



# Twineham CofE School

Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity



Spring Term 2024

**Diary Dates** (newly added dates in red)

8th January—Swimming starts for KS2

31st January—Jenny Payne coffee morning (see below)

20th&21st February—Parents Evening

7th March—World book day (dress up as character or pyjamas)

21st March—Parents invited to school to see children's work 2.30pm

22nd March—Easter service 2.30pm

25th-27th March—Oakwood Bowles trip

28th March—FOTS Welly Walk to the Royal oak at Wineham and Easter egg hunt

INSET DAYS 2024 22nd July & 23rd July

## A message from Mrs Davy

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a great start to the new term and the children have coped well with the awful weather, and its lovely to finally see some sunshine again! Some children have had the opportunity to take part in a NEARS Music enrichment day at Handcross and Henry has made it through to the Cross Country Finals!

Reminder: Registers close at 8:45am, recently there have been many children arriving after register closes. The initial start to the day is used to pre-teach vocabulary and give children a calm start to the day. We would welcome your support at bringing your child to school on time.

## Staffing change:

This term we welcome our new SENCO Maria Fitzgerald who has already met many parents and children and will be a huge asset to the team.

We also welcome Mr Ricky Leigh who has been a previous head of school for 8 years and is adding some leadership capacity as my Deputy Head teacher so that we can continue to drive school improvement. Ricky will be in school 1 or 2 days each week.



## School Clubs/Sports

Go wild workshop will be running a nature adventure club for kids at Warden Park during the upcoming half term holidays, for anyone in year 1 - year 6. See attached poster for details.

James who teaches guitar at the school has a couple of spaces, see attached poster for details.

Kids with bricks Lego club is back up and running, letter attached with details of who to contact if you wish to book your child a place.

Storm basketball run clubs for a range of ages including the new Baby Ballers—See attached poster

### Spring term events:

Please find below the list of events we are hoping to attend this term. There may be changes to this as other school commitments do come up but we wanted to let you know the range of events and the dates/ times on our list. We will endeavour to give every child from years 2 - 6 the opportunity to attend at least one event this term. However, we are reliant on the children being given lifts to and from the venues.

Also, we do ask that if your child is invited to attend an event, please respond to the invite. This means that if your child can't attend we can offer this opportunity to someone else.

**Congratulations** to Henry H in Oakwood who has made it through to the Cross-Country Finals which will take place in Crawley in March!

Event	Year group	Venue	Date & time
Basketball Festival	Years 3&4	Haywards Heath College	Tuesday 30th Jan 10.00-11.30am
Basketball Festival	Year 5&6	Haywards Heath College	Thursday 1st Feb 10.00-11.30am
Inclusion Festival (Boccia and New Age Curling)	KS2	St Paul's	Tuesday 5th March 1.00-2.30pm
NEARS Stinger Netball Competition	Year 5&6	St Paul's	Tuesday 5th March 3.00-5.00pm
Badminton Festival	Years 3&4	Haywards Heath College	Thursday 7th March 1.00-3.00pm
KS1 Cricket Festival	Year 2	Ardingly College	Wednesday 13th March 9.30-11.00am
NEARS-Sport Festival	Years 3&4	Twineham	Tuesday 19th March 1.00-2.30pm
Quicksticks Hockey Festival	Years 3&4	Downlands	Wednesday 20th March 2.15-3.45pm

### Behaviour

As part of our focus on therapeutic approach staff have worked on our behaviour plan in school.

Our school rules are linked to Ready, Respectful and Safe, and specific positive rules that sit under these.

We have also looked at our sanctions so that staff and children are clear on the consequences of not adhering to these rules whilst protecting children's self-esteem and allowing them time to talk through how they can do things differently.

I am currently updating our policy and creating a leaflet so that we can share this with parents.

### You asked...we did...

We are pleased to announce that we have found a cricket coach to run an ASC in the Summer term!

Huge thanks go to Richard Cooper who has connected up our outside classroom with power. We are now able to run a lunchtime drawing/ craft / chess / reading club which the children asked for!

### Lunchtime play

From next week, the children are welcome to put their waterproof trousers on and change into their wellies at lunchtime so that we can once again access the field.

We would welcome your support by encouraging your child to practise putting their own shoes on and off, and doing their zip up on their coat.

### Parking

All schools experience issues with parking and sadly Twineham is no exception. The school has a soft start policy which allows parents to drop their children between 8:30-8:45 to ease the congestion in the lane. We also have a drop off zone.

I am currently liaising with an expert in parking at WSCC about remodelling the area outside and remarking the zig zag and hatched areas.

I would kindly ask, once again, that parents take responsibility for parking safely and adhering to the highway code re not parking on the hatched area and reversing out onto the roundabout to ensure the safety of all our children.

Due to our risk assessment regarding the public right of way and staff supporting children with additional needs, there are no staff available to enforce this and we have been advised by the police that parents take photos of anti-social parking behaviour and email Operation Crack-down. I would welcome any suggestions/ volunteers to help us with this on-going issue.

**SEN**

We are delighted that on Wednesday 31st January, Jenny Payne (our Early Help Link Worker) will be at school from 9am - 9:45am for a coffee morning. Jenny is an invaluable support to many families; this is the support she is able to offer: As your Early Help Link Worker, I can provide support and advice for children and their families when needed. By working together with our allocated schools we can highlight appropriate services in the community and make referrals where necessary. In my role I can offer help with worries and difficulties which you may have for yourself, your child or for your wider family and can help connect you to the right support at the right time whether this is through direct work or by offering guidance, information, advice, signposting and crisis support. Areas of support we cover are - Anxiety around school & emotionally based school avoidance, mental health, SEND and parenting support whether this is a one off meeting to discuss needs or a more targeted intervention.

**Make sure your child has received the MMR vaccination**

Routine vaccinations play a huge part in protecting us all against a range of unpleasant and often serious childhood diseases, including measles, mumps and rubella. Check your child is up to date with their MMR and other childhood vaccinations here: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/childhood-immunisations/) Older children and adults who haven't had both doses of the MMR vaccine could be at risk of measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for lifelong protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations. Vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK, simply call your GP practice to book an appointment.

For more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)

***Every child is a gift and every child is gifted*****This Week's Celebrations...**

On Thursdays, we celebrate children who have been doing some great learning, showing amazing behaviour for learning or living out our school values. We are now thinking about our value of creativity. Here are our latest celebrations :

*Poppy: Theodore & Arthur*

*Willow: Cooper, Davyd, Scarlett & Tyreece*

*Oakwood: Samson, Henry S, Jasper, Milo & Jack.*



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