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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,

There are so many exciting things happening at Tushingham at the moment, it is hard to know where to begin! Please see the calendar on our school website
<https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/events> to find out events that are coming up.

Events coming up (summary):

- 15th November - Work Showcase 5.30pm-6pm
- 18th November – Children in Need: wear spots
- 25th November – Celebration Worship
- 26th November – Tushingham School Choir singing at St Chad’s Christmas Market
- 29th November – Non-uniform: Dress as what you want to be when you grow up and bring chocolate/bottle/unwanted gifts
- 29th November – Class 3 visit to Liverpool World Museum
- 29th November – Class 1 Nativity at St Chad’s at 2pm
- 1st December – Class 1 Nativity at St Chad’s at 2pm
- 2nd December – Sing the Christmas Story at Chester Cathedral
- Sunday 4th December - Christingle Service at St Chad’s at 4.30pm - all school children and their families would be very welcome.
- 8th December – Class 2 Nativity performances in the hall at 1.30pm & 5pm
- 8th December – Wreath making at 7pm: Contact marburyhall@gmail.com for tickets
- 9th December – Tushingham Christmas Fair 3.15pm
- 12th December – Christmas lunch, KS2 Christmas Party, Chloe Hewitt Dance Club performance
- 13th December – Whole School Theatre Trip to Storyhouse, Chester ‘The Snow Queen’
- 15th December – Tushingham Talent Show
- 16th December – Christmas Service at St Chad’s at 9am
- 16th December – School breaks up for the Christmas break at 3.15pm
- 3rd January 2023 – School reopens after the Christmas break
- 31st January – Young Voices at AO arena in Manchester



I am proud of all of our children on a daily basis – their commitment to living out our vision of *Let us love one another, for love is from God* is impressive as is their dedication to achieving their potential in all areas. Whenever I show a visitor around school, the children’s comments about how wonderful our school is always warm my heart.

We have elected ‘Tushingham VIVA’s’ in school – Vision Influencers and Value Advocates. These are representatives in each class who have a voice for our children. They have led worship on matters that are important to them as well as organising events that can help our children to make a difference in the world. This term we have considered in school (amongst other things): anti-bullying, online safety, National Poetry Day, Cycle to School week, Remembrance Day, Children in Need and road safety. We have had a visit to school from Bart Gee who inspired the children with his ‘Disability into Possibility’ workshop as well as several entertaining and educational visits from Pastor Phil and Pastor Rob from the Cellar church. Shoeboxes were also made to send to benefit children across the world through <https://teams4u.com/>.



I am very pleased that I have been able to facilitate Healthbox in running the Timid to Tiger programme for our parents as well as parents from Shocklach CE Primary and Bishop Heber – the aim being to boost children’s confidence and resilience.

As ever, personal music lessons create talented musicians in our school. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please contact the office. We are celebrating the talents of our musicians by inviting them to play as children enter Celebration worship – it is spellbinding.

Forest school lessons have been excellent, promoting learning through the outdoors connected with the learning that is happening in class as well as promoting wellbeing.

S4YC have been providing excellent wrap-around care and the children that are attending always enjoy themselves. Unfortunately, due to OFSTED regulations, they are not able to offer places to nursery children until they have a staff member who has a Level 3 qualification in Early Years. We are working hard to sort this out with both S4YC and CWAC but there is a national recruitment



issue in this area. If you know of anyone with this qualification that would be interested in joining our wrap-around care (or a 40 hour contract across 2 sites) please let me know.

Miss Smalls has now begun her maternity leave and we are eagerly awaiting some exciting news... In the meantime, we have welcomed Miss Goff who is inspiring the children in Class 3. During Miss Smalls' absence, Mrs Latham is Head of School for all classes. We also welcome Mrs Underwood who is a new teaching assistant to our school who will be working to boost children's achievement. The excitement of the children in Class 2 for their English lessons has been a joy to see: Mr Nibbles (the main character in the book they are reading) has certainly been very busy! I have loved observing the high quality play-based learning that is happening in Class 1 too – all reflected in the fabulous displays on the walls. I hope you enjoy seeing these at our work showcase.



Chloe Hewitt KS1 Dance Club has begun and The Art Bus is a spectacular addition to our Club list alongside football and forest school. There are spaces in forest school club (booked via the office) and The Art Bus is taking bookings for next term. Please see the clubs we have at school on our website <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs/122704> and any clubs in the local area you might want to take your children to at <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs-available-in-our-local-area/123409> . Please let me know if you have any other clubs to add to this list.

All reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free dinner. You do not have to claim for this, simply book it on school spider. I would urge everyone to use this provision, particularly when costs of everything else are rising. Our catering company are committed to providing quality, ethical food. If your child is fussy, it can be particularly beneficial as it enables them to try new foods with their friends – it is amazing what they will try when parents are not around! Uptake of lunches is increasing which is fabulous so we now have a **vacancy for a kitchen assistant** to help serve the children and wash up afterwards. If you know anyone that would be interested in this vacancy, please let me know.

Reminders:

If your child is ill, please inform Mrs Devaney in the office as soon as possible so that we can account for their whereabouts. If you need to request an absence in advance, please complete an absence request form – available from the website or the office – but remember absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and holidays cannot be authorised.

Website:

Curriculum tab – There are overviews of our curriculum so you know what your child is learning in school <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/overview-of-curriculum/116429> as well as on each subject page, details what your child will learn in each year group and information about what and how we teach. On class pages, there is information about how you can support your child at home. The most beneficial thing you can do at home is be positive about learning (no ‘I hate maths’ messages) – interest and praise leads to motivation to learn. Secondly, enjoy reading with your child: read to them as often as possible and let them read to you. Lives are busy but this is the key to a lifelong love of learning.

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>

What a difference a year makes – this time last year we were still very affected by Covid and unable to bring our community together. I’m looking forward to seeing you all at our many events over the next few weeks.

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