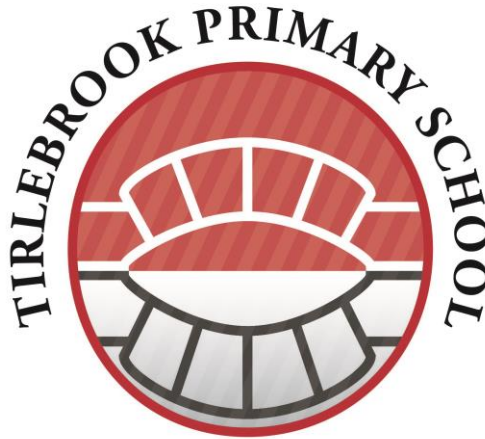


Tirlebrook Newsletter 3 (23-24)

Friday 29th September 2023



Be Respectful. This is the second of our school attitudes and we have been focusing on it during assembly this week. We discussed 'treating others as we would like to be treated' and thought of some good examples about how we could achieve this in school: waiting your turn in a game, being polite and well mannered, holding a door open for someone, waiting and letting someone pass you in the corridor, listening to other people's opinions, smiling at others, helping those who need it ... the list continued on. We talked about how important it is to speak politely and kindly to one another and to consider others' feelings ... just as we would like others to consider our own feelings. It has been great to see many of the children being respectful this week and putting some of these ideals into practice. But being respectful isn't a one-off thing ... it's a way of living your life. We will continue to encourage the children to habitually establish showing respect and being respectful, and with your support, we know that this can be achieved. Thank you as always for your continued support.



Staff News

Congratulations Mrs. Stratford!

I am delighted to be able to share with you that Miss. Stratford is now officially Mrs. Stratford, having got married during the summer holidays. I'm sure you will want to join me in congratulating her and her family on this most special of occasions. **Congratulations Mrs. Stratford!**



Information for Families

Reducing Absenteeism due to Illness - A Letter from the Chief Medical Officer

The Chief Medical Officer and others have written to schools with advice on when a child should stay off school and when they are likely to be well enough to attend, even when feeling less than 100%

well. The letter advises that children should remain in school with mild respiratory illnesses, however, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. It encourages parents and carers to refer to the NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) to support decision making about absence from school due to ill health.

Those who have signed the letter include Professor Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer, England), Pat Cullen (General Secretary, Royal College of Nursing), Professor Kamila Hawthorne (Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners), Dr. Camilla Kingdon (President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) and William Roberts (Chief Executive, Royal Society for Public Health).

We all recognise the importance of children attending school every day. However, it is never an easy decision to send a child into school when they are feeling below par. Indeed, it is completely understandable that children are sometimes poorly, and for their own good, as well as the good of others, it is better for them to rest at home and recover. Hopefully the above advice will help parents and carers to make the correct decision for their child - and this is never straightforward. If we believe a child has come to school and is not well enough to be with us, or becomes too unwell throughout the course of the day, we will make contact with you and request that they are taken home. Please also remember the 48 -hour rule for episodes of sickness and diarrhoea - children should remain off school until 48-hours after the last event. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

National Dyslexia Awareness Week - 2nd - 8th October

Mrs. Stratford writes,

*'It is National Dyslexia Awareness Week this week and there is a **free** webinar for parents on Wednesday 4th October from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. run by the British Dyslexia Association. This is suitable for all parents. In this presentation, Grace Elliott, Head of Professional Practice at the British Dyslexia Association, will highlight some important factors that affect dyslexic children's ability to read with the intention of helping parents who want to support their children at home. You will learn practical tips, effective strategies and more than a few tricks to ensure you are supporting reading correctly for your dyslexic child.'*

To find out more, please click on the following link to access the Dyslexia Association website from where you will also be able to book a place on the webinar.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/daw-free-parent-webinar-how-to-support-reading>



New Dance Classes in Tewkesbury Coming Soon!

HEAT Dance Group have opened three new classes that will begin in November:

Boppers - age 4-5 years - Wednesdays 5p.m. - 6 p.m.

Minis - age 6-9 years - Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Juniors - age 10-13 years - Wednesdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

All classes are held at Target Active Fitness in Tewkesbury.

