

# Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's News  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September



## School Updates:

I hope that you are enjoying this lovely weather we are having at the moment and the children are excited about coming back to school tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back and look forward to hearing their news.

I would like to remind you of the new school finishing time for reception to year 4 classes:

Nursery	8:30am - 11:30am	12:05pm - 3:05pm
Reception to Year 4	8:45am - 3:15pm	

## New Updates: RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete):

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You may wish read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub should you wish you access further information.

[Everything you need to know about the new guidance on RAAC in education settings - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2017/09/20/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-new-guidance-on-raac-in-education-settings/)

I hope that this offers reassurance.

## Water Bottles and School Lunches:

Children will need to bring a filled water bottle with their name clearly labelled- this will go home daily to be washed and brought back the following day.

**All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Remember to order school lunches through SchoolGrid.

Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 are welcome to order a lunch at the price of **£2.00** for Nursery children and **£2.40** for all other year groups, there is a lovely choice of hot meals available for the children to enjoy.

### Dates for Your Diaries so far (More to follow on Friday)

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School term starts for children, Welcome back!
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Individual photos during the day and family photos with younger children who do not attend Tynsel Parkes to be taken before school.
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Meet the teacher meetings: The meetings are aimed at parents and carers to gain more information about the year group your child is moving in to and the work the children will be carrying out. It is an opportunity for you to ask questions and meet your child's class teacher as well as see the classroom your child will be learning in this year. The meetings will last about 30 minutes. Year 1- 4:30pm Year 2 - 4:30pm Year 3 - 5pm Year 4 - 5pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Sleep Workshop - Is your child having trouble sleeping through the night? Does your child want to sleep in your bed each night? Is your child taking forever to get to sleep.... or you have other concerns about your child's sleep patterns, come and join Becky, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Worker for a workshop to look at this area, 2-3pm over in the TP building, drinks and biscuits available!

#### Uniforms:

All pupils are to wear full uniform (**please label all clothing**). If your child has their ears pierced, they should only wear plain gold studs and these are to be removed for PE lessons. PE T-Shirts should be plain white. School policy states sensible smart haircuts, no hair dye or extreme hairstyles. Thank you.

#### Health & Safety Reminders:

Children should wait with parents and carers before and after school, please do not allow your children to use the play equipment or ride their scooters. This is to ensure the safety of all at these busy times of the day.

#### Welcome:

We would like to welcome some new members of staff to our team:-

Miss Parton - Reception TA

Miss Bloor - Year 3 Teacher

Miss Ashford - Year 4 One to One

Congratulations to Miss Edensor who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Eyre.