



Thomas Johnson Lower School

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Headteacher's Introduction

Can you believe this is the end of the sixth week of the term? I am now really beginning to feel part of the furniture at the school - and hopefully I am close to not having to be called the 'new' headteacher anymore!

To support communication even more between school and home, at the bottom of this newsletter you will find all the diary dates for the remainder of this academic year.

All the dates are subject to change - but we will try very hard to avoid having to reschedule any of these dates. The diary dates will continue to be posted at the bottom of every weekly newsletter - and any additional events will be written in **green**.

All the diary dates have been posted to the school website and [you can find this by clicking here](#).

You can now subscribe to our school calendar and synchronise it to your own personal calendar.

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*Simon Bolger
Headteacher*

Behaviour

This week, we launched a brand new approach to promoting positive behaviour around school. It was introduced in assembly on Monday - and the adults around school have regularly been reminding and recapping the new approach to help children understand the new expectations.

[You can read all about the new approach to behaviour on our website by clicking here.](#)

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies on a Monday morning are planned to ensure children learn about developing a growth mindset, embracing positivity, tolerating and respecting the beliefs of others, and preparing children for life in modern Britain.

So far this term, assemblies have covered the following topics:

New school year	Being an effective learner	Democracy	Perseverance and growth mindset	Rules, behaviour and manners
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For the remainder of the term, our assembly themes will be:

Neuroplasticity	Bonfire Night and keeping safe	Remembrance	Peace
Comfort, stretch and panic zones	Tolerance	Love	Christmas and gratitude

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Harvest

We would like to warmly invite you into school to attend our Harvest Festival Celebration. It will be held in the school hall on **Friday 21st October 2022**.

There will be two celebrations over the course of the day due to the capacity of the hall.

They will be as follows:

Friday 21st October at 9.30am
For children in
Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 21st October at 2.30pm
For children in
Year 3 and Year 4

We are accepting donations from Monday 17th October. Please see the post on Class Dojo for more information.

Lunchtime

During the Covid period, and up to now, the school has pursued a split lunchtime with separate sittings for children. We have noticed a small number of children (mainly our younger ones) who have not always been able to finish their food at lunchtime. In response to this, to make sure every child is given sufficient time to eat and enjoy all their lunch - we will now start to eat all together in the hall.

PE Kit

Please be reminded that children's PE kit is still part of their school uniform.

Our school PE kit is as follows:

- Black or bottle green shorts
- White or bottle green t-shirt (*this should be plain and without any logos*)
- Black trainers
- Black, grey or bottle green tracksuit

Weekly Awards

This week, the awards go to...

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Sportsperson of the Week
Reception	Arthur	*	Felix
Year 1	Leo	Jozefina	Monty
Year 2	Savannah-Rae	Amelia	Ruben
Year 3	Noah	Bella	Flora
Year 4	Toby	Zachary	Lily

**We will introduce this award later in the school year for our Reception children.*

This week's Golden Brush winner is **Eagles - Year 4**. They have had the tidiest classroom and cloakroom this week.

Attendance - Every Minute Counts

Whole school attendance
for this week - **95.32%**

(National attendance is **96.4%**
- *can we do better next week?*)

Duggee The Every Day Dog
Awarded to the class with the best attendance all week.

Hedgehogs with an attendance of **97.78%**

Dates for your diary - new dates added will be written in green

15 th October	PTFA Disco held at the Village Hall
21 st October	Harvest Festival - 9.30am for PS, Rec, Y1 and Y2. 2.30pm for Y3 and Y4
21 st October	Last day of half-term
31 st October	School REOPENS for Autumn 2
2nd November	Children's individual school photographs
7 th November	Progress Consultations for Parents/Carers - 3.30-6.30pm
9 th November	Progress Consultations for Parents/Carers - 3.30-6.30pm
12 th November	PTFA Fireworks event
14 th November	Reach Out! Anti-bullying day. Everyone to wear odd socks.
16 th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents

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18 th November	Children in Need. Everyone to wear spots. <i>Optional £1 donation to CiN.</i>
21 st November	World Cup starts - <i>wear a football (or sports or national team colour) shirt</i>
24 th November	Phonics information session for Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 2pm
25 th November	INSET Day - school CLOSED to children
30 th November	English and Maths information session - 2pm
6 th December	Preschool, Reception Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance - 9.30am
8 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance - 9.30am
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day. <i>No donations requested.</i>
14 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
16 th December	Non-uniform day. <i>Optional £1 donation to school fund.</i> Last day of term
3 rd January	INSET Day - school CLOSED to children
4 th January	School REOPENS for Spring 1
11 th January	Open Day for Prospective Parents
25 th January	SPLAT (Stay Play Learning All Together) Session - 9-9.30am. Your child will give you a tour of their classroom.
1 st February	Year 2 SATs information session - 2pm
6 th - 10 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
7 th February	Safer Internet Day
10 th February	Last day of half term
20 th February	School REOPENS for Spring 2
2 nd March	World Book Day. Dress up as a children's book character.
6 th March	Progress Consultations - 3.30-6.30pm
8 th March	Progress Consultations - 3.30-6.30pm
8 th March	International Women's Day
13 th - 17 th March	Science Week
17 th March	Coffee Morning - 9.15-10am
31 st March	Last day of term
17 th April	INSET Day - School CLOSED to children
18 th April	School REOPENS for Summer 1
18 th April	National offer day for children starting in Reception
1 st May	Bank Holiday - school CLOSED
1 st - 31 st May	KS1 SATs period
4 th May	School referendum
8 th - 12 th May	Art Week
17 th May	SPLAT session - 9-9.30am. Your child will give you a tour of their classroom.
26 th May	Last day of half term
5 th June	School reopens for Summer 2
5 th - 23 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screening Period
12 th - 16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Period
16 th June	Coffee Morning - 9.15-10am
21 st June	New Reception starter information session - 1.30pm
29 th June	Sports Day - 9.30am
6 th July	Sports Day Backup should there be poor weather
12 th July	Transition morning - meet your new teacher
12 th July	School Picnic
14 th July	End of year reports sent out to parents and carers
17 th July	SPLAT - your child can share their learning from this year with you - 3.20-3.50pm
18 th July	Transition morning - meet your new teacher
19 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly - 9.30am
21 st July	School closes for summer holidays

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