Please contact Holi Courtney-Ward on 07495731963 for more information.

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Thank You!

Comedy Night - Friday 29th September @ 8 p.m.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising comedy event at Tirlbrook on Friday night. It was a fantastic show and we hope that those of you who came along had a brilliant time. Many many thanks to Honor Hoskins and Bearded Lady Comedy for hosting the evening, coordinating the superb comedy line-up and for all of the administration, advertising and selling of tickets. Thanks too to the small team of helpers who supported Honor in bringing this wonderful event to Tirlbrook. We will reflect on the evening's success so watch this space for future fundraising events!



Coming Up

[Harvest Assembly - Monday 2nd October @ 9 a.m.](#)

We will be holding our Harvest Assembly, on Monday, the 2nd October, and as part of this, will be collecting both food and monetary donations on behalf of the residents of Barton Court and Tewkesbury Foodbank. If you feel able to, we would be delighted for you to be involved. Donations of low stock essential items would be very gratefully appreciated for Tewkesbury Foodbank and these include (please note I have included a couple of non-traditional Harvest items too!): UHT milk (long-life semi-skimmed), breakfast cereals, pasta sauce, long-life fruit juice, tinned meat, tinned carrots, tinned peas, tea, coffee, ketchup, brown sauce, shower gel, shampoo and small packs of washing powder. However, all food donations of fruit, vegetables, cans, tins, packets, bottles and cartons are welcomed. Any monetary donations will be used to provide vouchers for those in need from local businesses Kevin Mace the Butchers and Woody's Greengrocers. ***Thank you for the many donations so far!***

We will be collecting final donations on Monday 2nd October at the main school gate. We will display the food collected at our Harvest Assembly - please note that this is at 9 a.m. - before delivering all contributions to the residents at Barton Court and to Tewkesbury Foodbank later in the week.

Parents and carers are very welcome to attend our Harvest Assembly, but please be aware that it is likely to be busy and that it could be 'standing room only'.



Tirlebrook Primary School Open Mornings

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents – Thursday 12th October & Tuesday 7th November

If your child currently attends Little Oaks Nursery Class and is a prospective Tirlebrook school starter for Reception in September 2024, or if you know anyone who may be interested in their upcoming Reception age child attending Tirlebrook next academic year, please advertise to them that we will be holding our first two Open Morning sessions for Prospective Parents on **Thursday 12th October** and **Tuesday 7th November**. Visitors will have the chance to meet the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, ask questions about life at Tirlebrook and participate in a quick but friendly tour led by our House Captains. Places will be available for this event at two time slots: 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. respectively. Bookings can be made for either session by contacting Mrs. Claire Thomas, our School Administrator, by email at admin@tirlebrook.gloucs.sch.uk or by calling the School Office on 01684 293549. A further date has been planned for an Open Afternoon: Tuesday 21st November. Further details of this event will be available shortly. Please share this information with family, friends and beyond – we look forward to welcoming familiar faces and new ones alike to our wonderful school.

*We also have spaces in our current Reception class - if this is of interest to somebody you know, please make them aware as they too will be welcome to join us for a tour around the school.

Tirlebrook Primary School



Are you looking for a school where your child can
EXPLORE, ENJOY and EXCEL
in their learning?



Call, e-mail or scan the QR code to book a tour and find out why
Tirlebrook is the right school for your child!

Thursday 12th October
Tuesday 7th November
Tuesday 21st November

Brensham Road, Tewkesbury, GL20 8EW
01684 293549
admin@tirlebrook.gloucs.sch.uk
www.tirlebrook.co.uk



Secondary Education Open Events

We have been contacted by Denmark Road High School for Girls and Ribston Hall High School requesting that we share information about their open events for the parents and carers of children in Years 5 and 6. Please see the images below for further details.



Denmark Road High School

Discover Realise Honour Shape



OPEN EVENTS

Open Mornings
Monday 9th and
Tuesday 10th October
8.45-10.30am
Headteacher Welcome
Talk at 9am

Open Evening
Tuesday 10th October
5-8pm
Headteacher Welcome
Talks at 5.15pm and
6.30pm

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.

