

Town Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had so many lovely comments about the Music Concert we held in school last week. It was a wonderful evening, which was enjoyed by over 180 proud family members. All the choir rehearsals came to fruition and the enthusiasm of the children shone through. It was amazing to see so many children who were willing to sing solo's in front of such a large audience. The children know that I played several instruments when I was at school, therefore, I also know about the many hours of practise it takes to learn and develop as an instrumentalist. Again, the talents and determination of the children were clear to see. We were overwhelmed by the support shown by family and friends, who generously donated £162.26 from refreshments, which has gone into the School Fund. We were also supported by many members of staff who also gave of their time. A huge well done to Miss Evans for organising it all and we look forward to our 2nd Annual Concert in 2020!

Kind Regards



Mrs A Smith
Headteacher

Summer Fayre – Saturday 29th June 12 – 2.00pm

Holland House and Town Junior PTA are pleased to present our Summer Fayre on Saturday 29th June from 12pm - 2pm held at Town Junior School. All are welcome to enjoy a superb summery afternoon of hot and cold food, fun and games including Wellie Wanging, raffle, face painting, Nerf Target game, tombola's and lots more. Save the date in your diary and come along to make wonderful fun filled memories with your little ones. All welcome, 50p entry fee on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.



Open Evening Thursday 11th July 3.45 -5.15

All parents and children are welcome to the Open Evening. This is an opportunity to look at your children's work completed over the last academic year. Classrooms will be open during the evening, so you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom.

Year 6 Information/Activity Days

Friday 12th July

1.15am Y6 **Leavers Production** - for Year 6 parents only. Seats can be booked via the Parent Evening System on 29th June, 2 seats per family.

Thursday 18th July

10.30 – 11.30am – Year 6 leavers swim party at Wyndley (children need to bring their swim wear in a plastic bag with a towel). There will be a briefing of safety rules on arrival, weak/non swimmers will wear a life jacket for the Aqua Challenge.

PM Picnic hopefully on the field (weather permitting).

Friday 19th July

2.00pm Year 6 **Presentation Assembly** - for Year 6 parents only. Seats can be booked via the Parent Evening System on 29th June, 2 seats per family.



Upcoming Events

29th June

12-2pm TJS & HH
Summer Fayre

2nd July

Transition Day for Y2, 3,
4 & 5
Year 6 Activity Day

2nd July

6.00pm New Year 3
Parents Meeting

3rd July

Transition Day for Y2, 3,
4, 5 & 6

11th July

3.45 – 5.15 Open Evening

12th July

1.15 Y6 Leavers
Production

15th July

10.00 Whole School
Cinema visit to see Toy
Story 4 (PG)

17th July

Big Bounce (please book
on ParentPay)

18th July

10.30 – 11.30am Y6
leavers swim party at
Wyndley

19th July

2pm Leavers
Presentation Assembly
3.25 Children break up
for Summer Holiday

Big Bounce Day - Wednesday 17th July.

We are again having a 'Big Bounce' Day, this was very popular with the children last year with most of the children taking part, this will be on **Wednesday 17th July**. We have booked 4 large inflatables for the day, 1 bouncy castle, 1 super slide, 4 sumo junior kangaroo suits and a penalty shootout. The children can then choose to pay £3.00 to play on the inflatables for at least 45 minutes with the rest of their year group. If you would like your child to play on the inflatables, you can pay via the ParentPay system, in the 'Inflatables' Payment Item section. On the day ensure that your child is wearing trousers and socks. If you do not want your child to take part they will remain in the classroom with a member of staff.



Transition Days 2nd and 3rd July

Tuesday 2nd July, Internal Transition Day

Y3, Y4, Y5 move into new classes for 2 days within school

Y2 from Holland House to Town Junior School

Y6 in school - Activity Day.

The children have been invited to the dress rehearsal of the Plantsbrook School Show 'We Will Rock You'.

