



Townsend Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 update

We are now approaching the final week of the first half-term of this year. We did have four outbreaks of Covid-19 which effected 6 pupils and one teacher across the school. However, the most challenging has been another cold/virus going around which has similar symptoms, sore throat, chesty cough, blocked nose and has been very nasty! A lot of staff and children have come down with this virus, so please do not send your child to school, remembering to ensure they have a Covid-19 test.

IMPORTANT – Children watching Netflix!!



I have been informed by members of staff that a high number of our children are watching a popular Netflix show called **“Squid Game”**. It has graphic realistic scenes of violent and sexual behaviour. Sadly, children are acting out some of these behaviours in the playground and making up their own versions of this game.

Children should be 15 years old to watch this! Please monitor your child’s access to these shows. Thank you!

Keeping Children Safe Online

Please also remember to keep children safe online and check what they are accessing. PLEASE ensure you know who your child is talking with and what is being said. Thank you!



PARENTS DAY - School closed 22nd October 2021

- We use one of our training days for Parents Day.
- Children stay at home but come into school with their parent to see the teacher.
- All parents have received a time slot of when they meet their teacher.
- The meetings will be held in your child’s classroom.
- We expect to see all parents on this day.

YEAR 2 PARENTS DAY - will take place on Thursday 21st October.

This is because Ms. Pooley does not work on a Friday. Children should come into school on this day as usual and will not need to come into school at all during Friday 22nd October.



Homework

During Parents Day, you will be discussing homework. This is a chance for all parents to ask questions and find out more about our online learning!

New Townsend Website

I would have liked to say, look at our new website, however at this moment, the new website is not uploading. We are hoping this technical difficulty to resolve within the next 24 – 48 hours. The new website is easier to navigate and find the information you need.

Wellbeing Day

We all had a fantastic day on Wednesday 13th October with our pyjama day. Parents attended a well-being after school event, which focused on how to make bedtimes easier. There were two lucky parents who won a fantastic hamper of goodies for bedtime. Most parents went home with a little bag of goodies, and we all had a fun day with a pyjama fashion show. It did cheer up both adults and children! Well-done to Nicola Ford-Jones our SENCo and Jane our therapist for organising this.

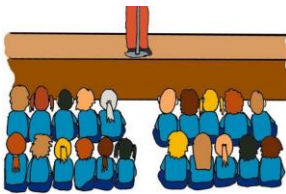


Head Boy and Head Girl

I am delighted to introduce Tami Runsewe and Nazim Meddah from Year 6 who were elected by their peers to be Head Boy and Head Girl. They are fantastic role models for the whole school and have been an inspiration to us all. Today I saw them reading a story at lunchtime to a large group of younger children, who were listening attentively and enjoying every bit of it!

Assemblies

During our Monday assemblies, we look at a variety of topics, people and events that are historical, topical, religious or with a focus on morals. We have learned about Gareth Southgate and his views for the England team, Donald Trump and his actions, Parliament, to question events and helps widen an understanding of our world. We already know why and who introduced Black History Month in 1928 and many historical facts about leading black people. However, this month we have begun to question ‘Should Black History be just for a month?’ Thankfully, this is not the case at Townsend. The next stage of this is



for our children to investigate history that relates to them. The younger children looking at their own history, whilst the older children investigate and find an historical person or event that relates to their family background. I am looking forward to reading what our children present! Please help them at home so they can share their findings at school.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parents Day and please do pop into my office on the middle floor to say hello if you do not see me during the day!

Best Wishes

Anne Stonell
Headteacher