



Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Spring – Lockdown Newsletter 6

26th February 2021

I hope that you had a lovely half term week with your families and that you have had a good first week back into the school term. On Monday evening we heard the announcement that all schools will be reopening on Monday 8th March, we look forward to welcoming all the children back on that date. Please see below for arrangements.

Exciting School Refurbishments

We are very lucky that this half term we are having the bathrooms refurbished for the nursery and reception children. This will mean that for a few weeks whilst the building works are being completed we will have to make a few changes to where the reception class, nursery class and TP (breakfast club) will be working.

TP (Breakfast Club)



From Tuesday 2nd March, breakfast club will take place in the school hall. Please bring your children to the main office entrance and ring the bell, your children will be collected and taken to the hall.

Nursery

From Friday 5th March, the nursery class will be in the TP building. Mrs Mellor and Mrs Chatfield will welcome the children through the entrance by the green gate with the bench, signs will be displayed. When the children are collected at the end of the day please wait in the reception yard (where you normally collect) and Mrs Mellor/ Mrs Chatfield will bring the children through the TP yard to meet you. For lunch time drop offs and collections please come to the TP door by the bench.

Reception

From Friday 5th March, the reception class will be working in the Tree Tops classroom. Parents if you can bring the children onto the Year 1 / 2 yard in the morning, the children will use the entrance next to the Year 1 door. Mrs Helm will be waiting to greet the children and signs will be on the classroom windows. When adults collect please wait on the year 1 / 2 yard and children will be sent to you there.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter whilst we make improvements to our school environment.

Teams Platform

Thank you all for your patience as we begin to use the Teams Platform, we know there have been a couple of hiccups that we are trying to get ready for next week's Class Chats. Some of you have mentioned that you are unable to see other children on the call, we believe this is because you have not downloaded the app to your device and that you are going straight through Office 365 using your internet browser. If you use the app, whilst in the meeting click the three dots and select "Gallery" you will be able to see everyone.

The teachers really enjoyed seeing all the children and are looking forward to seeing you again for the class chats next week.

We have also received this information below this week to support families with any general computer issues.



Are you struggling with IT in lockdown?

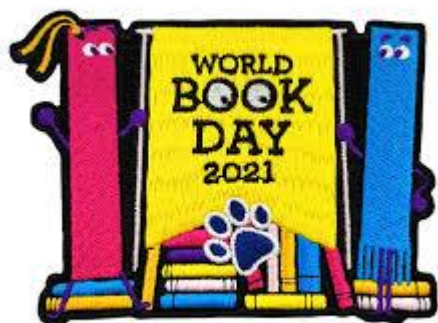


From email setup to help with social media, online shopping or zooming your family.

We are here to help with our FREE IT Telephone Support Service

For more information visit:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/TelephoneITSupport or call 0300 111 8000

A Staffordshire Libraries and Community Learning Service Project



World Book Day- Thursday 4th March

Unfortunately, this year we are not in school for World Book Day however, we have arranged a class chat on Thursday so that teachers can read stories to you all. If your child has a favourite story, they can hold this up at home and show their teacher. Children in school we are asking you not to bring in your books from home at the moment due to the COVID. We will be completing lots of reading activities in school.

There are more activities you can join in with at home on the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>.

School Opening Update for Monday 8th March:



What your child will need to bring to school:

- All pupils will wear full uniform following our policy, children to wear sensible footwear, outdoor learning will continue to take place during the Spring term as much as possible. **(Please label all clothing - we do not want clothing to get mixed up at this time.)** However, we understand that your children may have grown out of their uniform and shoes at this time, if this is this case send children in sensible shoes or trainers and school coloured clothes until you can buy new uniform.
- Please can I ask children to return to school with sensible hair cuts, no tramlines or hair dyes.
- The rest of the Spring term children will not need to bring a full PE kit, please send your child with trainers in their PE bags at this time. The PE bag will be kept at school. If your child can not tie shoelaces please send shoes that they can fasten and manage to change for themselves.
- A filled water bottle with your child's name clearly labelled- this will go home daily to be washed and brought back for the following day. We kindly ask that the bottle is filled with water and not juice.
- You will not be able to enter the school office at this time - all communications will be over the phone or via email to aid with social distancing.
- Children will not be able to bring any of their toys from home to school due to health and safety reasons.
- Please can children bring their book bags to school daily as we will be reading as much as possible in school.

School Lunches:

- Please order all lunches through School Grid in time for Monday 8th March.
- All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.

School Pick and Drop Offs:

- A one-way system will be in place to help minimise the pinch points around the entrances to the playground.
- Only one parent/carer to bring and collect your child/children to and from school, to avoid congestion on the playgrounds.
- All adults on the yard to wear masks.
- **To comply with social distancing rules, we ask parents not to arrive at school early (arrive at the times below) and leave promptly, this is why we are having staggered start and finish times. Please do not congregate on the school yard or outside the school entrance and exit, we are still not able to mix with households at this time.**
- You will not be able to talk to your child's class teacher at the start or end of the day as we do not want to cause a gathering on the yard, if you have something urgent to tell the staff please inform the office, through email or by phoning the office. You can also contact your child's class teacher through the year group email system.

TP -Breakfast Club:



- Please let the office know what sessions your children will need to attend from March 8th, to ensure we have all our registers up to date.

Below are the staggered times of the day - please ensure social distancing at all times and keep your child with you at all times. Children should not be running across the playgrounds, playing on the tyres or the trim trail at this time. Thank you for supporting us with these measures to ensure social distancing for all.

Class		Start time	Pick up time
Nursery	Drop children at the TP door	8:30am	2:55pm Pick up from the reception yard
Reception	Drop children off at the door next to the year 1 classroom	8:45am	3:05pm
Year 1	Drop children off at the year 1 classroom door	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	Drop children off at the year 2 classroom door	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 3	Parents to wait behind the cones and children to go to their year group cones	8:55 am	3:10pm
Year 4	Parents to wait behind the cones and children to go to their year group doors	8:45am	3:05pm

We will do our utmost to continue to provide a safe and caring environment for your children and hope that you support us with the points outlined above. Thank you for your continued support, please stay safe. You are all doing an amazing job and we are very proud of our Tynsel Parkes community.

Best wishes,
Rachel Chandler
Principal.