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Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear families,

It has been wonderful to see our children refreshed and excited to be back in school, returning to school with their usual boundless energy, smiles and enthusiasm, ready for a year full of new adventures. We welcome all our new families and look forward to getting to know them as their children journey through Tushingham CE Primary.



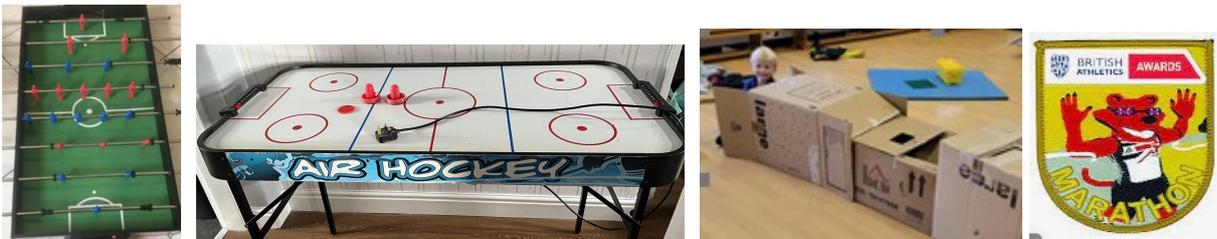
Our entrance display shows our pledge to our children during their Tushingham journey and encompasses the broad range of experiences they will encounter, most importantly our golden thread which is LOVE. This reflects our school vision which is at the top of the newsletter. Teaching children to love one another and the importance of how each child's uniqueness is what makes each and every one of them special, is paramount in everything we do. Rev Veronica would love to welcome as many families as possible to our church's church services – please see <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12662/> to see what is happening at St Chad's Church. We look forward to Rev Tim, Pastor Phil and Pastor Rob leading worship for us in school throughout the year.

We welcome Miss Smalls back into Class 3, following her maternity leave and into her role as Head of School responsible for KS2. Mrs Latham continues her Head of School role responsible for EYFS and KS1. As Executive Headteacher, I work across Tushingham and Shocklach CE Primary Schools and I look forward to seeing you at Celebration Worship, before and after school in the playground and at events throughout the year. We are all available to you for anything that cannot be discussed with your child's class teacher – please make an appointment by contacting Mrs Devaney admin@tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk or speaking to us before or after school.

I am delighted to launch our school-run wraparound care: 'The Honey Pot – the home of busy bees.' Children are certainly always busy both indoors and outdoors, using their imaginations and enjoying a variety of play experiences as well as nutritious snacks. A Tesco grant application to support us in setting up this provision has been successful and this will benefit our families that need this service due to work commitments. It will also



enable us to extend resources to promote children’s wellbeing. Please vote for us with the blue tokens in Tesco Whitchurch between October and January so that we receive the maximum donation to benefit our club. There are plenty of other clubs after school too. <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs/122704>. As well as our usual Art Bus, Football and Forest School, we are offering a fantastic range of clubs which, going forward, the children will be involved in choosing. So far, children have been having fun playing air hockey, table football, dancing, party games, Lego and painting - it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying some quality play time and lots of giggles with each other (and the staff who have enjoyed being there almost as much as the children!)



Before school marathon club has seen children clocking up distance before school, in order to complete a marathon! Exercise before school is proven to have impact not only on physical fitness but also concentration and focus in the classroom. If you would like your child to join any of these clubs, please contact Mrs Devaney in the office. We believe in children having a broad range of experiences and encourage you to develop your children’s interests out of school too. Please see ideas on our website <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs-available-in-our-local-area/123409>. If you have any other ideas we can share, please let me know. Bringing certificates, medals and details or photos of achievements out of school to share in Celebration Worship on a Friday is one way we value the uniqueness of each and every child. My favourite is still a Blue Peter badge, although the variety of talent we have in school never ceases to amaze me.