Denmark Road High School, Gloucester, GL1 3JN

Ribston Hall High School Open Evening and Mornings



Our Open Evening and Mornings are a fantastic opportunity for families with children in any year groups to find out about Ribston Hall. Bookings are now open.

Our Open Evening is being held on Tuesday 17th October,
and Open Mornings on Wednesday 18th October,
Thursday 19th October
and Monday 23rd October

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day

Looking Back

Y2 Tewkesbury Town Centre Visit

Our Year 2 children behaved impeccably on their re-arranged visit to Tewkesbury town centre on Wednesday. They walked to town and back from Tirlbrook and took in various sights along the way, including the Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury Abbey and the River Avon. The children sketched Tudor buildings, explored the architecture of the Abbey and even spotted a heron on the banks of the river. The staff who accompanied the children could not have been any prouder of the way the children conducted themselves on the visit and of the enthusiasm for learning on display. Very well done Willow Class!



Charity

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you so much for all your efforts in enabling last week's charity event for *Jeans for Genes* to be such a success. It was terrific to see the children arrive at school wearing their jeans or a variety of other denim items to show their support, donating lots of money along the way. Thanks too for the contributions of those who preferred not to wear jeans, but wanted to support the charity anyway. We raised **£178.05** for Jeans for Genes and we know this money will help to fund the vital care and support services that transform the lives of those living with genetic disorders. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday morning. It was fantastic to see you! It was a lovely atmosphere where parents could relax, chat and enjoy one another's company - all whilst raising valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will let you know how much was raised for this wonderful charity next week.



[Emily's WWF Panda Fundraiser - Tuesday 3rd October 2023](#)

Don't forget that we will be holding a fundraiser after school on Tuesday 3rd October for the WWF. Emily, one of our older pupils, has a passion for supporting animals in the wild, particularly those that are endangered. Please bring a few pennies and pounds to spend at her stall on Tuesday afternoon and help to raise the £100 that she needs for Tirlbrook to be able to sponsor a panda. Thank you for your support.



Fundraising

[Halloween Decoration Display - In Aid of the Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight](#)

Isabelle Barbosa-Hughes, one of our Y6 parents, is raising funds towards reducing the cost of this year's Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight by getting arty and crafty ahead of Halloween. Isabelle, an extremely talented artist, is preparing a Halloween display for visitors that she hopes people will enjoy, with the intention of collecting donations. She writes,

'I'm currently launching myself into making some thoroughly OTT, life-sized outdoor Halloween decorations of characters from the Wizard of Oz for a Halloween display. The purpose of the display is

for everyone's enjoyment - I hope that people will enjoy looking at my characters and will make a small donation for doing so, with all funds raised going towards reducing the cost of this year's Y6 Isle of Wight residential visit.

I would really value the support of the school community in supplying me with/helping me to source some materials to help me to complete the project. I would be ever so grateful if anyone in the school community could spare any:

- *Black weed membrane fabric (the non-woven type)*
- *Duct tape*
- *Black electrical tape*
- *Bubble wrap*
- *Tin foil*
- *Acrylic or spray paints in red, blue, black, white and green*
- *Black and brown spray paint*
- *Concrete or plaster of Paris*
- *Expanding foam*
- *A pair of mid-heel women's shoes*
- *A toy dog with long fur!*

I'd also really love it if I could borrow some outdoor lights (spotlights or uplights ideally) and a fog / smoke machine.

I'm hoping to have completed in time for Halloween: a standing Wicked Witch of the West, a flying monkey carrying Toto away, a melted Wicked Witch of the West, a squashed Wicked Witch of the East, and an apple tree with a face.

They'll be on display on Barton Road, GL20 5QL, near the hospital.

I have also launched a JustGiving page if anyone would like to donate towards the cost of the residential.'

Isabelle's JustGiving page can be accessed via the following link or by the QR code below:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/MagicallyYr6totheIsleofWight?utm_term=JQ3WgyAda



Isabelle has sent through a few photos (see below) of her creation in development - it is incredibly fascinating and quite magnificent to see an artist at work! If you feel that you would like to support Isabelle, I know that she (and our Y6 children) would be extremely grateful. Thank you for your support.







