

## **Tetsworth Primary School**

As we begin our Countdown to Christmas I would again like to thank you for the support, patience, smiles and kind words that have helped us all through this very unusual Autumn Term.

### **SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

In the run up to Christmas the children will remain in their registration groups for both the morning and afternoon sessions. This is to accommodate the mix of work and Christmas Activities class teachers have planned.

The bubbles will be:

Class 1 – Reception and Nursery Pupils

Class 2 – Years 1/2/3

Class 3 – Years 4/5/6

This won't impact in any way on drop off and pick up arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to wear a face covering whenever they are on site.



### **Class 3**

Class 3 will be using the trim trail as their play area at lunchtimes to ensure the integrity of our bubbles. However this area can be a little

wet/muddy so a spare pair of outdoor shoes or wellingtons  will be a must.



**Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

**Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>–** for children having school dinners Dolce are offering sandwiches only **on this day.**

**Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner (for TPS) –** We do encourage all children to have a school dinner on this day.

**Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> –** Tetsworth Primary School will be featured throughout the day on Red Kite Radio

**Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Movie Morning and Christmas Muffti –**the children will share a Christmas movie and have hot chocolate and marshmallows

**Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>** end of the Autumn Term.

Please note these early finish times:

**Class 3 – 2.00 p.m.**

**Class 2 – 2.05 p.m**

**Class 3 – 2.10 p.m.**

## Staff Changes

**Miss Sarah Braund** – will be joining our Class 1 Team to cover Mrs Bacon's Maternity leave

**Mr Philip Connell** – will be joining us as our new Caretaker/Cleaner. We wish Mrs Ellis well in her retirement and hope to be able to invite her back in the Summer Term for a proper send off. If you have not yet made a contribution to a leaving gift but would like to do so then please contact Mrs Denham or Mrs Mann in the office. Mrs Ellis has been our caretaker for 34 years.

**Mrs Hall** – will be with extending her job share role in Class 3 to two days a week.

## Track and Trace

To reiterate my message of December 8<sup>th</sup> - the fewer contacts your children have with pupils from other bubbles over the next 10 days the less likely it will be that I am phoning your family to say 'I am really sorry but you will have to cancel your Christmas plans because.....'

This saddens me as I know how much the children have enjoyed posing for the group photographs on Facebook.

## Emergency Contact Numbers

**Book a Coronavirus Test** - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phone **119**

**Thames Valley Police – non emergency 101**

**Children's and Adults Social Care – 0345 050 7666**

**Non- emergency** - visit Oxfordshire County Council's [Raising a Safeguarding Concern page](#). This form will ask you a number of questions about the person you are concerned about, whether it's yourself, a friend or neighbour. Once you have completed the form, someone from the Adult Safeguarding Team should contact you within three working days to discuss your concerns.

## School Work

The children (and staff) have been working really hard throughout the term so please visit our website to see a flavour of what has been achieved.

<https://www.tetsworth.oxon.sch.uk/news-events/>

<https://www.tetsworth.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum/weekly-achievements/>

**To see an overview of the curriculum content for the Spring Term please visit:**

Class 1 - <https://www.tetsworth.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-1/>

Class 2 - <https://www.tetsworth.oxon.sch.uk/curriculum/year-2/>

Please note that these may be subject to change.

## E-Safety

Some children may be lucky enough to receive a Smart phone/1-pad/tablet this Christmas. Please make sure that you have the correct parental controls in place to safeguard your child from the risks that these gifts can pose. **Did you know that children should be 13+ to have a Facebook account and 16+ to open a WhatsApp account?**

### Keep your child safe online

- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

This is taken from the Government Guidance on internet safety.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

## Red Kite Radio

The children have made a recording for Red Kite Radio. It will air on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - times to follow. We will also send through a link to enable you to listen to our recording plus those made by local schools and other local organisations.

## Munch and Crunch



This is the first year since Munch and Crunch joined our school that they have decided they would hibernate. They are currently in a pet carrier, in hay, with a big fluffy blanket over them, housed in Pippa Ashton's caravan. A big thank you to Pippa for taking such good care of them.

## Thank You

**Tetsworth Primary School Association** – a big thank you to this group of volunteers who are showing such fortitude and creativity in order to continue fundraising for the school

**Mr Wilson** – for coming to our aid on numerous occasions this term.

**Mrs Eggleton** – who has made sure our school has remained clean and Covid – Safe when Mrs Ellis has not been able to be on site.

**To the TPS staff** – who have had to add so much more to their existing work -load.

**Mr Whitehead** – for offering the school a set of tablets for classroom use

**Tetsworth Trust Fund** – for their additional funding this term

**Mr Aiden Lynch**- who is working hard on our behalf in relation to the planned School Extension.

**Ms P. Ashton** – for looking after Munch and Crunch for us, for organising their transport to and from school and this year, for helping them to successfully hibernate.

## Governors

Two of our parents are representatives on our Federated Governing Body – Mr R.James and Mrs B.Fulton. Do please contact them via the office if you have anything you would like to discuss with them in relation to the school.

Our next Full Governing Body Meeting is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

## SPRING TERM

**We return on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

Drop off and pick up times will be the same as this term.

Our one way system will remain the same as this term.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – Virtual Open Afternoon for prospective parents from 1.30pm. Mrs Charlton and Mr Hankey will be presenting a Zoom presentation and Question & Answer session for new parents. More details to follow.

**Tetsworth Primary School Extension** – having attended a meeting last night with members of the Governing Body and Mr Aiden Lynch I am delighted to say that we can now begin moving forward on this project. More details are to follow shortly.

Can I end by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful 2021 on behalf of all the staff at Tetsworth Primary School.