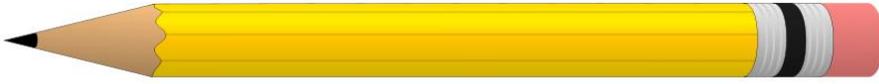


# Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's news  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to enjoy the break. The children have come back telling me all about the lovely gifts that Santa has brought. However, we know that a number of families have been poorly with COVID over the festive holidays and we would like to send you our best wishes and hope you are all feeling fit and well soon.

## PE KITS (Reception to Year 4 only)

Thank you to all who have brought PE kits into school for this term. We have asked for this term for children to have a PE kit in school, instead of coming to school in their kit on their PE days. Unfortunately, a number of kits and uniform are not labelled, this is causing problems as children do not know which clothes belong to them. Please ensure all uniform and shoes are labelled clearly to avoid kit being lost or clothes getting mixed up.

## Reading Rewards

As you are all aware reading is so important for the child's development. Please see the letter below regarding Tynsel Parkes' Reading Reward Scheme that we are putting in place for the whole school.

## Curriculum Maps

You will be able to view what your child's topics are for the term on our website at:  
<https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/curriculum-maps/> Click on your child's year group to find out about the topics for this half term.

## Weather Updates:

With the season of winter now upon us a reminder that in case of bad weather conditions any school closure will be announced on the Staffordshire County Council website. Headteachers can now update this web site in real time, allowing parents to get up to date information on their child's school in the quickest way possible. You can now sign up for school closure alerts via text message and email from Staffordshire County Council, so that you can be notified immediately when the school informs them of a closure. The alerts system includes school closures and a wide range of other county council services. Follow this link to register

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/scc/customeralerts/>.

We will also endeavor to send out a text message to all parents and post on our [Facebook](#) page. The school office will be manned from 8:15 a.m., assuming that staff will be able to travel and any decision regarding closure will be made as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school is open before leaving your child.

## Online Learning

If your child is off school due to isolating or COVID you will be able to find all online learning provided by the class teachers at: <https://www.tynselparkesacademy.co.uk/> under the COVID 19 tab, look for your child's year group.

## Clubs Update:

Due to the high rates of COVID at the moment the decision has been made to postpone clubs. This is due to classes mixing for clubs and staff absences. The only clubs that will take place are the multi-sports and gymnastics, as staff working with these children are in the year groups and pupils are not mixing. Hopefully we will be able to start the clubs in a few weeks when we hope case rates will lower.

For your  
Calendar

Every Tuesday  
Year 2 Forest School

Every Wednesday  
Year 3 Forest School

21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term Week

## Star Readers and the Importance of Reading

We want to do everything we can to help your child read and write here at Tynsel Parkes - and we will. We will teach your child how to read. We will teach them how to write.

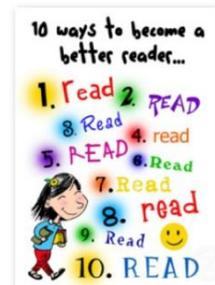
But we want them to read and write really well, so that they are confident when they see pages of writing that they haven't seen before and so that they are confident when we ask them to write things.

We know from research all over the world that children who read widely and often and who have plenty of books, or magazines, comics to read, do better at school than children who don't have books and magazines. The children who read more regularly will build a greater range of vocabulary and have a broader general knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

If you help us at home, your child will do even better. In school we have started a reward scheme of 'Star Readers', we are asking the children to read at home at least 5 times a week to achieve a star reader achievement. Children who have achieved these star readers will have their names put in a draw and we will draw names out at the end of each half term for a prize.

Reading is an extremely important life skill as well as a way to escape from the realms of reality!! It is important that our children develop these skills with enjoyment and pleasure.

**'The more I read, the better I get at reading.  
The better I get, the more I enjoy reading.'**



### Expectations

It is expected that every child will continue to read frequently at home. This should be at least 5 times each week. Remember at times this might also be some reading of their books from home, a comic, newspaper or book of their choice. We ask you to support us by recording all home reading experiences in your child's reading diary, and that this is put in their book bags and brought to school daily. It is still expected that pupils in Year 3 and 4 will be heard to read aloud, although not necessarily every page of their reading book and it is crucial for pupils in Year 3 and 4 to be questioned about their reading and given opportunities to discuss new vocabulary. Remember younger children in Reception and Year 1 should be encouraged to re-read each book twice. This will allow children time to look at the pictures before reading and encourage them to predict what might happen throughout the

story. During the first reading with younger children, their focus should be on decoding the text. A second reading gives them the opportunity to recognise more words by sight, to read with a good pace or to add expression. Don't forget to ask questions after reading to check your child's comprehension skills and understanding of story events.

### **Star Readers**

Our school reading reward scheme is designed to encourage children to actively read. Every child will get recognition each time they read at home to an adult, if your child has read at home 5 times in the week they will be given a star reader sticker and their name put on the star reading chart.

It is vital that you support your child's love of reading at home, the benefits will be enormous!

