



# Newsletter 2



February 2nd 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I am delighted to have been appointed the permanent Executive Headteacher for the Tibshelf Schools Federation. I am looking forward to working with Mrs Alton (Head of School), all the staff and children. Mrs Alton and I will be both be sending out a newsletter monthly to keep you up to date with the latest news and events. Please also read the letter from Karen Waring, the Chair of Governors for the Tibshelf Schools Federation.

## Parent drop ins

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended the afternoon/evening drop-in session to meet me and share their thoughts and ideas for the future. I will be sharing these with the Governors to help us with school improvement going forwards.

## End of day collection change



After speaking to staff and parents about the congestion at the end of the day, we would like to try a new system from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. Arrangements at the start of the day will remain the same.

For collection points at the end of the day for **Ducklings, Parrots, Penguins, Puffins and Flamingos** (Nursery, Reception and Y2 classes), please continue as normal.

**Toucans (Y1)** - please collect from the front entrance. If you need to pick up children from a different class, all teachers at school are aware of this so will wait for you to arrive. The car park gates at the front of school will be locked at **2.45pm** for safety and the pedestrian side gate will be opened for access. The gates to the carpark at the back of school will still be open. Also, the gate leading to the Astro area will also be opened to ease congestion.

Please bear with us as there may be initial teething problems but we feel this system will hopefully be a safer and quicker way to release the children, so parents/carers are not having to wait for so long!

## Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. Whilst we know children will understandably be away at times due to medical appointments or being poorly, attendance is something that all schools are expected to monitor rigorously. School starts at 8.30am and reading/phonics lessons start promptly at 8.40am after the register closes so we really do appreciate your help with children being here on time, so they do not miss out on valuable learning.

In all schools, children are now considered to be 'Persistent absentees' if they have attendance below 90%. Attendance is an area that we continue to monitor as a school to ensure that we are above the National average of 96%. The latest guidelines published in the Autumn term from the Government can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



## Safeguarding - online safety

There may be times that adults or children are worried about something that they have seen or been sent online. Helpful websites to visit are CEOP at [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) or through contacting the Internet Watch Foundation at [www.iwf.org.uk](http://www.iwf.org.uk). You can also contact Childline on 0800 1111 - you are able to download the app on a smart phone. We talk regularly to the children about keeping safe online and a Safer Internet week is planned soon but if you ever have any concerns, please do let us know.

### Dates for the diary

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| W/b 13 <sup>th</sup> February     | Safer Internet week - the children will be having various activities around this theme across the week   |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Mrs Moody will be holding a parents information workshop about our new "Little Wandle" phonics scheme - a letter will be sent out in the next couple of days |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February  | INSET day - no children in school  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March    | World Book Day - children can come to school dressed as their favourite character!   |
| W/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Science week - there are lots of exciting activities planned for the week around science!  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March     | Red Nose Day - details to follow closer to the time  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March     | Break up for Easter  |

### School holiday dates

| HOLIDAY              | SCHOOL CLOSSES<br>(Last Day)       | SCHOOL RE-OPENS<br>(Children Return) |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| February Half Term   | Friday 17th February 2023          | Tuesday 28th February 2023           |
| Easter Holiday       | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 | Monday 17th April 2023               |
| May Day Bank Holiday | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023    |                                      |
| Spring Bank Holiday  | Friday 26th May 2023               | Monday 5th June 2023                 |
| Summer Holiday       | Friday 21st July 2023              | TBC                                  |

INSET DAYS  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Rachel Boswell*

(Executive Headteacher)