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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,

The Rainbow Flag Award

In June, I shared the excellent news that Tushingham School had gained 'The Rainbow Flag Award'; the logo has been included at the foot of our letters to parents and displayed on our school website since then. 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' in 2019 and 2020. I am now delighted to say a superb framed certificate has been received and is proudly displayed in our main reception area. Many congratulations to all involved!

Canon Ian Davenport leading worship in school

Class 4 children were delighted to enjoy a special Collective Worship led by Canon Ian Davenport on the theme of 'Generosity' recently. Canon Ian told me how much he enjoyed talking to the children and leading the memorable service – it was a wonderful occasion for us all. Canon Ian will visit school again over the course of the autumn term, leading worship for other 'bubbles' of children.

School Council

School council elections are taking place in classes at the moment. Mrs Hunt will meet with the elected members within the next few weeks. The school council will be working in their classes to understand the work of Christian Aid. They will be holding their own fundraising events in their bubbles. Each class will explore a different aspect of the Christian Aid charity. Water, Environment and Refugees are possible topics the classes will explore, but the children will decide this in the next few weeks. The first job for the school council will be to create an informative presentation about Christian Aid which will be shared with the classes and on the website. Thank you to Mrs Hunt for organising and supporting our school council again this year.

Parking and collecting children

Parents and carers are respectfully asked 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. In addition, cones are put out at pick up time to save space for the Bradley Barns minibus. Please do not park in this area or move the cones. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe and for considering our neighbours. Please collect younger siblings at the end of the day before collecting older children. Please remind children they are to remain with the adult collecting them and must not run around the playground.

Keeping information up to date – message from the school office

It is usually at this time of year that we send out data collection sheets. These allow you to check the information held in school on your child's account. As Covid-19 has had such a huge impact on our usual way of working, we have had to learn to adapt and implement new systems to find alternative ways to ensure our working methods remain efficient. Moving forward, the school will be corresponding by email and texting parents (via the school spider app), therefore the need to check that your details are up to date are important to ensure you stay informed. Over the coming weeks we will be introducing a new App called SIMS Lite. The App will allow parents to check that the school always has the most up-to-date information. The App is connected to the school computer system and therefore fully complies with all aspects of GDPR. The primary contact held on your child's file will receive an email inviting you to register for the App. Simply follow the instructions to download the App, once downloaded you will be able to view and if necessary amend your child's information. Any requests for amending information will be received in school and will be authorised once it has passed relevant security checks. If you have any concerns regarding the App, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email admin@tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk

Community message - Whitchurch Foodbank

Whitchurch Food Bank are under a lot of pressure at the moment. Covid-19 and the unemployment it is creating, has put a lot of families into a desperate situation. The Food Bank is making an urgent plea for donations. A full list of the goods they require is on the website <http://www.parishmag.org>. Please note they can't receive fresh produce due to Covid-19 handling restrictions – please help if you can.

What parents and carers need to know about the autumn term

Department for Education information for parents and carers is regularly updated. The link below will take you to the latest information about the autumn term;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Home learning plan in the event of Coronavirus related absences

In the event of a pupil absence due to illness

If a child is off school ill, there is no expectation for them to complete work.

In the event of a child self-isolating

If a child is self-isolating, but feels well enough to do work, teachers will direct children to appropriate online learning activities, for example, Oak National Academy Online, BBC Bitesize, Reading Eggs, Mathletics.

In the event of a bubble or school closure

Teachers will add work to Google classroom (same arrangement as during lockdown in the spring and summer 2020). If a teacher is unwell, children will access online learning activities, for example, Oak National Academy Online, BBC Bitesize, Reading Eggs, Mathletics.

Kind regards,

Mrs Shephard,
Executive Headteacher.

