



Thurlaston CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly can I thank so many of you for your kind thoughts and messages whilst I am isolating. I am keeping well with only very mild (hardly noticeable) symptoms.

On a virtual head's meeting yesterday with the LA, the LA shared the governments thinking at this time. The government are very keen that schools return to normal. A main part of that is attendance and that attendance is mandatory. The only legitimate reason for absence due to Covid is if the child has symptoms and/or received a positive PCR test. Being a contact is not a reason to miss school. School should only provide work for pupils with these two legitimate Covid related reasons. For other absence the normal rules apply. If a child is sick or has a medical appointment please inform the school on the first day of absence and regularly thereafter. All other absences should be requested in advance and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

The LA has not yet had the approved holiday pattern for next year and the subsequent years following the consultation last summer. Proposals are due to be presented to the Council Members on 17th September and will be published soon after that.

I had said that we were starting clubs next week. However, I have decided to postpone it until the week after. On Mondays Mr Eardley will take a football club for Class 3 and 4 children; On Tuesdays Miss Peel will take a netball based club for class 3 and class 4 children: On Wednesday and Thursday Miss Bilson (GoActive) will run clubs. The governors have secured funding that will be used to fund all these clubs this term and hopefully for the whole year so they will be FREE. A letter will be sent out next week for pupils to sign up.

School Staff went on a "dry swim test" in preparation for children in class 3 going swimming in the spring term. This is a health and safety requirement from the Leisure Centre.

We are holding a parents information evening straight after school on Tuesday 14th September for parents of children going to Min-Y-Don. It should last about ½ hour or so. Please look out for paperwork in your child's bag that will need completing and returning on or before that date.

We have been informed that the school is to close for another day in term time as the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday is in half term. We will inform you when that will be when it has been agreed.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Beetham

Provisional Dates for Your Diary

Class 1 Parents evening – 16th September 2021

Pupil Photographs (individual and family groups) – 22nd September 2021

Parents Evening (class 2, 3, 4) – 30th September and 5th October

Harvest – 15th October 2021

Min-Y-Don- 25th – 29th October 2021

Pantomime – 30th November 2021

Bazaar (subject to PTA agreement) – 4th December 2021

Nativity – 7th and 8th December 2021

Charity Carols concert – 8th December 2021

Carol Service – 17th December 2021

Swimming- The Leisure Centre has moved our swimming slot to Tuesday afternoons arriving back at school at or just after home-time. Children in Class 3 go swimming in the spring term for 10 weeks. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and as such is compulsory. School asks for a contribution towards the cost the lessons and transport.