

Thomas Johnson Lower School

Newsletter 25
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Headteacher's Introduction

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Red Nose Day coffee morning today. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. Once the funds have been counted up I will let you know the final total.

This week we have been very busy behind the scenes with renovating our library. We are so pleased with how it has come together so far and look forward to sharing with you the progress we have made. If you look on today's Class Dojo post you will see some transformation photos of the new library space.

Simon Bolger
Headteacher

Weekly Awards

As we held our coffee morning today, the weekly awards for this week will be awarded in Celebration Assembly on Monday. I will write a separate letter to you with the names of all our weekly winners!

Sports for Champions Event

We welcome Gymnast Tumbling World Champion, **Megan Kealy**, to TJLS on Monday 20th March. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children for this event. We are amazed at how much we have raised and look forward to sharing the final total with you next week.

It will hopefully be an unforgettable moment for the children of TJLS.

Car Parking

This is a polite reminder that the car park at the front of school is not a public car park - and should only be used by staff at the start and end of the school day.

There is a disabled parking bay at the front of school that can be used by parents/carers provided they have a blue disabled badge clearly displayed in their window.

Please refrain from parking outside the school gates at the end of Hurst Grove. This area is clearly marked with yellow zig zags and no vehicles should be parked there at any time for any reason.

If you have no option but to drive to school, then I would encourage you to park a little further out and walk the last little bit of the journey.

Our Eco-Committee have identified parking outside the school as an issue and they are exploring how to support the local community to be able to use their vehicles in a more environmentally friendly way and to ensure no accidents occur.

Park smart. Park safe. No excuses.

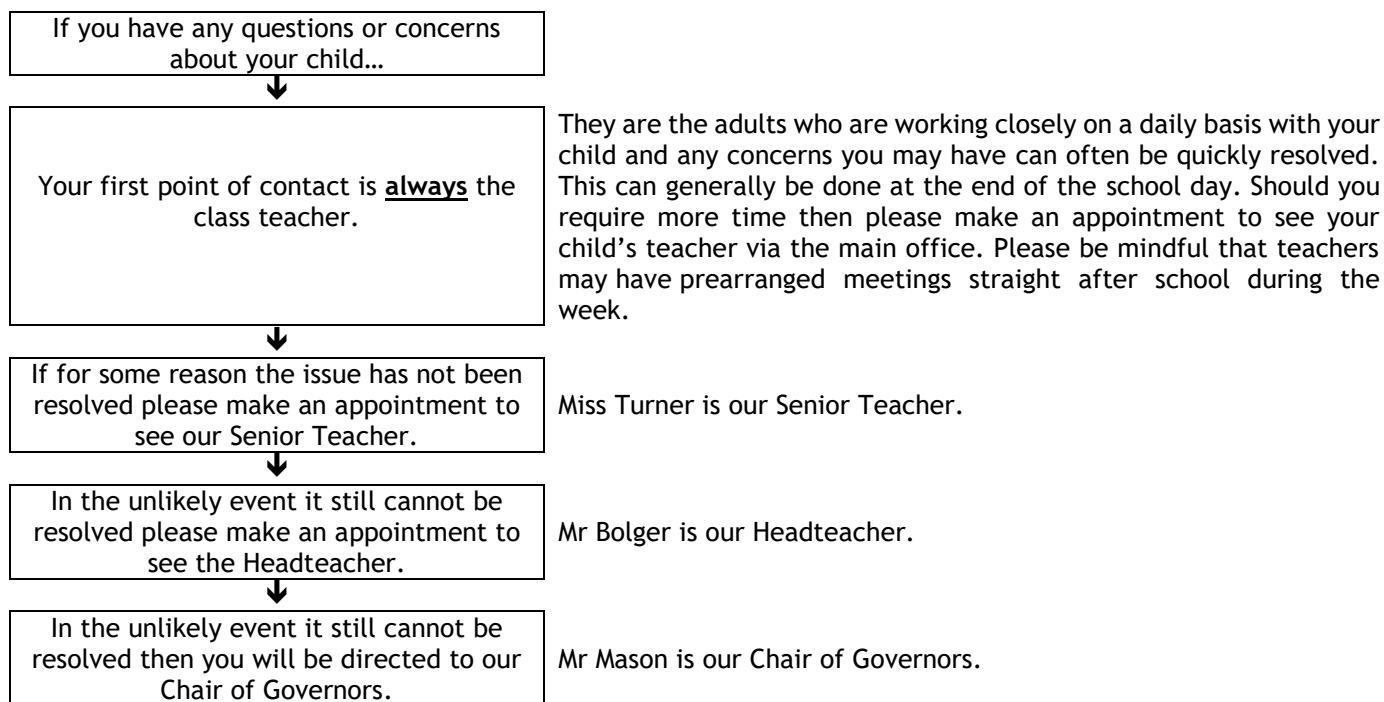
Notifying the school of a child's absence

In the event that your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please ensure you notify the front office by calling 01525 402377 before 9am. This is a safeguarding matter linked to the taking of daily registers (*which are a legal document*).

We will then ensure everyone who needs to know about the absence will be informed.

Chains of communication

Communication is extremely important to us in helping to support your child. The following protocol ensures that **all parents/carers** follow the same process:



Online Safety

Is your child watching age appropriate content?

In 2022, the NSPCC reported that over half of children in the UK regularly watch online and TV content that is inappropriate for their age.

The following links can help you ensure your child is watching age appropriate content.

[Common Sense Media](#). This provides age-based media reviews for families and features trusted ratings and reviews for what your children are into (*before they get into it*), across all aspects of online content.

[Netflix](#) and [Disney](#) also offer advice for managing profiles to ensure that parents/carers can manage the types of content their children can access.

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

20 th March	Megan Kealy - Sports for Champions event
31 st March	Easter Bonnet Parade
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
19 th -26 th April	Scholastic Book Fair
1 st May	Bank Holiday - school CLOSED
1 st - 31 st May	KS1 SATs period
4 th May	School referendum
8 th May	Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
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

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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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