



Friday 6th September 2019

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our new school year! A warm welcome to our new families, we hope your children will be very happy here. We are very fortunate to have a full school this year, with several children on the waiting list for places. The children have settled back into learning with much enthusiasm, and behaviour across the school has been amazing. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school this week, seeing all the children so engaged in their learning. A warm welcome to our new staff members, who have settled in well. Mrs Evans, who is teaching in Early Years, Mr Enstone who is teaching in Emperor Class, and Mrs Stevens who is the new TA in Emperor Class.

Thank You

Thank you so much to all of the staff for their hard work over the summer holidays - the learning environment has been transformed! Also, special thanks to Mr Scott, Miss Thorne, Mrs Beresford and Mr Neale for decorating, clearing, and making things for us. Thank you to DBW Decorating - Emperor Class looks amazing!

School Lunches

We are currently still using the summer menu, which will continue until half term - next week will be week 2 of the menu (the Monday picnic lunch promotion has now finished). Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. For children in Year 3 and above, school meals are charged at £2.30 per day. Please may we remind you that school meals should be paid on the day or in advance. If you feel your child may be entitled to free school meals, and is not already in receipt of them, please contact the school office for further information.

Start Active

Start Active (formally breakfast club) is open to all children from Reception to Year 6. It only costs £1 per child per session. You will need to pay in advance, or children can bring the money for that session on the morning that they attend. Start Active Club is open from 8am daily, there is no need to book.

Trip to Hunstanton Sea Life Centre

Hawker class started off their new curriculum with a trip to the Sea Life Centre at Hunstanton. They had an amazing time and learnt lots of new facts about Sea Creatures. A big thank you to Mr Diffey, Mrs Neale, Mrs Halls, Mrs Barltrop and Mrs Rudge for accompanying us.

Emerald Class Animal Encounter

Emerald Class had some unusual visitors in school on Thursday, kicking off their new curriculum with an animal encounter. Some of the children really faced their fears, we are so proud of them!



Emperor Class

Emperor Class have hopefully had an exciting start to their curriculum today! At the point of writing the newsletter this is top secret! But ask them about it when they come home tonight!

School Photographs

Whole School, family groups and individual photographs will be taken on Thursday 12th September during school hours. If you have younger children who you wish to be in the photographs, please bring them in at 9am for family photos.

Governor Update

Welcome back to everyone, especially those families new to the school. The Governing Body are working hard with school staff to ensure that all the children at Townley receive the best learning experiences we can offer. You can identify us in school as we wear yellow lanyards and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Last term we introduced a 'suggestion box' to be available at all Story Café's and we have discussed the issues raised with our headteacher. Some of you asked if we could reintroduce whole school sticker assemblies where all parents are invited. Unfortunately, we can no longer do this due to the growing size of the school and the capacity of the hall. Instead Mrs Higgins is changing the way that awards are given so that you have a clearer idea as to why your child has been rewarded. There will be certificates given for maths and reading achievements and we are introducing a certificate to celebrate children who demonstrate the Townley values. The children will bring home a certificate so you will know if your child has gone above and beyond. EYFS will continue with Superhero Learners as introduced last term. All those given certificates will be added to the fortnightly newsletter. Check out the Governor page on the school website for more details.

Diary Dates

6th September—Emperor Curriculum launch
12th September—School photographs
21st September—Townley Dog Show
24th September—FOTS AGM (all welcome)
14th October—Bags to School Collection
18th October - Professional Day (No Children)
21st October—Half Term
28th October—Back to school
30th October—Parents Evening
7th November—Whole School Immunisation (except Nursery)
17th December—EYFS and KS1 Christmas Play 2pm
19th December—Pantomime Visit and Last day of term
23rd December—5th January —Christmas Holidays
6th January -Back to School
22nd -24th January—Burwell Residential Emperor Class (Details to follow)
2nd April - Easter Holidays
20th April—Back to school
8th May—Amended Spring Bank Holiday
11th May—KS2 SATs
18th May—KS1 SATs
25th May—Half Term
1st June- Back to School

More Dates to follow next Newsletter.