



## Thomas Johnson Lower School

*Dream - Discover - Flourish*

25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Look out for Mr Motivator! Friday 26th February**



This Friday (tomorrow) is the time for everyone in the family to get their fitness equipment out and join in with our on-line motivational morning. Mr Motivator will be providing a special fitness session for Thomas Johnson and other schools in our cluster and could be mentioning your class!

Follow the Google Classroom link in the morning and join his fitness class. Children who will be in school should wear mufti which they can move in (not jeans or dresses - something flexible please!)

### **Staffing update**

Mrs New has joined us since last September, covering for a staff member who was on long term sickness absence. Initially this was a temporary arrangement, however Mrs New kindly agreed to stay with us during the lockdown and so enabled us to provide an extra bubble for Key Worker children. With schools returning on 8th March, Mrs New is returning to supply work, and Mrs Martin will be taking over Owls full time until Easter. We want to thank Mrs New for her time and enthusiasm supporting the school so well. We wish her every success.

After Easter, we welcome a new member of staff, Mrs Roy. Mrs Roy is an experienced teacher and SENCO and will be taking on both roles when she joins us. She will be working alongside Mrs Martin in Owls. Mrs Roy will be coming into school, ahead of joining, so that she can meet the children and become a familiar face. We are very excited to have her joining our team.

### **Red Nose Day - 17th March**

Advance notice of Red Nose day. This will be a mufti day, with the emphasis on wearing something red. We do not yet know what items will be for sale under the new Covid restrictions, but the day will be full of fun activities and will doubtless include some items which can help raise extra money.



### **Return to school - reassurance for anxious pupils**

We are very excited to welcome the children back to school, but we have already heard that some children are showing signs of anxiety, or simply stating "I don't need to go back to school because I can learn at home!" We are confident that the routine of school, the chance to see friends again, and the opportunities to do a wider range of activities, will enable all pupils to quickly settle back. Please therefore send your child in, however long it takes to get them into that uniform again, and we will take it from there! Often the thought of doing something is harder than actually doing it. We would rather a child start late that morning, than delay coming in at all. If this is the case for you, please don't hesitate to call us and let us know, and we will do all we can to help make their first days back successful.

With best wishes



Marian Haimes

**Headteacher**