10.05 Plantsbrook School Show

Tuesday 2nd July – New Year 3 Parents' Meeting

6.00pm New Year 3 Parents Meeting at Town Junior School

Wednesday 3rd July Secondary Transition Day

Y6 to their respective secondary schools – all day.

Y2 from Holland House to Town Junior School



Reports out to parents

Reports will be given out on 10th July. If you have any queries regarding your child's report and would like an appointment to speak to the class teacher, please contact the school office.

Nut Free School

We have had a few cases of children having nuts or sweets in their lunchboxes, we should like to remind parents that nuts should not be sent into school and to remember we are a healthy eating school. We ask you to assist us in providing our students with a safe school environment. It is important that there is a strict avoidance of all nut and nut containing products (Nutella) to avoid a life threatening allergic reaction to children/staff with a nut allergy. Many thanks

Defibrillator for the School

As Mrs Collins and I have obtained the First Aid at Work certificate, we have discussed with Mrs Smith about purchasing a Defibrillator for the school. We feel this is a beneficial piece of equipment that we need to have in the school. Not only for the children and staff but anyone who is accessing the site. We were wondering if anyone was replacing their old Defibrillator and would like to kindly donate their old one. Many thanks Mrs L Eccleston (Kingfisher Manager)



MAGIC MOMENTS

The Fiver Challenge

Y6 have just completed the Fiver Challenge – a business challenge based around money restrictions. We were provided with £5, from Mrs Smith, to buy ingredients/our products, which we would sell in an attempt to make a profit, which in turn we would donate to charity. We sold our products to the rest of the school and parents. We sold a wide range of products including cakes, pop and bookmarks. In the end the bookmarks were the winners with a profit of £66.50. We got our inspiration from the group of Y12 Business Studies students from Plantsbrook School.
By Imme & Molly Y6

The Challenge took place on 25th June. Year 6 were selling lots of items, snow cones, book marks, pick and mix etc. The money raised is going to charity and the winner is going to choose which charity, most people want to choose Cancer Research.
By Lucy & Lacey Y5

On Tuesday Year 6 did a Fiver Challenge to raise as much money as they could. There were lots of items being sold from stalls. The best seller were the bookmarks which had quotes on. Some stalls also sold milkshakes and cookies which was very nice!
By Ben & Tom Y4

The Fiver Challenge is when children spend £5 making a product and try to make a profit. Throughout the afternoon children from all year groups came to buy. First place went to 'Keep your Page' and second to 'Cakes & Co', third place was 'Simply Snow'.
By Rosie & Madhusah Y6

Reminder to Parents

Registration

Please can we remind parents that the school gates open at 8.30am and registration is at 8.50am. If your child comes in after this time you must sign them in as late on the electronic signing in system in reception. They must be brought into school by an adult.

Sickness

If your child is off school unwell, please ring the school office before 9.30am, if the school phone is busy please keep trying as email messages do not always get to staff on time.

SAFEGUARDING

Sexting

How to talk to children about the risks of sexting - and what you can do to protect them

It may feel awkward, but it's important to explain to children the risks of sexting, how to stay safe and remind them that they can talk to you if something ever makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

What is sexting?

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others or sends sexually explicit messages. They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, laptops - any device that allows you to share media and messages. Sexting may also be called: trading nudes / dirties / /pic for pic.



How to talk to your child about sexting

Find a way to start the conversation. Every child is different, so your approach should be based on their character and your relationship with them. You could:

- outline your expectations and explain the rules of having a mobile, tablet or smartphone
- ask them what they feel is acceptable to send to people, if they'd be happy for you or a stranger or other children to see certain photos. If the answer is 'no', explain that the image, video or message is probably not appropriate to send
- make sure they're comfortable saying no, that they know their body is private and being asked to share explicit images is inappropriate
- explain to them about the importance of trust and consent in a healthy relationship. Tell them that it's not ok for someone to make them feel uncomfortable, to pressure them into doing things that they don't want to do, or to show them things that they're unhappy about. Let them know that they can speak to you if this ever happens
- look at Childline's advice about [relationships](#) and [online safety](#) together.

