

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's news
15th October 2021



Harvest Festival:

Thank you for all the Harvest Produce that you have donated today. All of the donations will be donated to the Uttoxeter Food Bank to support the local community. Unfortunately we have had a few technical difficulties with the Harvest Service. We are hoping to have the service on the school website by next Thursday.



Flu Spray - 1st November 2021 Reception to Year 4:

Information regarding the Flu Spray has been sent out via Parent Pay to all children in Reception to Year 4.

Electronic Consent - The School Age Immunisation Team is moving towards paperless vaccination programmes and the use of e-Consent is quick and easy to use, and can be completed on any electronic device.

Click on this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form.

Your school Code is **SS143896**

Please complete the e-consent form by **9am on 28th October 2021**.

Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not and only submit one consent form per child. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Immunisation Team on 0300 124 0366 or email school.immunisation@mpft.nhs.uk not the school.

Parents' Evenings:

Our first Parents' evening of the year will take place online after half term, we will not be able to meet in person due to the rise of COVID cases at the moment. You will need to book a virtual meeting to meet with your child's teacher.

To fit all the appointment times into the system we will have the meetings over two nights, **Tuesday 2nd November or Thursday 4th November, between 4pm and 5:30pm.**

Please read the separate information letter about how to book an appointment. Appointments are sent to the first named contact from your Data Collection Sheets, if any separated parents require a separate appointment please contact the school office. Thank you.

INSET Day

The last day of the half term is Thursday 21st October, we will finish at the normal time of 3:05pm. Children will return to school on Monday 1st November.

For your
Calendar

22nd October
Inset Day

25th Oct – 29th Oct
Half Term

1st November
School Open

17th December
Term Ends

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy Parents' Evening - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Evening on Tuesday 2nd November or Thursday 4th November between 4pm and 5:30pm. This is an important event and provides you with an opportunity to speak to your children's teachers about their progress and how the children have settled into the new school year.

Since we are still unable to invite parents onto the school site, due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, Tynsel Parkes will continue to use the virtual system as followed last half term, the system allows you to choose your appointment times, once you have booked a time you will receive an email confirming your appointments.

We will send a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.
5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before the Parents' Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

You must be on time for your appointments, teachers will only have a 5 minute appointment with you and then the call will immediately go to the next appointment for the teacher, ensuring the evening does not overrun.

If you require any support please contact the school office who will be happy to assist you at 01889 221920.

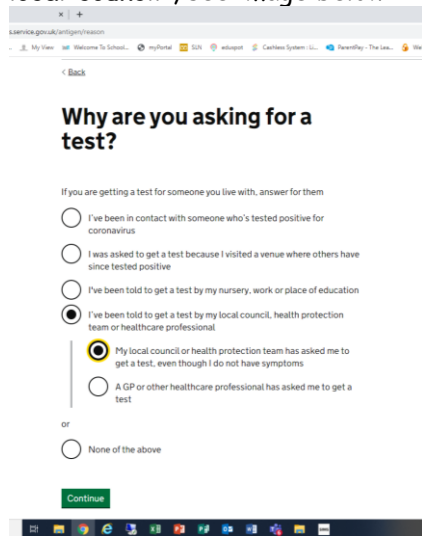
We hope you find this system easy to use from the comfort of your own homes.

Yours sincerely,
R.E.Chandler, Principal

Covid-19 – PCR Testing:

We have had quite a few enquiries this week regarding PCR testing and thought this information may be useful. If you are contacted by the school and advised to get a PCR test you need to book a test here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If your child has no symptoms you need to select the following option "I've been told to get a test by my local council", see image below:



The screenshot shows a web form with the following content:

Why are you asking for a test?

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education
- I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional
- My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms
- A GP or other healthcare professional has asked me to get a test

or

- None of the above

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Postal tests are much slower than booking a test at a local drive through testing centre. Parents who have used the local drive through testing centres have generally had their PCR results back either overnight or the next day meaning children are missing 1-2 days of school.

There are always tests available in Stoke and Stafford and at certain times there are mobile testing stations too which are usually much closer like Cheadle and Denstone.

We look for support from parents to minimise spread in the setting by not sending pupils to school if their siblings have tested positive. This is based on the likelihood that the sibling will become infectious due to being a household contact. The more time a child/adult spends with a positive case the greater the likelihood of them having COVID. We would also encourage the pupil to get a PCR test.

School Reception:

Please could we politely request that any parents and visitors that need to come to the school reception to drop off or collect children wear a mask.

School Uniform:

Please could we ask parents to ensure children are sent to school wearing our school uniform. Hoodies and non uniform should not be worn for PE days. If you do not have the full school uniform we do have some preloved uniform in school, please contact the school office.

We do have several classes where head lice have been reported this week, for this reason we do ask children to have their hair tied up, this is especially important for PE lessons. Earrings, if worn, should be a small stud, that children can remove themselves for PE lessons.

Reception and Middle School Places 2022:

Over the next week we will be sending home letters to all children in Year 4 and Nursery regarding applications for places in Middle School and Reception. Applications for both Middle School and Reception will open on 1st November and close on 15th January, www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Support for Low Income Families

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for their child, for any child from Reception class upwards. Claiming free school meals not only provides free meals for your child's time at school but also provides additional funding for the school which we can use to help support you and your child.

The funding is used to help support your child's education but also other things like funding all school trips. Staffordshire County Council also provide additional support for families in receipt of free school meals such as vouchers for shopping.

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

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

or contact the school office where we can check for you on your behalf.