

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's news
Friday 21st July, 2023



Dates for the Diary - Summer 2023

Tuesday 25 th July	Last day of Summer term -Non uniform day (see below). School closes at 3:05pm
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Non-Uniform Day

Non uniform day on the last day of term **Tuesday 25th July** to raise money for cancer research. Please could children come in plain coloured bright clothes (pink and yellow were Mrs Holmes's favourite colours) in exchange for an online donation via the link below. **No cash donations please.**

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/shells-belles-4>

Staff Fundraising Event - Shell's Belles

This year several staff members will be taking part in the Cancer Research Pretty Muddy 5k Mud Runs in Derby and Stoke. We are running/walking/limping..... to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of our special colleague and friend Shelley Holmes. 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. If you would like to donate and contribute to our fundraising event please follow the link below and find out more: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/shells-belles-4>

[Thank you for your contributions, so far you helped raise over £3000!](#)

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready,
Set,
Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

[Calling all 4-11 year olds, parents & carers!](#)

Get ready for Summer Reading Challenge 2023, Ready, Set, Read!, arriving at your local library this Summer on 8th July! Join Naveen, Naomi, Noah, Ollie, Alesha, Sophia as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Find out more at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Sunflowers

I hope you have not forgotten about the sunflower competition as part of our Coronation Celebrations! Please send any pictures of your children with their Sunflowers by September 8th. If you can let us know how tall your sunflower is we will be giving prizes on our return!



Year 3 / 4 Bathroom Refurbishments

Over the holidays the Year 3 and 4 bathrooms will be refurbished and brought up to date. Work will start in this area next week. The children in Years 3 & 4 will enter and leave the school building via the side door by their normal entrance. Please will all adults who drop off in a morning & collect at the end of the school day wait behind the cones that will be placed on the yard for those two days. Thank you for your support.

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.

Staffordshire County Council also provide additional support for families in receipt of free school meals such as food vouchers and free holiday care and activities.

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.

Scooter and bikes on the playground:

Please could we remind all children and their parents/carers that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school grounds. Children should dismount on the pavement and walk their bike/scooter around to the racks by the Nursery.

Nuts in school

All children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive a free piece of fruit every day for their morning snack. If children in Years 3 and 4 want to bring in a healthy snack for morning break please could we ask that this does not contain nuts as we do have children in school with nut allergies. Likewise, for any children bringing in packed lunches please could we ask that these are also nut free. Thank you for your co-operation!

Parking

Please could we remind all parents that the school car park is for staff only. It is not to be used by parents to drop off or pick up children at any time. Please also be considerate when driving and parking your car in the surrounding streets, if at all possible please try and walk to school. Thank you for supporting this.