



**TUSHINGHAM with GRINDLEY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.  
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely summer break with your children and that they are refreshed and excited to be back in school. It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with their usual boundless energy, smiles and enthusiasm, ready for a year full of new adventures. We welcome all our new families and look forward to getting to know them through their children's journey through Tushingham CE Primary.

Following the news of the Queen's passing, we will be reflecting on her remarkable and inspirational life in school. The Queen exemplified our school vision of 'Let us love one another for love is from God' in the way that she drew on her Christian faith and loved and served so many people right across the world with unfailing compassion and dedication. We can all aspire to live our lives in the way she did also reflecting on 1 Peter 4:9 'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.'

Our entrance has had a makeover and one of the displays also reflects the importance of how each child's uniqueness is what makes each and every one of us special. The main display shows our pledge to our children during their Tushingham journey and encompasses the broad range of experiences they will encounter as well as our golden thread which is LOVE.



S4YC – our before and after school club – has had a very successful start, being well-attended. We welcome Miss Richards and Miss Johnson who have made sure the children have lots of fun: one child commented, "I don't like it at after school club... I LOVE IT!"



Mrs Latham and Miss Smalls have begun their role as Head of School for KS1 and KS2 respectively. Please discuss any matters with them in the first instance. Mrs Scott has loved getting to know Class 2 and is really looking forward to enabling them to grow throughout this year. She is a wonderful addition to our staff team who are all loving their new classes too. Miss Richards – as well as working for S4YC – is working to support children emotionally across school, including at breaktime and lunchtime (we do give her a break!). She has already created warm relationships with children, promoting feelings of safety and security. This is an innovative new role and we look forward to reaping the benefits of it.

Forest School lessons and club after school has also been warmly welcomed. Mrs Holmes was pleased the weather was kind to us but we will make the most of our outdoor area in all weathers so please make sure children come prepared. Through the holiday, we have begun to create a Sensory Garden behind the mobile where children can have some quiet time at break time, listening to wind chimes, smelling the lavender and mint, watching the birds, listening to the rustle of leaves or simply sitting amongst nature. We will continue to develop this through the year. If you have any plants or ideas for this area, please contact Mrs Davies.

I'm very proud to announce that despite the challenges of Covid last year, Tushingham CE Primary still achieved the Sainsbury's School Games Gold award, recognising our commitment to a high level of PE provision, including competition, and the promotion of both physical and mental wellbeing.



Edsential - with our fabulous cook Mrs Blackhurst - are continuing our school meals provision. They remain the only school meals catering company to hold RSPO accreditation ensuring they only use certified sustainable palm oil ingredients in their menus. They believe passionately in providing our children with quality, ethical food that helps them be the best they can be. There will continue to be themed dinners throughout 2022/23, including the most popular: Christmas Dinner and World Book Day. The first **special dinner** is on **6<sup>th</sup> Oct** in which we are celebrating the **Best of British** to coincide with British Food Fortnight. **Remember to book your child a school dinner for this day.** There will also be a special dinner to celebrate the World Cup. I'd also like to invite you to book yourself a school dinner with your child and come and join them for dinner on their birthday. Please email Mrs Devaney if you would like to arrange this.

Children are already impressing me as well as teachers and I have awarded several Headteacher's golden stickers for exceptional work. Please join us on a Friday morning for Celebration Worship to celebrate all our children's achievements in and out of school. Bringing certificates, medals and details or photos of achievements out of school is one way we value the uniqueness of each and every child. My favourite is still a Blue Peter badge although we have acrobats amongst our children's talents too.



I cannot stress enough the importance of labelling your child's items so we can make sure they are not lost. The Friends of Tushingham (FoT – our PTA) are going to hold second-hand uniform sales throughout the year so if you have any 'grown out of but still useable items', please drop them off at the school office. As communicated in the Summer term, our Uniform Policy asks that school jumpers have the school logo but other items do not need to have this on although they are available from Whitchurch Sports, 11A Watergate Street, Whitchurch SY13 1DP or online from RAM Sports, Wrexham. There are some very good deals in local supermarkets. Book bags and PE bags can be purchased from our school office.

