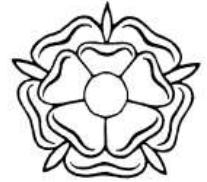


Tudor Primary School Newsletter 17



Thursday 25th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer learnin'... happens so fast!

I must **apologise** for the opening of the newsletter. After watching last week's super 5C assembly (on Greece) open with a song from Grease, I felt I had to try and follow suit. I must say, though, that the meaning behind those lyrics is true as the **children are clearly making great progress**. Assessment week took place last week in school and this is a time when we hope that the children are able to 'prove' what they have learnt during the year. The teachers have certainly had an extra '**spring in their step**' since the tests and assessments were completed because **the children did so well**. I know the teachers are looking forward to sharing the progress with you at our 'new' Summer consultation evenings that take place on the 4th and 6th of July. During the parent meeting you will also receive your child's end of year report. **Online booking of these appointments will open on Friday 26th May**. Follow instructions on: www.tudor.parentseveningsystem.co.uk

New staff, new opportunities for children...

I highlighted in my last newsletter that recruitment of teaching staff continues to be one of the biggest pressures for school leaders. I am, therefore, happy to say that the **staffing structure continues to look strong at Tudor**. We have a super mix of experienced staff as well as new 'talent' and I know that **we will be even stronger next year**. A new face that you will soon see a lot around school will be that of Mr Higgins. He came out 'on top' of a very strong group of applicants for our new sports coach role. Key targets for this role include ensuring **high quality sporting opportunities** to all children as well as leading **major overhaul in our provision of after school sporting opportunities**.

Fiddle 'Toys'- thanks for your support

It is pleasing to see how we are not 'suffering' from incidents involving the latest 'craze' in schools. **Thank you** for ensuring that children are not bringing in 'fiddle toys' into school. If anything, **it proves that our school community does read the school newsletter**. Taking that into account...

School Shoes- getting it right...

A number of you have commented that you recognised that I have plans to 'adjust' school policy on appropriate shoes in school. I will send out additional information about this but my aim is that the children look as smart on their feet as they do with the rest of their uniform. I also recognise the need for footwear that can help keep them active (and safe) at breaktime. In the meantime, **do try to ensure that the shoes (boys and girls) are black (and only black!)**. Some of the multi coloured trainers that some children enjoy wearing do not look appropriate as part of a school uniform.

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www.tudor.herts.sch.uk

Attendance Spotlight- high attendance DOES mean better progress for your children...

A key strength of ours is the high rate of staff attendance- this is an indicator of **staff morale** as well as **commitment to your children's education**.

Our overall rates for the attendance (of children) last week were as follows:

R: 94.8%	Y: 89.3%	1A: 100%	1B: 94.5%	2R: 95.9%	2A: 99.0%
3M: 98.8%	3W: 99.1%	4C: 98.0%	4R: 94.4%	5D: 94.6%	5C: 96.7%
6G: 94.1%		Total: 96.0%	Target= <u>97%+ each week we CAN do this!</u>		

Parking Problems

I doubt that there is a school in the land that is free of parking stresses at the start and the end of each day. However, I must ask you all to **be considerate to our local community** (and each other) when you are dropping off/ picking up children. The school has doubled in size over the past few years and this has obviously resulted in more 'traffic-issues'. Complaints to the school are increasing from local residents and it is hard to disagree when there are examples of parents parking across driveways and/ or being aggressive to people when challenged. **Please do experiment with changing your parking habits-** feedback, for example, from parents who park and stride from Tesco is **positive**. Try it... after all, 'Every Little Helps'.

Message from the office team...

We have really **transformed** the organisation of the office team this year **and it is now time for the next INITIATIVE to help make your lives easier!** We are about to introduce online ordering of uniform- keep an eye out for a letter on how this will work. Please also be aware that payments for school lunches in KS2 can now be completed online using SchoolGateway- prices are £2.30/day, £11.50/week or £78.20 for the complete half term.

The Friends of Tudor

There will be a '**FOT Half Term Scavenger Hunt**' sheet in your child's book bag at the end of this week. Please remind your child to complete this during the holidays- as well as having fun and raising money, they could also win a **special prize!**

It's not long until the next **Tudor Owls Cake Sale:**



Tudor Owls

Friday 9th June is our next cake day. This time it will be the turn of the children in Year 3 to provide biscuits and Year 6 to provide cakes. Tudor Owls charge 20p for each cake or for two biscuits. Many thanks, as always, for your generous support.

In addition to being handed out to each family, our newsletter is available on the website. For those families who have English as an additional language, you can access all the information in the language you require.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Mr Rob Weightman/ Headteacher

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