

# Tividale Community Primary School

## Newsletter Easter 2016



### Thanks...

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of the spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support this term, not only to helping your children in their learning, but also in supporting school events, discos and assemblies. Also, feedback from you about our new homework books has been extremely positive, and as a result of the new format, the profile and importance of homework as an extension and consolidation of the children's learning has been much improved.

### Staffing

The end of this term sees Mrs Khatkar leaving us to go on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and hope she has time to put her feet up before the arrival of her baby. In order to give as much continuity to the children as possible, Mrs Welch will be taking over as the full-time teacher in Class 10 until the end of the school year. We thank her for her commitment to doing this.

### SATs - Year 6

May I remind parents that the Year 6 SATs tests take place week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May. I must urge parents to ensure that their children are, if at all possible, in school every day during this week as the tests cannot be re-taken on other dates. As I mentioned at the parents meeting, if your child does happen to fall ill during this week, please contact us so that we can make alternative arrangements if possible.

### School Meals

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.10.

### Fundraising Update

Fantastic news! We managed to raise £254 for Sports Relief last Friday. I'm sure the children have told you all about the special assembly the school council performed for them. The money will go to Sports Relief and our school fund respectively. As an aside, my wearing of some beautiful flat shoes (pictured over the page) the children had made for me raised a further £70.66 for Sports Relief. We also raised over £354 commission during our Book Fair week, which will be spent on new books for our school library. Well done and thank you to everyone for your support when we hold these events. As well as raising money for charities, we need our school fund to help pay towards prizes, trips, presents etc for our pupils. Without this money, and your continued support and enthusiasm, we wouldn't be able to do this.

### Appointments with Teachers Before and After School

Teachers at Tividale try as best as possible to run an open door policy, whereby they will try to speak to parents whenever there is a need. However, please understand that although teachers try to be available on the playground in the mornings and afternoons, they need to take charge of their classes and, at the end of the day, ensure their classes are dismissed safely. This may result in the time they are available to speak to you being short, often not allowing issues to be fully discussed or concluded. If this happens, please come to the school office, and any of the staff there will be pleased to make a further appointment for you at the first available opportunity the teacher can offer. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation on this matter.

## Spring Term at Tividale...

What a busy term! We have had lots of school trips, educational visits, visitors in school and Year 6 have been continuing their work on respect and acceptance.

Our school choir had an amazing experience performing at the LG Arena, as part of the 6500 pupils strong Young Voices Choir. It was a very late night, but immensely enjoyed by all.

Year 3 enjoyed experiencing what it was like living in Ancient Egyptian times when they visited the special exhibition at Birmingham Art Gallery.

The day the Anglo-Saxon came to visit Year 4 was a great experience. They were taught about living and fighting in Anglo-Saxon times, and compared the values that these people lived by, especially the difference between those and the values we live our lives by in a modern, multi-cultural and multi-faith community.

Year 5 brought back lots of chocolate from Cadbury World. They have been learning about the Aztecs and the rainforest, so it was a perfect visit to enhance their project work.

Year 6 spent a day studying African animals at Chester Zoo. Their work on this project this term has been of exceptional quality, and has provided a welcome relief from SAT's revision and booster classes. Not long to go now Year 6, hang on in there!

The Manager from Birmingham Botanical gardens, Mr Jarvis, wrote about Year 2 after their visit. He wrote: "I was so impressed with the behaviour and attitude of your Y2 pupils that I felt it necessary to write to congratulate them and your school.....They were all so excited and enthusiastic, and their behaviour and attitude were impeccable, and remained so throughout the day.....Furthermore, they were courteous and extremely polite to members of the public, staff and other school children as they undertook activities around the site...." Well done Year 2, what a brilliant report! Year 2, also visited St Michael's church, as part of their studies about Christianity.

Finally, look at this apple that was found by

A child in Class 5's fruit bag last week....

According to a Daily Telegraph report I found on the internet, it is more than a 'million-to-one' find!

Well spotted, many of the rest of us may have just eaten it without realising.....



## Dates for your Diaries

School will reopen next term on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Other dates to be aware of include:

**April** 19<sup>th</sup> School closed to pupils for staff training day

**May** 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank holiday

5<sup>th</sup> School closed for Polling Day

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 and Year 2 SAT's week

27<sup>th</sup> Break up for summer half term

Thank you to Year 4 for their wonderful Easter Assembly today and I finish by wishing you all and your families a restful and peaceful Easter Break...

Signed:

*E Burnell*

Headteacher

24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

