



## Thomas Johnson Lower School

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### Headteacher's Introduction

Please accept my apologies that you are receiving this letter today instead of last Friday. And it will be somewhat shorter than usual as our Ofsted inspection kept us occupied for most of last week! Ofsted last visited in October 2019 - and not since the pandemic - so it was great to welcome the inspectors into our school to see all the wonderful things we do here at TJLS.

Unfortunately, we are unable to share the outcome with staff or families until the report is officially published. This will be up to 30 days (and I was warned it may not make it before the Christmas holiday). We will of course get the news to you the moment we are allowed to.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thanks to every single one of you who took the time to complete the parent survey and also to speak to the inspectors in the playground.

The children and staff have all made me feel incredibly proud in the last week. What an amazing team!

*Simon Bolger*  
Headteacher

### English and Maths Information Session - POSTPONED

We were due to hold this session of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Our plan was to fully prepare for the session last week - but our inspection meant we became otherwise occupied. Instead of rushing to hold the session and not do it as well as we could - we have decided to postpone this until the new year.

In January, we will publish dates to catch up for this event and also the EYFS and KS1 phonics session we also had to postpone.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Weekly Awards

This week, the awards go to...

|           | Star of the Week | Reader of the Week | Sportsperson of the Week |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Reception | George           | Isabella           | Artie                    |
| Year 1    | Ty               | Tiberius           | Jozefina                 |
| Year 2    | Amelia           | Quinton            | Caleb                    |
| Year 3    | Angelica         | Beth               | Elijah                   |
| Year 4    | Brooke           | Toby               | Scarlet                  |

This week's Golden Brush winner is Badgers - Year 2. They have had the tidiest classroom and cloakroom this week.

### Attendance - Every Minute Counts

Whole school attendance  
for this week - **94%**  
(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.

Eagles - Year 4  
with an attendance of **96.3%**

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

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

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