



Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Newsletter Spring - 7

Friday 1st April



Happy Easter



We would all like to wish you all a very safe and peaceful Easter.

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so. Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there. He died but then came back to life, let's celebrate for he's alive! Amen.

Unfortunately this year we have not been able to share all the lovely Easter celebrations that we usually do hopefully, soon, we will be able to share events with you once again in person. For the time being the children have performed some of their favourite Easter songs to share with you and your families. These can be viewed at:
<https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/christian-distinctiveness/worship>

Thank you to the Uttoxeter Community:

I would like to say an enormous thank you to Big Heath Local and The Uttoxeter Town Council for their generous donations that the school have received in the last week. The monies will be used to buy computing equipment and outdoor equipment respectively to support the teaching and learning taking place at Tynsel Parkes. Thank you!

Easter Holidays:

The Easter Holiday will begin on Friday 2nd April and children will return to school on Tuesday 20th April.

Testing Children for Coronavirus

Now the Lateral Flow Tests are much more widely available we are finding parents are using these at home with their children. We must remind parents that these tests are for asymptomatic testing of people only. If children have symptoms it must be a PCR test that is carried out. If parents carry out a LFD on a child with symptoms and it is negative this is not enough to allow the children back into school. It has to be a negative result from a PCR test if the child has symptoms. We are asking parents please to support us in following the government guidelines and keeping everyone in our school community safe. Thank you.

Contract Tracing Over Holidays - from the DfE

Please note this important information from the DfE about letting schools know if your child tests positive in the first 48 hours of the school holidays, i.e. on Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April.

Please let us know by emailing office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk and include the following vital details:

1. Name of your child and year group
2. Date the symptoms first appeared
3. What the symptoms were
4. Date of the positive PCR test
5. Date child was last in school

Staff, students, parents and carers only need to inform the school or further education provider of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. The school will contact any children who will need to self-isolate if a positive case arises.

Financial support for residents self-isolating-Test and Trace Support Payments

From 28 September 2020, eligible individuals are entitled to a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary support payment of £500. This is to support people on low incomes who are unable to work from home if they are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and will lose income as a result.

These payments are designed to help ensure people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their close contacts self-isolate for the required period to stop the onward spread of the virus. They are also designed to encourage individuals who are eligible for this payment to get tested if they have symptoms. This is important to help stop the transmission of COVID-19 and avoid further economic and societal restrictions.

The scheme starts from 28 September 2020 and will last until 31st March 2021.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Back to our normal classrooms!!

Thank you for being so co-operative as the school has had bathroom refurbishments carried out in the nursery and reception classrooms. The building works will be completed over the Easter break and children will be returning to their normal classrooms from Tuesday 20th April. This will mean that nursery and reception pick up and drop off points will be back to the original yards.



TP (Breakfast Club) will also go back to the community building from Tuesday 20th April.

If you haven't already completed our survey for your requirements for The TP from September please do so over Easter, the link is <https://forms.office.com/r/ujuPFNs5nD>

Parents' Evening

We are very aware that we have not had a parents' evening or report this term, due to the lockdown and partial school closures. On Wednesday 28th April we plan to hold a virtual parents' evening. More information will follow with how to book your appointments with the class teachers after Easter. The evening will take place from 3:30pm - 7pm from the comfort of your own homes!

School Lunches:

Order all lunches through School Grid.

From 12th April 2021 the price of a school meal will increase from £2.25 to £2.30 for pupils in Year 3 and 4. For Nursery children the price of a school meal will increase from £1.85 to £1.90. Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are free under the universal infant free school meals scheme. **Please ensure that you have ordered lunch for the children's return on Tuesday 20th April.**



Forest schools will begin on Tuesday 20th April - Year 1 and Wednesday 22nd -Year 3. These year groups will continue until May half term. Children will need to wear warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies, this will ensure children keep warm and comfortable during this activity. Children can come to school in their forest school clothes and bring their wellies in a labelled carrier bag.

Polling Day - 6th May 2021



Local elections will take place on Thursday 6th May. As many of you are aware our school building is used as a polling station. The LAC has made the difficult decision to **close the school on Thursday 6th May**, after a detailed COVID risk assessment. School will open for all on Friday 7th May.

Thank you for your continued support, wishing you all a lovely Easter.

Mrs. Rachel Chandler and all at Tynsel Parkes.

Principal