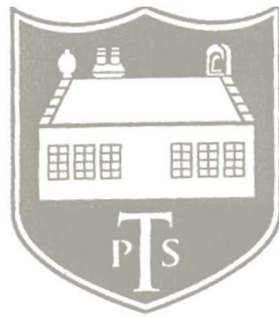




Tealing Primary School



November Newsletter 2019

We work together as a community to achieve excellence!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the lack of newsletters since the new session began. We value communication hence our use of Class Dojo, Twitter and our school website. Please remember that there is now a calendar of events on the website for your convenience. This will provide dates for events such as Community Café.

We have had a busy but wonderful start to the new term. Our children are working hard across the school and we've continued to enjoy the fruits of our labour, with soup-making using our freshly harvested vegetables!

Within this newsletter, I will draw your attention to a few issues (points of interest) so as to enable you to decide our best way forward together so as to serve our children and families as best we can.

As ever, should you wish to discuss anything at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith
Head Teacher



Classroom news

The children across the school and nursery are preparing their Nativity performance; learning lines and songs so as to dazzle you all with their incredible talents.

Those children with speaking parts have scripts of their own and we would appreciate your help in practising lines at home. We would also welcome any help with your child's costume. Nothing too fancy is required.

The school are almost ready to submit their self-evaluation and evidence portfolio towards gaining a Green Flag. Many thanks to those who completed our survey – it was great to see how much our ecological and sustainable learning activities are impacting across the community. Hopefully, although we are feeling confident, we will receive a Green Flag very soon!

Mr Euan Smith has returned this term, providing the P1/2 class with ukulele instruction. The other classes will receive guitar tuition later in the session.

Nursery news

We would like to welcome Miss Thomas to our nursery who has recently been appointed as EYP alongside Mrs Kelly (EYP), Mrs Lamont (EYA) and Mrs Lawson (Senior EYP). The team have continued to build on children's learning through involving them in the planning, responding to their interests and adapting the environment to meet needs. There is a stay and play event taking place today in the nursery too – I hope to see many faces there.

Points of interest

TOOSC

You may remember that recently we sent out a survey regarding the possibility of establishing a 'Tealing Out Of School Club' (TOOSC) here at Tealing. Whilst the response to the survey was high, there were not enough families committed to using the service therefore we did not reach the minimum of 7 children per day to make the club sustainable.

Unless we can meet this minimum number, there will not be a TOOSC. I would urge any parent who think this really would be of value to them to please get in touch with the school so that we can revisit the idea should you wish. I am aware that the cost element for this was somewhat unclear therefore I have sought clarification and will update you once I know more.



KPTEAL

The 'Knowledge Project Tealing' (KPTEAL) is going very well and we thank you for all the contributions you have made to this. Parents at Parent Council raised the issue that the paperwork, particularly online forms, have caused a bit of confusion therefore the team at Dundee University will provide paper copies of these.

The Curriculum Study Groups (CSG) will continue to be held across the session and dates will be shared with you accordingly.

School Parking

Please look out for a separate letter outlining plans agreed at Parent Council on Wednesday 6th November. As ever, the safety of our children and families takes precedence therefore the measures we propose aim to alleviate the movement of cars and to eliminate unsafe parking around our school. I trust we will have your complete support on this matter.



Dates for your diary

Monday 11th November

CSG for KPTEAL

School Hall 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Food and crèche provided

Tuesday 12th November

Primaries 5, 6 and 7 have swimming

Euan Smith working with P1/2 – ukuleles

Wednesday 13th November

Fun in Athletics at Forfar Campus

(Parents have been notified – Mrs F will transport with helpers)

Tuesday 19th November

Primaries 5, 6 and 7 have swimming

Euan Smith working with P1/2 – ukuleles

Thursday 21st November

Community Café

Tuesday 26th November

Primaries 5 and have swimming

Primary 7 transition event at Tealing – NHS Drama Workshop

Euan Smith working with P1/2 – ukuleles

Wednesday 27th November

CSG for KPTEAL:

Time and venue TBC

Sunday 1st December

Tealing Village Christmas Fayre

Tealing Hall 3pm-6pm

Please bring as many of your children as possible to help with the singing of carols

Tuesday 3rd December

Whole-school trip to Dundee Rep – 'Oor Wullie'

Donations towards the cost of this trip are welcome

(A separate letter will be sent home)

Wednesday 4th December

In-service

School closed to pupils



Thursday 5th December

In-service

School closed to pupils

Friday 6th December

St Andrew's Day holiday

School closed to pupils

Monday 9th December

Please return all trophies and awards from the Prize Giving event to the school by Monday 16th December

Wednesday 11th December

CSG for KPTEAL

Time and venue TBC

Thursday 12th December

Nativity – two performances

Afternoon: 2pm

Evening: 6pm

Friday 20th December

Community Café – singing around the Christmas tree with festive punch and a mince pie

Term Ends



Parent Council

Fundraising event: Friday 29th November
Tealing Village Hall
8pm

Next Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 15th January
School
6pm