

## Newsletter June 2024

Welcome back after half term. We have got a very busy term ahead with lots of things planned!

### Safeguarding News



At Tibshelf Infant and Nursery school one of the ways in which we keep children safe is to teach the PANTS rule as provided by the NSPCC. We explain these rules in an infant friendly way and it reinforces the message that their body belongs to them and what they should do if a situation makes them feel worried or concerned. We revisit the PANTS acronym throughout the year to ensure children understand consent at an age-appropriate level.

The key messages for children are:

- P – Privates are privates.
- A – Always remember your body belongs to you.
- N – No means no.
- T – Talk about secrets that upset you.
- S – Speak up, someone can help.



Did you know that the NSPCC website has a whole host of support for parents including how to support your child with things like divorce and separation, racism, sleeping, anxiety and self-harm?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

### Tibshelf Values

This term we are thinking about the value – honest. We have started exploring the value by talking about how being honest is telling the truth about things. Honesty is being reliable, keeping promises and building relationships based upon trust. We have discussed that if we don't tell the truth, people might not believe us. We spoke about reasons why it might be tricky to be honest but that it is better to be honest to build trusting relationships.



## **Transition week**

Starting nursery, school or new classes can be an exciting time but also worrying time. Children might feel nervous or anxious about meeting a new teacher, as well as learning where things are in a new learning space, and new routines and expectations. Transition week is an opportunity for your child to get to know their new classroom environment, class friends and teachers before starting or returning to school in September.

During transition week children will get to know new adults and classmates through games and fun activities. They will learn things that will support them in September such as where coats, bookbags and water bottles go or where pencils and paper are kept in a new learning space.

We want children to have the best transition possible so that they feel safe and comfortable in September. Some children may benefit from extra transitions, if your child's current teacher feels that this would support your child, they will speak with you about this and how this could happen.

Starting a new class can be daunting, please speak to your child's teacher or myself if you have any worries or concerns and we will be happy to help.

Action for Children offer advice to support children on their website:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/school-life/school-behaviour-wellbeing>

## **Catching the bus to Townend**

You might be aware that there is a school bus service in the morning and after school. Children can catch the bus in the morning from the bus stop on the high street opposite our school (outside the building that was formerly the co-op). The school bus travels directly to Townend School. There is sometimes a member of staff on the bus in the morning but not always. Children should arrive at the bus stop from 8:20am in the morning with 60p to pay for the journey. The bus service also runs at the end of the school day. School staff ensure children get safely onto the bus at home time. The bus stops just past the co-op, just before our school and further up the village on Chesterfield Road. There is not always a member on staff on the bus during this journey, parents /carers wait to meet children when they get off the bus. Children should bring 60p to pay for the bus if they wish to use it at home time.

## **New classes for September**

We are in the process of finalising classes for next year. New classes are planned carefully to support children and create the best learning environment for all our children. Teachers take into account individual children's needs, how children work together and try to ensure that classes are balanced. Teachers have also spoken with children and taken into consideration their views and feelings. We will inform you which class your child is in before transition week.



## Clubs for September

In September, in addition to breakfast club and aftercare, we are planning to offer a club every night after school. All clubs cost £4:00 per session and run from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. The clubs we are planning to offer will be:

Monday- Football club

Tuesday- Net Sports club including elements of tennis, badminton and volleyball

Wednesday- Cooking Club

Thursday- Gymnastics Club

Friday- Dance club

You will be able to book onto these clubs using the Gateway app from the beginning of September.

Children transitioning to Townend school will be able to join the following after school clubs:

Monday - Multisport

Tuesday -Girls Football

Wednesday- Cross-Country

Thursday- Boys Football

Friday- No Club

## Diary Dates

- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Penguin Parent/Carer lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Meeting for parents/carers for children starting Reception (FS2) in September. The meeting will be held in the school hall at 3:30pm, please come to the main entrance to join us.
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery starter visits and nursery parent/carers meetings.
- w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June – transition week across school – [Click here for transition letter](#)
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 1 school trip to Whitepost Farm – [click here for consent form](#)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 trip to Wheelgate – [click here for consent form](#)
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July – school reports go out this week.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day and Summer Fayre on the field behind school. Races start at 1:30pm and the Fayre will begin once the races have finished- more information to follow. **No clubs or after care on this date.**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July– parent/carers drop ins – meet new teachers



- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Year 2 Leavers Assembly – the assembly will be held at Townend and will start at 1:30pm – more information to follow
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – school and nursery break up today for the Summer Holidays. **No clubs or after care on this date.**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September -School closed for Inset Day training
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Children return to school and nursery today

Thank-you to everyone for your support this year. If you have any concerns or worries, please feel free to speak to myself, Mrs Boswell or Chris at the gate. You can also call the office on 01773 872571.

Mrs Alton, Head of School.