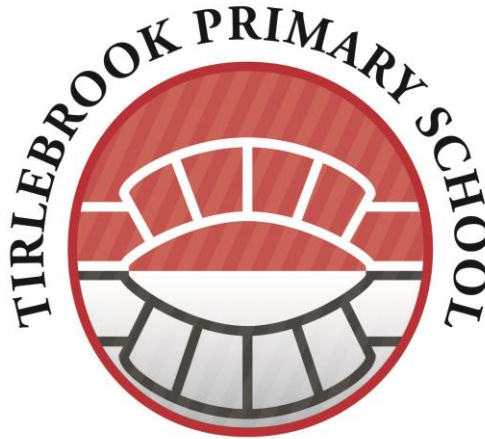


# Tirlebrook Newsletter 1 (23-24)

Friday 15th September 2023



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023-2024.

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school over the past two weeks: children and teachers alike have settled quickly into their new classes and new routines have begun to be established. It has also been fantastic to see our Reception children coming together for the first time at the end of this week as part of their gradual admission into school. This culminated on Thursday and Friday with two mornings being spent all together in class before eating their first lunches in the school hall and enjoying their first playtimes with the rest of the school. They have settled in well.

I must congratulate everyone for the way they handled the extreme heat in the first week of the school year. This was not expected, especially after the very mixed weather of July and August, and staff and children coped extremely well in the hottest first week of the school year that we have ever had. Well done!

As we embark on a new academic year together, let's encourage the children in every aspect of their young lives as we continue to strive for them to explore, enjoy and excel in their education at Tirlebrook.

## Pupil Leadership

### House Captain Elections

This week has seen our House Captains elected for the year ahead and **Beauchamp, Hastings, Montague** and **Wenlock** have their new leaders in place. These elections always form an important part of the school calendar. Our House Captains are role models throughout the school as well as ambassadors for Tirlebrook and they will have the chance to lead in various ways in this their final year at primary school.

The election of House Captains is always a challenging time for the Y6 children. Our process is democratic and the votes collated from the children in each house dictate who will be given the role each year. For most, to fulfil this role is a long-held ambition, and there will always be more children who are disappointed than delighted as the great majority will not have been successful in being selected. However, it is really important that the children are not discouraged from giving things a try due to a fear of 'failing' or not getting the result they wanted - putting yourself forward for such an opportunity is an excellent thing to do. It is important that the children take up every opportunity that comes their way - we always encourage the children to 'make the most of every moment'.

We are really proud of our Y6 children. By participating in the House Captain election, they are clearly exhibiting our core values – showing **Creativity** in preparing and sharing speeches, demonstrating a **Positive Attitude** when celebrating success or facing disappointment and displaying **Community** by responding to each other's feelings with care and respect. It really is an opportunity for growth – and one that we should welcome even when things don't go our way. Dealing with success and disappointment appropriately and proportionately and doing so with emotional intelligence is an important life lesson and one that many of us as adults continue to have to deal with on a daily basis. It's hard! But we only get better at dealing with things by experience. This isn't just a learning curve for our Y6 children in relation to house captaincy, rather dealing with success and disappointment is something that all of our children in school need to be able to accept. It is natural for us not to want to see our children face the harsh realities of being overlooked, being let down, things going against them and things going wrong and upsetting them. But it will happen. Disappointment and things not going our way is inevitable – it is part of life and one of life's hardest and sometime harshest lessons. Let's allow our children to become more resilient and embrace this!

The newly democratically elected House Captains are:

**Beauchamp** – Lloyd Dun & Erin Green

**Hastings** – Matilda Knowles & Kelly Waring

**Montague** – Keira Dickenson & Jack Richards

**Wenlock** – Daisy Bundock & Luca Wooldridge

Well done to all our Y6 pupils - we are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm you displayed during the election process and for the mature way in which you dealt with both success and disappointment. And to our House Captains – **'Congratulations!'** We hope you enjoy the role and wear your badge with pride.





### Pupil Council Elections

Children across the school have had the opportunity to put themselves forward to stand for places on our pupil councils (School Council, Eco Council) this week. In the juniors, pupils may also stand for the Sports Council, Arts Council and Digital Leaders Council. Voting has already taken place in some classes and it will continue into next week. We will soon share with the whole school community who our pupil council representatives are this year. These councils are a fantastic way for the children to get involved in organising and running many whole school events and activities and have a real say in shaping our school community.

### Thank You!

#### 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to take some time out of their busy schedules to attend this week's 'Meet the Teacher' events. It was lovely to see you and chat with you, albeit briefly, at the beginning of this new academic year and we hope that you found them to be useful, informative and reassuring. It was also a good opportunity to meet Mrs. Stead, our new Child & Family Support Worker, who popped into each meeting and introduced herself. We have sent out copies of the teachers' presentations for anyone who wasn't able to attend.

# Meet the TEACHER

## Residential Introductory Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came along to our introductory meetings for this year's proposed residentials to the Pioneer Centre for Y4 and the Isle of Wight for Y6. We hope that you found the meetings to be beneficial. Letters explaining next steps have been sent out to families this week. If you have any queries about either residential, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Lockley. We are really excited about the prospect of these two visits going ahead ... watch this space!



## Coming Up

### Space Odyssey Planetarium Visit - Thursday 21st September

**Roll up! Roll up!** Come and enjoy half an hour of Planetarium and Space Dome fun in one of three special after-school showings!

