



Thursday 7th January 2021

Thank you for your continued support and help to keep our school community safe. We appreciate the huge efforts you are making at home to ensure your child is continuing with their learning. Remember the importance of play and talking and reading with them. Playing games supports so many skills in the Early Years, as does helping with household jobs and being outside in the garden (even in this colder weather). We also appreciate everything you are doing if your child is coming in to school; making sure your child they come in every day in clean clothes, that they bring only their water bottle and reading bag, and that they are dropped off and collected promptly. Thank you for wearing a face covering on the school site and for using the one way system at the start and end of the day. I am sorry that we can only welcome children of key workers and vulnerable children into school at the moment, but it important that we follow the Government guidance to minimise the risks that are around us at the moment. If your home situation changes at all please let me know.

I am pleased to be able to say that we are able to open nursery in line with Government guidance to keep nurseries open. Again, as with school, this is reliant on having the staff capacity to do this.

Afternoon nursery will end at 3pm instead of 3.30pm, with collection from 2.45pm as school. This is due to staffing issues around their own childcare.

We will give you as much notice as possible if we have to implement any further changes to the provision we are offering at the moment. Unfortunately we will be unable to offer Breakfast Club and After School care this term; hopefully this can be resumed after the February holiday week.

To support Home Learning;

Remember if learning is fun and engaging for your child they are more likely to want to learn at home. You may also have to work from home or look after younger children so please don't feel that the learning sent from school **MUST** be followed rigidly. I hope some of the things below will support you with learning and playing with your child over the next few weeks. Please remember we are always here to give support and advise as needed. There are some very good online resources which can be used to develop your child's independent learning skills whilst you can get on with other things. If your child is accessing some reading, writing and maths everyday over the coming weeks that will be great, but sometimes you may find other ways to engage your child that suit your situation better than by just following the school planning.

PE with Joe is back Monday 11th January at 9AM (UK time). Please Retweet and let as many parents and schools as possible know. The sessions will be live Mon, Wed & Fri's at 9AM on YouTube

The BBC has announced that it will begin broadcasting educational content across its various channels – including BBC Two and CBBC – for both primary and secondary-aged children during



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the current lockdown period. Starting from Monday 11 January, it said there would be three hours of primary-aged shows including BBC Live Lessons and Bitesize Daily Lessons on its CBBC channel each weekday. This will include content such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch as well as occasional [Celebrity Supply Teacher lessons](#).

Oxford Owl Reading. **Free e-books** available to parents, you can choose your child's level by clicking on 'levels' then 'book band' and then you can select a book based on your child's colour [Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#)

Get your child to log into Purple Mash, www.purplemash.com If you are working from home there are lots of good learning opportunities divided into subject areas and age groups that you can encourage your child to explore.

Also you have your child's login details for www.educationcity.co.uk Again resources here are organised by year group and subject.

Free online resource to support PHONICS learning at home - www.phonicsplay.co.uk -
User name, jan21 - Password, home

You can also access additional resources by logging onto The Oak Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage> and using the resources there for the year group your child is in

FRIENDS 100 CLUB: January's 100 Club grid is in the cabin if you want to be in for this month's draw which will take place on Friday 29th January. £1 per square with a £25 prize for the winning square, or £7 for the rest of this academic year.

FRIENDS MONEY POTS: Thank you for your continued contributions to our class money pots. The pots have now been emptied for the January so any spare coins lying around in pockets or purses would be most appreciated for your child's class pot.

P.E. days: Please make sure your child comes in suitable P.E. kit with hair tied back and no earrings when it is their P.E. day or on a day they are doing a club.

Monday & Friday – Year 2, Puffins & Flamingos

Tuesday & Wednesday – Year 1, Toucans

Thursday – Foundation stage 2, Parrots & Penguins

CLOTHING: Please make sure any clothing your child wears to school is clearly named. This is especially important for school sweatshirts, cardigans and coats. Please make sure your child always has appropriate clothing, for example a waterproof and weatherproof coat, suitable footwear, a hat, gloves etc. NO SCARVES PLEASE.



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JEWELLERY: CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR ANY JEWELLERY TO SCHOOL or NURSERY. THIS INCLUDES PLAY JEWELLERY, BRACELETS, WATCHES & EAR-RINGS (other than plain studs).

Please find a list of dates below. These will be updated as necessary weekly so please do keep checking them for changes/additions.

Day, date & time	Class/Year Group	Event
Friday 12 th February 2021	Break up for February holiday week	
Monday 22 nd February 2021	Back to School & Nursery for Spring Term 2	
Wednesday 31 st March	End of term for children in Nursery – usual collection times	
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Break up for Easter holidays – collection from 1pm No After School Clubs or Care	
Monday 19 th April 2021	Back to School & Nursery for Summer Term 1	
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Bank Holiday	
Friday 28 th May 2021	Break up for May holiday week	
Monday 7 th June 2021	Back to School & Nursery for Summer Term 2	
Thursday 1 st July 2021, 8.30am departure from school-4pm departure from Lea Green	Year 2 Puffins & Flamingos	Education day at Lea Green
Friday 2 nd July 2021	INSET Staff Training NO SCHOOL & NURSERY	
Wednesday 21 st July 2021	End of term for children in Nursery – usual collection times	
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Break up for Summer holidays – collection from 1pm No After School Clubs or Care	

Your child's safety, well-being and happiness will always be a top priority for us throughout the year. If there is something worrying your child, please let us know – little things can quickly escalate if they are not dealt with. If you are not able to speak to your child's class teacher at the beginning of the day please feel that you can pop up to the office to see me, or catch me around school if you have any concerns or worries about anything you feel may affect your child's education. It is very important we are kept informed so that we can ensure your child receives the best care and education. Please also remember to let us know if your immediate contact details change, especially mobile phone numbers.

If you ever need to make contact with school after we have closed please be aware that you can send a text via Teachers2Parents, (07786208446) or by email, headteacher@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk I will usually pick up messages from both or one of these sources until



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about 10pm, and of course, if you need me to, I will contact you. Sometimes there may be something worrying or upsetting your child and you might not be able to get to the bottom of it – please do not feel you have to worry all night!

You can log onto our website at www.tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or contact us via email info@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk or headteacher@tibshelf-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk, or phone **01773 872571**. If we are not in the office when you phone you will hear a lovely answer phone message from one of our Year 2 pupils – just leave your message and we'll get back to you. Weekly newsletters can also be found on our website.

Have a good week and stay safe,

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