

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Welcome to Mrs. Chandler's News

Friday 29th September



Dates so far for Autumn 2023:

Friday 6th October	Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church, 10am, families welcome to attend. Reception to Y4 (Nursery will not be taking part in the church service at this time).
Monday 9th October	Y2 - Learning Together Session - 9.15am (Separate information letter)
Tuesday 10th October	'Hello Yellow Day' for the children. Children to come to school in yellow to support World Mental Health Day. If you would like to donate to Young Minds who support mental health issues, please use this link (no cash donations please): https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/
Tuesday 10th October	Reception and Nursery Open Day Event for prospective new starters for September 2024. The Early Years' rooms will be open from 4:30pm - 6pm.
Thursday 12th October	Y4 - Learning Together Session 2.15pm - (Separate information letter)
Tuesday 17th October	Y3 - Learning Together Session - 9am (Separate information letter)
Thursday 19th October	Film Night for children (Fundraising event) 3:15pm - 5pm. Years 1 - 4.
Monday 23rd October	Reception Class - Learning Together Session - 2:30pm (Separate information letter)
Wednesday 25th October	Parents' Evening - from 3:30pm - 6:30pm - appointments. More information to follow.
Friday 27th October	No children in school - INSET day for staff.
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November	School Half Term Holidays.
Monday 6th November - Friday 10th November	Poppies for sale in school
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day - Start of Anti-Bullying Week.
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 1 - Learning Together Session - 2:15pm
Friday 24th November	Nursery - Learning Together Session - 2:15pm
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Disco for children (Fundraising event) Reception, Year 1, Year 2: 3:45pm - 4:45pm Years 3 & 4: 5pm - 6pm.
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas afternoon performance (Families to come and watch)
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Evening Performance (Families to come and watch)
Friday 15th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity - afternoon (Families to come and watch)

Monday 18th December	Carol Service at St. Mary's church, 10am. Families welcome to come and attend.
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day - wear Christmas jumpers with school uniform Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21st December	Pantomime for children in school.
Friday 22nd Christmas	Children to wear Christmas jumpers with rest of uniform for last day of term.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our Governing Body, the Local Academy Council (LAC), has a vacancy for one Parent Governor. Governors play a key role in the school, working as a team to provide support and challenge, and influencing strategies.

The Local Academy Council (LAC) is made up of parents, teachers, and other members of the community. Every half term the LAC meets to support the work of the school, and together make sure that the school provides an excellent standard of education for our children, ensuring best use of budget and resources. The meetings take place on a Tuesday at 3:30pm - until about 6pm.

If you would like to become a Governor or want to know more about the role, please contact the academy at office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk

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.

Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Friday 6th October at 10am**, at St. Mary's Church. Please drop your children at school at the normal time of 8:45, we will join you at the church for 10am, please ensure your children have a suitable waterproof coat.

If families are able to help by sending in a Harvest gift of tinned or dried foods, we would be very grateful, we will be supporting food bank charities in Uttoxeter.

Uttoxeter Lions Annual Bonfire - Guy Request:

Uttoxeter Lions are inviting all children in first schools in Uttoxeter to make a Guy for their annual bonfire on 4th November. All children will receive a free ticket for the bonfire if they make a Guy and bring it into school. Please bring your Guys into school by Monday 23 October 9am.

[A few reminders from the school office:](#)

Please could all Data Collection Forms be returned to the office as soon as possible to ensure we have up to date contact details for your children.

Please could any asthma forms also be returned to the office. Thank you!

If your child is absent from school please call the school office every day they are absent, you can always leave a message on our answerphone.

[Earrings and PE](#)

Earrings cannot be worn during PE lessons, if your child is unable to remove their own earrings please could parents remove them before school on PE days. These are:

Monday - Year 2 and 4

Tuesday - Year 1 and 3

Wednesday - Year 2 and 4

Thursday - Nursery and Reception

Friday - Year 3 and Year 1

[Free online safeguarding course for parents](#)

We have received some information from The FA regarding how English football unites this weekend to promote Play Safe - a countrywide nationwide campaign to focus attention of the vital importance of safeguarding across our national game.

You can find out more here [Play Safe Weekend 2023 \(thefa.com\)](#) , there is also a free online safeguarding course available for parent and carers.

[Space Themed Menu - Thursday 5th October](#)

We are having a special menu on Thursday 5th October, this has been attached to this newsletter. Please book your child's meal on School Grid. Remember meals are free for all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2!

[Tynsel Parkes School Office](#)

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Meldrum will be joining us in the school office from Monday 2nd October! You may already know Mrs Meldrum from our Nursery or our After School Club. Mrs Meldrum will be working in the school office every day from 8.15-2pm.