





Summer 4

Dear Parents,

NUT Strike

You may be aware that there has been a strike called by the NUT on Tuesday, July 5th. This has caused the cancellation of the Transition Day at Tibshelf Community School for our current Year 6 pupils. The second Transition Day on the 6th July will still take place.

Our staff who are part of the NUT fully endorse the reasons behind the strike however they understand the needs of the children and parents. This is especially true when the strike day is one of our class swap days when pupils meet their new teachers. It is for this reason that the school is fully open on the 5th July and class swaps will happen as normal. Year 6 pupils also need to be in school on that day too.

As a school we are very proud of the dedication of our staff to your children and their determination to make school a happy and high quality learning environment. One of the main reasons behind the strike has been the reduction in school funding through increasing National Insurance and Pension requirements. This has led to increased class sizes and teachers are well aware that there is another scheduled increase in the near future which will again impact on all school budgets.

Y2 Mini Olympics

Due to the prediction of poor weather the mini Olympics at Tibshelf Community School on Wednesday, 29th June was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, 13th July. The Year 5 event on Friday is currently still to go ahead.

Sports Day

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who turned out for the Sports Day on Friday. Luckily the weather held off and all the children had an opportunity to race and have fun. It was a great afternoon and hopefully we can repeat the weather for Foundation Sports Day on Thursday, 7th July.

Golden Day

Our Golden day is scheduled for the 19th July when all those children who have earned Gold Badges will have the opportunity to learn some Circus Skills as well as take part in other activities around school. We are currently trying to arrange for Circus Sensible to stay after school so that Nursery Age pupils can access some of the activities with their parents. We will let you know nearer the time if this is possible.

Violas and Swimming for Y4 and Y5 in September

With the mixed classes for next year we have explored numerous options about how to maintain appropriate access. However, no solution is going to be perfect and we have a statutory duty to ensure access to swimming for pupils so this will take priority. Therefore from September 2016 Year 5 pupils will go swimming and Year 4 pupils will take part in Viola lessons. In this way we can track access to swimming appropriately.

School Uniform

We do currently have plenty of school uniform in stock.



















Hardwick Run

Mrs Aldread, Mrs Gooding, Miss Allanson, Mrs Mike and Mrs Hardy are planning on participating in the Hardwick Run 10K this year. They are trying to raise money towards a new indoor wooden Play Kitchen for our Foundation pupils. Mrs Aldread has set up a Crowdfunding Page with the link below if anyone would like to support them.

https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/PILSLEYPRIMARYSCHOOL?utm_id=2&utm_term=VWKD8wyRV

The link is also available on our Facebook Page.

Building Work

The roofing work for all of the school except the Foundation/Year 1 block is due to start over the summer break now that we have a Bat Licence to work. This will cause some disruption on our return to school so please do be aware. There is also some remedial work due on the walls and ceiling in the Y4/5/6 corridor though we are not sure as yet whether this will happen alongside the roofing work. Finally we are also due a fully funded move for the Willow Room support facility from the current classroom across to the library/PPA space opposite Mrs James' classroom. Again the timing of this is subject to the roofing work and may have to be delayed depending on the Health and Safety review currently taking place.

Due to the level of proposed work and classroom disruption we have two INSET Days agreed at the end of this year and the beginning of next school year.

Dates

30th June – Y1 and Y2 at Lea Green 1st July – Y2 at Lea Green 1st July – Y5 at Tibshelf for sports activities 4th, 5th and 6th July – Morning Transition to new classes 5th July - Tibshelf Community School Transition Day Cancelled 6th July – Tibshelf Community School Transition Day 7th July – Foundation Sports day 8th July – Provisional date for Reports to be sent out 8th July – Non-uniform day (for Tombola donations) 9th July – Summer Fayre 13th July – Y2 Mini Olympics at Tibshelf 13th July to 15th July – Y6 at Duke's Barn 19th July – Circus Sensible Golden Day 21st July – Hardwick Run 22nd July – Break Up (Monday, 25th and Tuesday 26th July are INSET Days – school will be closed 5th and 6th September – INSET Days school will be closed 7th September – School Open for First day of Term