We are part of a community project with Chester FC which involves them donating us a family ticket for 4 for every home game, so that children can experience a football match. Two of our families have already enjoyed a home match at Chester Football Club in the holidays and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have a range of families booked in right up until December, but if anyone else would like to broaden their children’s experience by taking their child to a match, please let me know and I will allocate you a match.



Our wildflower edge to the field, to mark the King's Coronation, is growing well. In order to encourage wildflowers, we have planted seeds and plants and wait excitedly to see which will flourish. We have also planted a new Horse Chestnut tree and a range of flowering bushes, so next spring should be very colourful. The next step is for Environment Club to plant bulbs, so if anyone has any to donate (or any more wildflowers), please send them to school. Environment Club are also planning to develop some vegetable beds and a small orchard which will provide shade as well as fruit.

Our Children are loving finding out what their teachers' recommendations for books to read are, based on what they have enjoyed reading themselves. There are also recommended reads for each year group in each class to ensure children have access to the highest quality texts, to ensure they have maximum benefit from their reading for pleasure. This includes books that represent our diverse world, so that all children can see themselves in books and expand their understanding of the world and respect for everyone. Our children already love reading, but this is inspiring children to read even more. I love chatting with children about what they are reading when I visit classes – and they love talking about it.



Mrs Whitehead – our fabulous cook – is enjoying cooking our updated menu in her brand new oven, which was installed over the holiday. Our school meals catering company is the only one to hold RSPO accreditation, ensuring they only use certified sustainable palm oil ingredients in their menus. They believe passionately in providing our children with high quality, ethical food that helps them be the best they can be. On special dinner days throughout the year, we encourage all children to try a school meal. The first special dinner is on 5th October and is 'Bangers and Burgers Day.' Please remember to book your child a school dinner for this day.

For those new to school, when parking **in the car park opposite school, please reverse in**, to avoid reversing out when children could be behind your car. Parking space is limited so allow adequate space between cars, but please don't leave excess space so as many cars as possible can park. **Please take extra care and drive very slowly when driving on the road outside school** and be extra careful exiting onto the A41 – be aware vehicles travel very fast along this road. Parents and carers are respectfully expected not to stop their cars on the zigzag lines outside school and also to consider our neighbours, ensuring entrances to properties are kept clear at all times. Please do not park in front of the gate to the field. The coned area on the road, after the zigzags, is for the school minibus taxi service to park safely, when dropping off and collecting children in their care. Please keep this space clear for them. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Friends of Tushingham (FoT) – our PTA - run a pre-loved uniform online shop <https://www.friendsoftushingham.org.uk/shop/pre-loved-uniform/2> . Please order online and collect from the office. If you have any 'grown out of but still useable items', please drop them off at the school office so that they can be reused.



Attendance at Tushingham is excellent and we want to ensure this continues. Evidence shows that children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly – the high achievement of our children reflects this. There may be occasions when your child is too ill to attend school, or they may have an appointment. It is a parent's responsibility to inform school of the reason for absence before a child is absent. In this way, we can safeguard your children by knowing their whereabouts. Any planned absence must be authorised by the Headteacher in advance. For any other absences, please obtain an absence form from Mrs Devaney to request authorisation for an absence. As of September 2013, the law has restricted a Headteacher's ability to authorise holidays during term time. Any absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Toddlers is every Tuesday morning, so if you have younger children, please bring them along to this and we can begin to welcome them into our school family too. Please share this information with friends who may be interested in getting to know us too. Places are currently available in our nursery class for children in the term after they are 3.

Over the summer, CWAC have repaired our mobile's roof and I can reassure you that we do not have any RAAC concrete that you might have heard about in the news.



Finally, I would like to signpost you to our website which has lots of useful information including the school calendar, information regarding each class on the class pages and information for parents. Under the Parent information tab, there is a 'Wellbeing Support for Families' page <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/wellbeing-support-for-families/127336> which has links to support for a variety of situations. There is also a page dedicated to Mental Health support for families: <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/mental-health/123406>

I'm really looking forward to this year's adventures and enjoying lots of '**Learning together and worshipping together**'.

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