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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to thank you all for supporting our school community in the Covid outbreak we have endured. I am pleased to inform you that we are now currently Covid-free. The national situation is on-going and many schools are not in this position so please continue to be alert and use LFT tests so the children can get the most from everything that school has to offer.

It was an emotional moment when we finally shared our first Collective Worship all together. It is so lovely to hear the children singing and have celebration and quiet reflection time as one family. The Harvest service on Thursday will be very special.

I'm delighted to inform you that we have appointed an Admin Officer – Mrs Devaney - who will join our school family after half term. We owe a huge thank you to Mrs Scott who stepped in to offer us invaluable temporary support and battled heroically to ensure school spider works for you all. She will be continuing to work in school part-time teaching groups of children across school. At half term, we will say goodbye to Mrs Young who has been working alongside Mrs Forshaw in Class 1. We welcome Mrs Barker who will join Mrs Forshaw after half term and Miss Barnett will also work in Class 1 on a Friday.

For those with pre-school children, the toddler group is up and running on a Tuesday at 9.30am.

The Friends of Tushingham are running a 'Decorate Your Pumpkin' Competition: All you have to do is get creative and design your pumpkin - you can carve it, paint it or dress it up! Bring your pumpkin to school on Tuesday 19th October and photos will be taken of all of your spooky creations which will be shared on the Friends of Tushingham Facebook page. There will be a winner selected from each class on Wednesday 20th October, with a spooky Halloween prize for each winner. It's £1 to enter with all funds raised going towards Friends of Tushingham to raise much needed funds for our school.

All pumpkins will be returned to their creator to take home to enjoy over half term - with a spooky treat inside! We can't wait to see your SPOOKTACULAR creations!



The Friends of Tushingham began this year's fundraising by selling lollipops donated by BeWILDerwood. We are finalising a project for how this year's fundraising will benefit the children at school and will be sharing details of this soon, along with a current totaliser.

The first **Friends of Tushingham meeting** for this school year will be combined with our AGM and will take place at **3.30pm on Friday 5th November 2021** in the school hall. **All** parents are very welcome to come for a **cuppa & cake**, to share any ideas for fundraising or offer to help out at events including the Christmas Fair. If everyone contributes a little, it makes a real difference to school so please do make every effort to come along. This will be the first time parents have been in school for a while and is important for nurturing our school community. Mrs Davies will supervise your children during the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for all your responses regarding wrap-around care at Tushingham. These are collated and the best way forward is being negotiated.

Tempest photography will be in school on the 1st November to take individual and sibling portraits within school hours. If you would like a pre-school sibling portrait, please arrive at the Class 4 (main playground) gate at 8.30am.

Sports Competitions at Bishop Heber have re-started. Well done to all those children who showed tremendous commitment in completing the cross-country. And congratulations to the Year 3/4 tag rugby teams who represented us proudly, showing great team spirit and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to Chloe Hewitt who has offered an after-school dance club which children have had to have their minds and bodies sharp for! They are learning impressively well. Chloe will be offering some exciting projects so watch this space! Football will be re-starting after half term so watch out for details of this too.

Class 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Long Mynd during which they enjoyed a walk up to the reservoir and carried out scientific investigations on the river which included measuring: the speed of water flow; the range in water depth across the river; and the range in water depth as they went along the river. They also did some river dipping - using nets to collect creatures from the river and then taking them into the lab to look at them in detail and use classification keys to identify them.

It has been a fantastic start to the year – I absolutely love seeing children enjoying every aspect of their learning together once again. Have a safe and happy half term.

Mrs Cathy Davies

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