When: Thursday 21st September: Session 1 - 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.; Session 2 - 4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.;  
Session 3 - 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: Tirlbrook Primary School Hall

Cost: £2 per child / £4 per adult

Sign up now to reserve your seats in the dome for this incredible experience!

For further information, please refer to the letter e-mailed to families earlier in the week.

### Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 22nd September

We all inherit a range of talents, skills and personality traits through our genes – they're part of what makes us who we are. Half a million children in the UK face the daily challenges of a genetic disorder. By pulling on a pair of jeans, we can all help to fund the vital care and support services that transform the lives of those living with genetic disorders which is why, on Friday 22nd September, Tirlbrook will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day! We are inviting pupils to wear a pair of jeans,

denim shorts, dungarees or the like with their school uniform rather than their usual shorts, trousers or skirt for a voluntary donation of £1. All money raised will be sent to the Jeans for Genes charity. We hope that your child will enjoy joining our staff in wearing their jeans to school on this day to do our bit in supporting this fantastic charity!



[Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September @ 9 a.m.](#)

You are cordially invited to come along to our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September from 9 – 10 a.m. We are raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support; donations in exchange for drinks and cakes will be taken on the day. If you are able to send in some cakes or cookies to help us to run this event, it would be very much appreciated. Any goodies should be dropped into school at some point on Thursday 28th September - thank you in advance for this. If you can make it, we look forward to seeing you there.



[Comedy Night - Friday 29th September @ 8 p.m.](#)

**Bearded Lady Comedy Club is coming to Tirlebrook**

It's time for a night out! Tirlebrook Primary School and Bearded Lady Comedy have teamed up and are excited to bring you a side-splitting evening of comedy! With three top-circuit comedians lined up and a fully-stocked bar with bar snacks ... what's not to like?!?!

When: Friday 29th September @ 8 p.m. (doors open @ 7:15 p.m.)

Where: Tirlebrook Primary School

Tickets: £13.50 (+ booking fee) in advance or £16 on the door

Comedians: Dan Antopolski - *'the best gags I've heard'* The Scotsman; Ed Pownall - *'Amazing!'* Dane Baptiste; Andy White - *'had me exercising my pelvic floor muscles to avoid an accident!'* BBC

Tickets can be booked through EventBrite: <https://shorturl.at/boJ13>

Please be advised that the comedy will contain adult themes and is not suitable for children and that the bar will be a cash only bar.



## 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](mailto: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.

## Information for Families

### PCSO Parking Visit

You may have seen two PCSOs visiting Tirlebrook earlier this week. Following some complaints from local residents, they were attending the school site to monitor the parking near to Tirlebrook and further into the Newtown estate. Our visitors were concerned about some of the parking,

particularly in Elmbury Drive, Walton Close and Brensham Road. We have been advised that the PCSOs will be returning in the future and may issue fines for parking breaches. As per last week's new academic year welcome letter, please can we ask that all parking is done considerately as we seek to ensure that all members of the community are both safe and happy. Thank you for your continued support

### [Tewkesbury Academy Open Week - w/c Monday 18th September](#)

We have been asked to advertise this week's open events at Tewkesbury Academy for families of children in Years 5 and 6. They write:

#### **Tewkesbury Academy Open Evening - Monday 18 September 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

We are pleased to welcome Year 5 and 6 children and their parents/carers to learn more about Tewkesbury Academy at our Open Evening on Monday 18th September 2023 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Sports Hall from the Principal, Ms McGillycuddy and students. This will give you the opportunity to hear more about our vision, values and life at Tewkesbury Academy.

Tours of the school will follow after the presentation where you will get to see our excellent facilities, sample lessons and speak with subject staff. During tours, the Canteen will be open serving complimentary refreshments and taster meals. The evening ends at 7:30 p.m.

Parking is available in the large car park nearest to the motorway, with additional parking at Alderman Knight School. To help our planning, please confirm your attendance using the form [bit.ly/3LgxYhh](https://bit.ly/3LgxYhh)

#### **Open Mornings - Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd September**

Tours at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

During the Open Mornings, student guides will show visitors around the school where normal lessons will be taking place. There will be the opportunity to talk to students and staff who will be happy to answer any questions. Please arrive at Reception and allow at least 1 1/2 hours to look around.

Please book an Open Morning appointment in advance via the link [bit.ly/3sRQbvn](https://bit.ly/3sRQbvn). Spaces are limited. We look forward to welcoming you.



### [Nasal Flu Immunisation Consent - Thursday 26th October](#)

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Nasal Flu Immunisation forms that were distributed earlier this week. Please can all forms be returned to school whether you want your child to receive the immunisation or not. Please note that if there isn't a form for your child on the day of the immunisation, the NHS will contact you directly.

## And finally...

Well we're very quickly back into the swing of things! Have a wonderful weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday!

Mr. Lockley and the Tirlbrook Team

## School Calendar

### September

- Thursday 21st - Space Odyssey Planetarium Visit
- Friday 22nd - Jeans for Genes Day
- Friday 22nd - Y6 Swimming Lessons continue
- Thursday 28th - Cross Country Race 1 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- Friday 29th - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Friday 29th - Bearded Lady & Tirlbrook Primary School Comedy Night

### October

- Monday 2nd @ 2pm - Harvest Festival
- Thursday 5th - Cross Country Race 2 - 4 p.m. @ The Vineyards
- 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

### 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.

## Getting in Touch



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