



Tollerton Primary School



# Newsletter



October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term everybody! Hasn't this last 7 weeks flown by! I've told the children they've been so well behaved and worked so hard that they're allowed two weeks off! October has been incredibly busy with many exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. It is always really important to balance the curriculum and high expectations of what children are provided academically with experiences which are memorable and engaging.

## Curriculum enrichment.

This term both Year 3 and Year 6 have been out on a trip. Year 3 visited Cresswell Craggs to learn a little more about the Stoneage. They had a really brilliant day, were exceptionally well behaved and impressed all of the staff with their knowledge and curiosity.



Class 6 visited the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark. It is a really interesting trip, quite emotive and thought provoking for the children, and they came back very keen to talk about it. As with Year 3, the museum staff were blown away by the children's knowledge of the topic, and impressed by their thoughtful observations and questioning. Well done class 6!



As well as trips out it is also important to welcome visitors into school. To support our work on Black History we had Bemma an African dancer and storyteller in school. She ran workshops with each class and it was a fantastic way to spend a day in school. Class 5 celebrated their knowledge of the Egyptians during a really exciting theme day that all of the children really enjoyed.



### Harvest Festival

On Monday 13<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 and our Year 6 children did a wonderful job of narrating the assembly. The children in Class R performed a number of Harvest songs 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 Nativity! Thankyou very much for the donations that we have received, they have been very generous. They have been collected by The Friary Foodbank in West Bridgford and used to provide food parcels and meals for those in need.



## Break the Rules Day

You know the day is going to be a long one when the site manager sends a message asking if he can put all of Mr Isted's furniture on the playground! We have had such a fun end to our term today, and despite all of the broken rules actually the children have continued to be respectful to adults and to each other and participate in their learning. Well done to the school council for masterminding such a fun day, a wonderful way to raise some money.



## A message from the Smartphone free childhood Group

Hello from the Smartphone Free Childhood Tollerton group. We're a friendly non-judgemental group where we can share how to best support our kids around smartphones and social media. We're asking for your help with a short anonymous survey to understand how everyone else is thinking. It only takes five minutes and would really help the whole school. Please fill it in here before 31st

October: <https://forms.gle/XUFAYQD3RzC61xY46> and we will share the results. Thanks so much!



## What is coming up?

The first week back in school is going to be our Diversity and Inclusion week. We want to focus on how it feels to belong, our own unique selves and celebrating our differences. We are excited to be welcoming author Troy Jenkinson into school who will be sharing some of his books and then doing some workshops with the children over two mornings.

Remember to send back the slip which came out to you this week if you would like to buy one of Troy's books ahead of his visit.

Bikeability for Year 3 will now take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – children will need their bikes and helmets on this day please.

### Upcoming dates

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
3-7	DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WEEK
3	CLASS R BALANCE BIKES
4	YEAR 3 BALANCE BIKES
10-14	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
10	ODD SOCKS DAY
10	FOTS / PTA BAKE-OFF YEARS 3 AND 4
14	KINDNESS DAY
18	MEETING FOR PARENTS OF SEPTEMBER 26 INTAKE 5PM
19	MEETING FOR PARENTS OF SEPTEMBER 26 INTAKE 9:15AM
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
3	YEAR 2 NEWSTEAD ABBEY TRIP – A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
5	FOTS / PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO
9	CLASS R NATIVITY PERFORMANCE 2PM
10	MOVIE NIGHT – SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
11	KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE 2PM
12	KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE 9:30AM
18	CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY
19	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY
19	BREAK-UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Have a wonderful half term everybody!

Mrs Smith