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

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Dear Parents,

I hope all is well with your family and friends and that you are feeling healthy and positive during these difficult times. School staff are in regular contact with all our families and are impressed with the response to the home learning activities set for our children. Our teachers are using a variety of approaches to ensure children receive age appropriate learning activities for them to complete at home or in school if they are in the priority group of children attending school. In line with our Local Authority advice, we are welcoming children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back to school next week. Teachers will continue to plan age appropriate learning activities for all children, both in school and at home. We have received many messages of thanks from families about the high standard of activities set for all year groups and the quality of responses children have received from their teachers. Thank you so much for these kind words of appreciation – they really do help and mean a great deal to us. Planning and sending appropriate tasks for children plus responding to children's individual work is challenging and time consuming. Teachers have planned personalised learning experiences for families if there have been problems with accessing online tasks. Please contact school if you are still experiencing issues with accessing the work set by teachers – we are here to help and support. I am incredibly proud of our teaching staff and how they have responded with creativity and positivity to the necessary changes to teaching and learning activities. I'm also very pleased with the response to the activities by our amazing children – thank you parents for supporting your children's home learning! Our support staff of teaching assistants, bursar, mid-day assistants plus Edsential catering and cleaning staff, have also done an excellent job of supporting children and families and keeping school open throughout lockdown. The health and welfare of all our Tushingham School community remains our highest priority.

Mrs Jane Owen retiring

Mrs Jane Owen, our wonderful Class 2 teaching assistant, is retiring at the end of this summer term after a long and successful career in education. Mrs Owen is a very experienced, highly respected and much loved teaching assistant. She has been an important part of the Tushingham School community for many years and will be greatly missed. If you would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Mrs Owen kindly make your donation on the parent App. If you wish to send a message to Mrs Owen, please do so through the message leaving book on the App. Thank you.



Dave Partington retired

Dave Partington, our caretaker and cleaner (employed through PANAD Services) retired in May. We send our very best wishes to Dave for a long and happy retirement and our sincere thanks for his work at Tushingham School. Caretaking and cleaning services in school are now provided through Edsential. If you would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Dave Partington kindly make your donation on the parent App. If you wish to send a message to Dave Partington, please do so through the message leaving book on the App. Thank you.

Miss Barnett joining Tushingham School staff

Miss Barnett has been appointed as a teaching assistant at Tushingham School and will join us officially in September. Miss Barnett will be visiting school over the next few weeks. Mrs Richards will support children in Class 2 from September with Miss Barnett supporting children in Class 3. I know you will join with me in giving Miss Barnett a very warm welcome to Tushingham School.

Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award gained

I am delighted to announce our Class 4 children have all successfully achieved The Archbishop of York Youth Trust KS2 Young Leaders Award! Many congratulations Class 4 – we are very proud of you! Our sincere thanks (and congratulations) go to Miss Smalls for registering the children for this valuable scheme and for supporting and guiding the children throughout the programme. The Young Leaders Award Programme encourages children to discover the life skills of compassion, patience, self-control, gentleness and leadership. There are 6 topics: Leadership Skills, Inspirational Leaders, The Local Community, The National Community, The Global Community and Community Action. As part of the Award, children are empowered to 'Be the Change you want to see', taking action and serving others in their community through different challenges. Gaining this award is certainly something to celebrate – well done Class 4!

The Rainbow Flag Award gained

You may have noticed a new logo on our letters, including at the foot of this newsletter; 'The Rainbow Flag Award'. Mrs Hunt and Miss Smalls completed the full training programme for 'The Rainbow Flag Award' and 'Including LGBT+ pupils and challenging LGBT+ phobia in primary schools'. I am delighted to say Tushingham School successfully gained The Rainbow Flag Award in May – Congratulations to all involved!

New School website

Our new school website is now fully operational. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Jan Williams, school bursar, for her hard work and perseverance in setting the website up along with the new app and cashless system for payments. The link for the website is <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk>

Very best wishes and kind regards,

Mrs Shephard,
Executive Headteacher.