Get Involved

Gloucestershire Music's 'Try an Instrument Day' - Saturday 7th October

Gloucestershire Music are running a FREE session for anyone to come and try out a variety of instruments at their 'Try an Instrument Day'. This is a great opportunity for children who would like to start playing a musical instrument to try things out and see if they have a natural curiosity and enthusiasm for a particular instrument.

Where: Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester – main hall (go through car park gate 1)

When: Saturday 7th October, 10 a.m. – Midday

Cost: Free

The instruments on offer to try are: violin, cello, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, cornet, tenor horn, euphonium, percussion.

To record your interest and to sign up to take part, please use the following link [LIVE Portal \(paritor.com\)](https://www.paritor.com).

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Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 7th October, 10am - 12pm,
Sir Thomas Rich's School



Let us know you're coming at gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com
Open to children & adults of all ages.
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And finally...

We have arrived at the end of yet another week at Tirlebrook and already the weeks seem to be flying by. The bustling and busy nature of school life certainly contributes to this feeling and this week has been no exception, with plenty going on. As ever, the newsletter only conveys a glimpse of school life at Tirlebrook and although class stories on Class Dojo provide a wider window into many of the goings on of each class, even these do not cover it all. Tirlebrook truly is a hive of activity, a melting pot of opportunity that our community of learners experience and contribute to both individually and corporately. It means that no two days are the same, and that no one day is the same for any two people. What a wonderfully diverse way to exist! It also means that there are innumerable opportunities to grow and learn throughout the day, every day. And that is why we encourage every child, member of staff and friend of the school to 'make the most of every moment'. Sometimes, without even realising, we can let too much pass us by and we can miss out before we have ever really considered something, given something our best shot or even had a try. It is already the end of September and this first month of the academic year has already passed by in a flash. Before you know it, we will have reached the half term break in October and will be well on our way to Christmas! As we continue to take strides into yet another busy academic year, and as the weeks fly by as they surely will, let's ensure that we leave behind no regrets and that we truly do 'make the most of every moment'.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr. Lockley and the Tirlebrook Team



School Calendar

October

- Monday 2nd @ 9 a.m. - Harvest Assembly
- Tuesday 3rd - Emily's WWF Panda Fundraiser (after school)
- Thursday 5th - Cross Country Race 2 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- Friday 6th - Y6 Swimming Lessons continue
- Thursday 12th - Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- Thursday 12th - Cross Country Race 3 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- w/c Monday 16th - 'Books for Bugs' Virtual Book Fair
- Wednesday 18th - Individual School Photographs
- Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th - Autumn Term Family Consultations
- Thursday 26th - Nasal Flu Immunisations
- Friday 27th - End of Autumn Term 1
- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - HALF TERM

November

- Monday 6th - Autumn Term 2 Begins
- Tuesday 7th - Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th - Life Education Visit
- Tuesday 21st - Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Families

December

- Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th - Y2- Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Thursday 21st - End of Autumn Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

January 2024

- Friday 5th - INSET training day; Tirlbrook Primary School and Little Oaks Nursery closed to pupils

- Monday 8th - Spring Term 1 Begins
- Wednesday 24th - Young Voices
- w/c Monday 29th - iSingPOP

February 2024

- Tuesday 6th - Thursday 8th - Spring Term Family Consultations
- Friday 9th - End of Spring Term 1
- Monday 19th - Spring Term 2 Begins

March 2024

- Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 12th - 'Books for Bugs' Virtual Book Fair
- Thursday 7th - World Book Day
- Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st - Y2 - Y6 Cookery Workshops with Chef Caldora
- Friday 22nd - End of Spring Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

April

- Monday 8th - Summer Term 1 Begins
- Tuesday 9th - Reception and Y6 Heights & Weights
- Monday 29th to Wednesday 1st May - Y4 Residential @ The Pioneer Centre

May

- Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th - Y5 Residential @ Rockley Point
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th - Y6 SATs Week
- Thursday 23rd - End of Summer Term 1

June

- Tuesday 4th - Summer Term 2 Begins

July

- Monday 8th - Friday 12th - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
- Friday 19th - End of Summer Term 2 @ 1:30 p.m.

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