



Tollerton Primary School



# Newsletter



October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term everybody! Our first holiday already! The children and staff have had an exceptionally busy half term and are ready for a little break so that we are ready to go again in the second half of the Autumn term.

## A brilliant start

It has been a fantastic start to the school year. There have been lots of things which have stayed the same and a number which have changed. One of the big changes for us is our behaviour and relationships policy and our school values. Children have been working hard to 'Be Kind, Respectful and Ambitious'. These three words really encompass everything we are all aspiring to be at Tollerton, and are skills which will see children into their future. As part of our new behaviour policy alongside our Class Captain awards, each half term we are running a 'Values Café' where two children are nominated by the class teachers as excellent examples of one or more of these values. We have had our first Values Café this morning and it was a real treat to spend time with some of our fantastic role models. Well done to Henry T, Erin, Emily, Henry G, Tess, William G, Ari, Evelyn, Olly, Ava, Levi, Jeun, Sadie and Abigail. I am so proud of you!

## OUR VALUES



## What's been happening in school?

Our Class R children have officially completed their first half term in school, having made a smashing start, settling well and quickly learning our rules and routines. We are always blown away by the way they grow and change so quickly in those first few weeks, and now they're old pros!!

Class 1 children have made what I think is the toughest leap in school, from Reception to Year 1 and have really risen to the challenge. The writing particularly that I have seen so far really is fantastic and some of the visitors from the Trust that we have had in school this week have been so impressed by their outcomes.

Class 2 have been in the fortunate position of not having to swap classrooms this year, but that hasn't stopped them really putting their Year 2 stamp on the learning happening in there. I have

particularly enjoyed listening to their music lessons, although I am relieved that the Toe, Knee, Chest Nut song is finished for the year!

Class 3 are off to a great start having been on a trip to Cresswell Craggs and completing their bikeability training. I always love the feedback that we have from visitors to school about the way our children engage in all activities with such enthusiasm and positivity. Well done Class 3.

I've been fortunate enough to spend some time in Class 4 looking at their reading and writing. They have been studying some really fantastic texts and their behaviour for learning at all times really is exemplary. I have seen some excellent examples of the Viking Longships that some children have made for homework.

The highlight of this half term for Class 5 has got to be their Egyptian Day! The Egyptians was one of my favourite topics both to learn when I was at school and also to teach because there are endless opportunities for exciting lessons. I know that Miss Bingham really enjoys these theme days too and a great time was had by all.

And last but not least Class 6. I always think that final Primary School year comes with such expectation, lots of exciting events, lots of milestones to meet but also the build up to SATs and transition. Our Year 6 children have started the year well, and are really enjoying their World War 2 topic which culminated in their theme day this week. Fantastic fancy dress effort, and some brilliant immersive activities. They have also taken part in the Equals Trust storytelling project and we have been visited by Mike Payton our wonderful storyteller. The children will continue to work on this project into the new term.



## Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October we held the Harvest Festival celebration in school. The children performed a number of songs to an audience of Class R parents. The children in Class R performed in their very best Farmer's outfits, they were so brave to stand up in front of a full hall and sing with confidence. I'm already looking forward to their Christmas offering! Thank you very much for the donations that we received, they were very generous. They were collected by The Friary Foodbank in West Bridgford on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and used to provide food parcels and meals for those in need.



### Black History Month

The theme for Black History Month 2024 is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. In classrooms and through assemblies throughout October we have visited the stories of inspirational black men and women, shining a light on their achievements and successes.

### Coming up.....

### A new attendance policy

A team of Headteachers from different Equals Trust schools have been working over this half term to put together a clear and concise policy for attendance that will be consistent across all Trust schools. It will include clear processes for our attendance monitoring, at what point you will be contacted following a sustained period or spell of persistent absence and also draw together some procedures for punctuality. There will also be a change to how parents and carers are able to apply for a term time holiday using an online form rather than emailing the office. Once the policy is complete and has been approved by the Governing Body I will be sending out a link to everybody.

### School Menu

There will be a new menu after half term which is available on the website. Teachers always remind children of the options each morning before they make their dinner choice.

Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week One  
 Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr  
 Available Daily: Pick & Mix

WEEK ONE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Tomato, Baked Bean & Spiral Pasta Bake	Pork Sausage Roll with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes Yorkshire pudding	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll with Skin on Baked Wedges	Cheese and tomato melt	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Crispy veggie fingers & Chips
Vegetables	Selection of daily vegetables	Selection of daily vegetables	Selection of daily vegetables	Selection of daily vegetables	Selection of daily vegetables
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo/aioli or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo/aioli or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo/aioli or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo/aioli or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo/aioli, Salmon Mayo/aioli or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse and Orange Smiles	Homemade Jam Buns & Custard	Chocolate, Brownie	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments	Vanilla & Cherry Cookie Cup & Custard

### Walking Bus

The walking bus will continue after half term. We would love to try and increase the offer so that it was a daily provision but this is only possible if some parents could offer some support with this. If you have any availability please email the office and Mrs Read can put together a rota for five days IF we have enough volunteers. We will keep you posted if we are able to offer this increase.

## Festivals Week

From 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of November we will be having a whole school Festivals Week, focusing on celebrations from around the world, from different cultures and religions. If at home you would like to spend some time creating some art work, some photographs, a presentation, or a piece of writing



about a festival that is special to you and your family, we would very much love to see it school. Please bring any creations to me during that week.

### Some dates for your diary for Autumn 2

#### **NOVEMBER 2024**

4 <sup>TH</sup> – 8 <sup>TH</sup>	Festivals Week
7th	Class 3 Assembly 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week
12th	New Parents Meeting 5pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents Meeting 9am
14th	Class 5 Assembly 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parliament Week
28th	Class 2 – Newstead Abbey Victorian Christmas Trip (Leave school 8.30)

#### **DECEMBER 2024**

13 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations
13 <sup>th</sup>	Class R Nativity 2pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9:30am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of autumn term

Thankyou, as always for all of your support this half term,

Have a lovely holiday!

Mrs Smith