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 6

22nd October 2020



Harvest

Thank you all so much for your kind donations for our harvest festival today, the Uttoxeter food bank will be very grateful for all your generous gifts. The children have had the opportunity to watch the harvest service in school today, this year's message was to thank God for all the gifts that he has given to us and a special

thank you for God's creation of the world and the importance of the seasons.

We have been busily trying to put the service on our website for you all to watch, this can now be found at the bottom of the page at:



<https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/christian-distinctiveness/worship>

Staffing News

Today was the last day before Mrs Wilcock has left to have her second baby. We are really looking forward to meeting the new addition to the Wilcock family and wish Hannah well, as she leaves for her maternity leave. I will keep you all updated with any baby news!

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

We would like to invite as many parents to our **virtual** PTFA meeting on Friday 6th November at 10:30 am. This will be the first meeting of the school year due to the COVID pandemic. During this meeting, we will be discussing creative ways to carry out funding raising events, whilst being COVID safe, please bring any ideas to the meeting.

If you would like to attend the meeting please email the office at office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk and an invite via Teams will be sent to you. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

All are very welcome, the PTFA support the school with providing those 'extras' for your children.

School Admissions:

A letter has gone home to parents with children in Nursery and Year 4 this week. It is getting to the time of year where you will need to apply for a place in the reception class or a place at a middle school.

This year I will not be able to offer families tours of the school for new nursery and reception starters, but we are putting together a new information PowerPoint that will be uploaded onto our website very soon. Any questions that you need answering please contact the school office.

Hand Sanitisers:

The school has purchased a skin friendly hand sanitiser that will kill COVID. Some children have got sore hands from the daily hand routines in place, we are asking children to dry their hands carefully at this time. Can I please ask that you do not send children to school with their own hand sanitisers and creams; we want to avoid any cross contamination and allergic reactions. All the school products have been risk assessed.

Parents' Evening:

Instead of Parents' Evening this term, teachers will send out a short report on Friday 6th November updating you on how your child has settled back into school and the targets they are working on.

School Photographs

This year the school photographs will take place on **Thursday 5th November**. Due to the COVID restrictions and ensuring that children are kept in their school 'bubbles', children will only be able to have individual photographs. We will not be able to offer 'Family Group' photos or sibling photos in school at this time.

COVID Reminders to Parents:

If your child has a test and the result is positive over the half term, please contact the office at office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk with the subject: "COVID test"- so that the school can carry out the necessary procedures in line with our risk assessment.

Friday 23rd October: INSET day for staff and school is closed for half term.

Thank you for your continued support at this time and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Rachel Chandler

Principal