It is the FoT Annual General Meeting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in the school hall. This is for all parents to share their ideas, listen to ideas and make a plan for fundraising for the year – helping at events makes a real difference. Money raised by the FoT is used to benefit all children, for example by contributing to coach costs for trips or purchasing items identified by school which will benefit all pupils. Currently, the outdoor area is a focus and the FoT have purchased the outdoor speaker system and gazebos. The School Council will oversee decisions made regarding future purchases – there have been lots of ideas suggested. Please do come along on Friday, have a cup of tea and a biscuit and help support the continued development of our school.

For those new to school, when parking in the car park opposite school, please reverse in to avoid reversing out when children could be behind your car. Parking space is limited so allow adequate space between cars but please don't leave excess space so as many cars as possible can park. **Please take extra care and drive very slowly when driving on the road outside school** and be careful exiting onto the A41 – be aware vehicles travel very fast along this road. Parents and carers are respectfully expected not to stop their cars on the zigzag lines outside school and also to consider our neighbours, ensuring entrances to properties are kept clear at all times. Please do not park in front of the gate to the field. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Attendance at Tushingham is excellent and we want to ensure this continues. Evidence shows that children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly – the high achievement of our children reflects this. There may be occasions when your child is too ill to attend school, or they may have an appointment. It is a parent's responsibility to inform school of the reason for absence before a child is absent. In this way, we can safeguard your children by knowing their whereabouts. Any planned absence must be authorised by the Headteacher in advance. Please obtain a form from Mrs Devaney to request authorisation for an absence. As of September 2013, the law has restricted a Headteacher's ability to authorise holidays during term time. Any absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Toddlers - led by Mrs Glassonbury - will be every Monday morning so if you have younger children, please bring them along to this and we can begin to welcome them and you into our school family too. Please share with friends who may be interested.

Following the success of the swimming pool - which was highlighted in the Whitchurch Herald during the summer holiday – two parents are raising money by walking 50 miles on The LongMynd Hike to ensure the return of the pool. If you are able to support their efforts, please do so via: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/55-miles-24-hours-for-childrens-swimming-lessons?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/55-miles-24-hours-for-childrens-swimming-lessons?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)



Finally, I would like to signpost you to our website which has lots of useful information on it, including the Bishop Heber Sports events and school trips. The school calendar will have all school dates on so you can plan to attend Sports Day for example, well in advance.

Also, under the Parent information tab, there is a 'Wellbeing Support for Families' page <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/wellbeing-support-for-families/127336> which has links to support for a variety of issues eg the energy crisis, food banks, keeping safe when gaming.

There is also a page dedicated to Mental Health support for families:

<https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/mental-health/123406>

and a page which signposts families to local clubs or activities your child might want to attend:

<https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs-available-in-our-local-area/123409>

If anyone has any useful links to add to any of these pages, please send them to Mrs Davies.

**Events to note (please see the calendar on the school website for upcoming events):**

16<sup>th</sup> September – Friends of Tushingham AGM 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> September – Circus 6pm-8pm 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Best of British special school dinner

7<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service at church 9am.

11<sup>th</sup> October – Pilgrim Day at Chester Cathedral (Class 4)

26<sup>th</sup> November – Tushingham School Choir singing at St Chad's Christmas Market

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service at St Chad's at 4.30pm - all school children and their families would be very welcome.

8<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity performances

9<sup>th</sup> December – Tushingham Christmas Fair 3.15pm

13<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Theatre trip to Storyhouse 'The Snow Queen'

15<sup>th</sup> December – Tushingham Talent Show

I hope to see some of you at the Circus in Malpas on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – this is something that will really broaden your children's experience.

*Mrs Cathy Davies*

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