

TUSHINGHAM with GRINDLEY C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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,

What a wonderfully busy - and sociable – term we are having. The Covid situation is on-going so please continue to be alert to symptoms and use LFT tests so the children can get the most from everything that school has to offer. If children are showing symptoms, a PCR is advised. Testing is the key to protecting our school community. Thank you for your support in this.

For those with pre-school children, the toddler group is up and running on a Tuesday at 9.30am. For parents of children with Sept 2022 reception children, applications must be submitted by 15th January 2022 https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/reception-admissions/reception-admissions.aspx.

Lunch is now being served from the hall again. Mrs Blackhurst – our cook – is beaming from ear to ear. "It's so lovely to be interacting with the children again – they put a smile on my face. I didn't get a job in a school to be hiding in the kitchen!" I am very glad we are able to release her! We have also welcomed a new mid-day assistant – Mrs Cronin – who is also enjoying working with the children. After Christmas, the dinner menu will return to having choices each day.

KS2 Football club is now up and running on a Wednesday after school and a team took part in the small school's tournament at Christleton High School. Matches were closely fought and we have some very skilled players with an excellent attitude, but we unfortunately didn't win (this time!).

Chloe Hewitt will be returning with Dance Club for KS2 in the Spring term and this will culminate in a performance at Crewe Lyceum on 14th March in the evening – save the date if you are interested. More details to follow.

The school council have been elected so congratulations to those who were successful. They have a busy year ahead and have so far been designing their logo and planning Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day.

The Harvest service at St Chad's was very special, despite not having parents in the church. It was a pause for reflection and a time to be thankful for all that is good in our world.

















Class 4 visited Chester cathedral for Pilgrims Day and had a fantastic time doing crafts and music including making sugar dough monks, pilgrim purses and mosaics. Class 3 walked across the fields in wellies to examine the different rocks in our local area – they found more than they thought they would.

The entries into The Friends of Tushingham 'Decorate Your Pumpkin' Competition were phenomenal! Thank you to everyone who entered. The winners were: Class 1 Florence, Class 2 Olivia, Class 3 Dayton and Class 4 Daisy. We have some amazing artists at Tushingham.

Thank you all of those who have bought cauliflower Christmas cards – this will be a great fundraiser as well as giving you memorable cards to send at Christmas. The designs the children created were just gorgeous – thank you to our wonderful staff for making this happen.

Multi-skills day was a huge success and competitive effort and smiles were abundant through school all day. Sponsorship totalled a whopping £1094.18! Thank you to Mrs Forshaw for organising and to Pat and Andy (our PE coaches) for running it.

It was lovely to see so many people at the first Friends of Tushingham meeting. Everyone's ideas for fundraising and offers to help out at events including the Christmas Fair are truly appreciated. If everyone contributes a little, it makes a real difference to school.

Events coming up before the end of term:

Friday 19th **November:** Children in Need Day – Bring a donation to Children in Need and wear spotty clothes.

Saturday 20th November: Bingo night at The Wheatsheaf in Whitchurch 8pm. Just turn up! **Friday 26th November:** Bring a chocolate donation (for the Christmas Fair not the staff!) and wear non-uniform.

Friday 3rd December: Funky Hair Day - Bring a bottle (again for the Christmas Fair not staff!) and come to school with 'funky hair'.

Thursday 9th December: Nativity performances at 2pm and 5pm

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day – Bring a donation to Save the Children and wear a Christmas jumper.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tuesday 14th December: School Council Talent Show

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner – don't forget to order on school spider.

Thursday 16th December: Christmas Church Service at St Chad's at 9am.

Look out for more details about these events as they approach.

I'm really looking forward to enjoying all these events with all of our Tushingham family.

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