



# Tollerton Primary School Newsletter



September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the September round up. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have signed up to our Class Dojo app. I hope that you are finding it a useful communication tool, and that you are getting information from each class about what your children are learning. The intention is that this Newsletter will come out each month with some highlights, celebrations, and information, as well as looking ahead to the coming month and what will be happening in school.

I have to say it has been a very settled start back to the new school year. I already feel like I have been at Tollerton Primary for much longer than four weeks, and that is meant in the best of ways. The children, staff and parents have given me such a warm welcome and I am looking forward to what is to come.

This month has seen many exciting developments. The new library being one. We have some beautiful new furniture and some wonderful new books which children are enjoying borrowing. The fish tank in particular has been a real hit, offering a quiet and calm space for children who might need it. Mrs Read and Mrs Gordon worked incredibly hard planning, designing, and organising the project, so although I can take absolutely no credit it has been lovely to see the benefits.



As well as the library we are busy planning some decorating projects in the Year 5/6 block to create some bright and airy learning spaces. We are also very much looking forward to our new playground markings being painted and some new playground equipment being installed.

## Tollerton Sporting Successes.

I can't possibly talk about September without mentioning the amazing start we have had to the sports season. Both the boys and girls football teams have done us proud by taking part in the Rushcliffe tournament. Last weekend the girls came second in their group, no mean feat considering their competition and the fact they hadn't played together as a team before. We may just have some future Lionesses in our midst. The boys' team made Tollerton history by winning the whole tournament. They actually beat my son's school in the final on penalties which the children in assembly thought was very funny, but made me unpopular at home! The way that both the boys and girls conducted themselves made Mr Isted and the rest of the school proud. What a credit they are!

Speaking of all this physical activity we absolutely loved National Fitness Day last week! Lots of great PE sessions from Yoga to hand ball, and even a dance-off. Such good fun, and I think the staff have just about forgiven me for the 80s theme. Turns out not everybody likes leg warmers as much as I do!



Tollerton is a school that tries to offer enriching experiences to all of our children, from the Year 6 children all the way down to those in Class R. This week our youngest children have had some bikeability training on balance bikes. We didn't let the rain spoil the cycling and moved the session indoors when the weather took a turn. All of the children did absolutely brilliantly, it'll be time for pedals before we know it!



**The month ahead**

This weekend sees the start of Black History Month with a focus on pioneering black women. Mrs Gordon talked to the children about it in assembly this week and each class will be given an inspirational black woman to research and present to the rest of the school. We will share parts of this on Dojo for you all to see.

A quick reminder of the dates from the calendar for October

OCTOBER 2023	
1-31	Black History Month
2	Class 6 visit to The National Holocaust Centre
9	Class 3 visit to Cresswell Crags
10	World Mental Health Day
10	Parents' Evening
11	Class 6 Storytelling with Mike Payton
12	Parents' Evening
16	Class 3 <u>Bikeability</u>
17	Harvest Festival
18	Flu Vaccinations
19	Class 3 Assembly 2.30
23	Start of half-term

We look forward to welcoming you all into school for parents' evenings soon. I will be available on these evenings should anybody want to pop in before or after the appointment with the class teacher.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Smith