



Twineham CofE School

Nurture Togetherness Resilience Creativity



2nd Feb Spring Term 2024

Diary Dates (newly added dates in red)

6th February—Internet Safety day

Half term 12th—16th February

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

There is certainly magic happening at Twineham, it is always such an exciting place to be! At lunchtime this week, I have seen older children teaching a Buttercup child to draw and make masks in the warm, cosy outdoor classroom and there has been imaginative woodland play in the copse at the end of the field. I have seen a vast improvement in a child's writing in Willow and Poppy class, Buttercups have proudly started new writing books and some of our Year 6 Writing which we shared with another school was higher attaining than the equivalent there!

The children have worked with Mrs Stafford to create rules for Football so that Mrs Thorpe can begin refereeing games at lunchtime on the playground, and Mrs Slade is planning how the staff can help with a girls club!

If you have any ideas of how we could extend and improve our offer for Team Twineham, please get in touch via the school office. Many thanks.

Chartwells

As Pancake Day falls into half term this year, we have been asked if we could replace this with another theme day. So this year on the 28th March, the dessert will be Easter Lemon Cupcake, which will replace the Jammy Jack.

See attached menu poster.

WE NEED YOU!

Can you or do you know anyone who can help us...

Our pond is in need of refurbishment and we don't have the skillset to do this.

Our staffroom chairs would love to be reupholstered if you know anyone who could help us please.

English—Reading

Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures in a news release about their findings:

Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

(The Reading Framework—July 2023) see attached Appendix 1 with advice for parents

At Twineham, we believe reading is the key to unlocking your child's potential. We're lucky that so many of you support us with this at home. As the research shows, just a little everyday makes a big impact.

Snack time

We are currently seeing a surge in our waste in the bins on the playground with crisp packets. We would like to encourage all children to have healthy snacks (fruit/ veg options) for morning play and save crisps for lunchtime. Many thanks for your support with this.

Worship Spot

Last Wednesday, Rev. Rachel led our collective worship and read the story of “Blind Bartimaeus” (Mark 10, Luke 18). This week, we have been reflecting on what it means to be honest through the story of “Zacchaeus the tax collector”. (Luke 19)

Cake Sale

On Thursday 8th February, Buttercups will be holding a cake sale outside the gates from 3pm, to raise money so they can adopt an animal from Drusillas. Please donate generously!



School Clubs/Sports

Good Manners

We have recently introduced Good Manners certificates for reward those children who are consistently polite and respectful in line with our new behaviour rules.

Children's Mental Health week

Next week is National Children's Mental health week. The classes will be looking at some of the resources from Place2Be. There are some ideas for talking to your children about their Mental Health attached to this newsletter.

Pro star sports are running a variety of clubs in the Easter holidays including Football, Netball, Cricket, Rugby and Multi sport. Please see attached poster for more info.

BASKETBALL—Thank you to all the parents that provided lifts, both Willow and Oakwood had an amazing time :)



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: Tyreek for his money work, Jasper for his good listening, Isla G for her number work, Tyreek for his good listening.

Willow: Rhys, Scarlett, Ralph, Tobias.

Oakwood: Henry H, Milo, George, Jasper.

Good Manners: Ihsaan, Henry S, Samson, Alfred, James, Tyreece.



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