Explain the risks of sexting

- tell them what can happen when things go wrong. Don't accuse them of sexting, but do explain the dangers and legal issues
- you may find it easier to use real-life examples, such as television programmes or news stories, to help you explain the risks
- ask them if they'd want something private shown to the world. Talk about the Granny rule - would you want your Granny to see the image you're sharing?
- talk about whether a person who asks for an image from you might also be asking other people for images

MAGIC MOMENTS

Healthy Living Workshops

On Thursday 27th June all of Town Junior's had a Healthy Living Workshop. A man called Liam came in and told us about healthy eating. It is very important because if you eat too much junk food your teeth will go black and fall out. Liam told us how much fat, salt and sugar was in things. Did you know that a can of Coca Cola has 16g of sugar? Also, Fizzy Lucozade has so much sugar in it, children shouldn't really drink it? You should only drink it if you are doing lots of exercise or going to the gym, or running a marathon, or if your job is physical like a life guard.

By Kyron & Gabe Y4

Some tall people from Kingsbury came in to talk to us about healthy eating. Did you know that Lucozade had 16 spoonsfuls of sugar in it! Warning - don't drink it unless you have a marathon to run. He said we shouldn't eat Skittles and if we did, don't eat them more than once a month.

Afterwards we did 'Just Dance', we measured our heart rate before and after dancing to see if our heart rate had increased.

By Lottie & Rumaan Y3

Father's Day Lunches

Our workshop was on Tuesday 18th June. We did maths games and were given a folder to take home when we had finished. After the workshop we went to lunch with our dads.

By Ralph & Oscar Y3

The Father's Day workshops were good because dads got to see the work we do, they helped us do some of the work. We got to enjoy lunch together and I think the dads enjoyed spending time with us.

By Amirah Y4

- if children are sending images to people they trust, they may not think there's much risk involved. Use examples of when friends or partners have had a falling-out and what might happen to the images if this happens.

Make it clear you will be supportive & understanding

- make sure they know that you're always there for support if they feel pressured by anyone
- explain that they can come to you if someone asks to send them a nude picture or if they receive an explicit message
- let them know that you won't be angry with them but just want to make sure they're safe and happy.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>

School Improvements in the last fortnight

During the last two weeks, the following activities have been undertaken:

- Mr Murrell was released to look at the PE & Sport Funding impact statement along with the final organisation for Sports Day.
 - Mrs Smith & Mrs Gilmour met with Mrs Bradford & Mrs Budden (HH) to confirm the transition arrangements for September.
 - Mrs Smith & Mrs Gilmour attended a conference with Mr Hulse (PBS) to listen to James McNeillie, Assistant Regional Director, West Midlands, OFSTED. He was outlining the expectations of OFSTED in light of the new inspection framework, which is coming into effect in September 2019.
 - Mrs Millidge attended the Learning Trust for Excellence (LTE) English Leader's Meeting to discuss spelling strategies used across the Trust.
 - Lesson observations have taken place with all teachers in line with our Performance Management schedule.
 - Miss Wilson & Miss Powis visited Holland House to meet the new Year 3 children.
 - Mrs Rachel Davis undertook her termly Challenge Partner visit to discuss the Year 5 data, the School Improvement Plan for 2019-20 along with undertaking a learning walk to look at pupil books.
 - Donald Campbell (Governor) led an assembly for us and then met with children to undertake conversations with children to discuss their views about the new curriculum topics.
 - Year 6 children met with Y12 Business Studies students from PBS to talk through their ideas for the 'Fiver Challenge' Enterprise project they are undertaking.
 - Teachers from Y3, 4, 5 undertook writing moderation with other schools from the LTE.
 - Mrs Smith, Miss Rodgers & Mrs Gilmour attended the LGB meeting of the Governors.
 - Year 3 children visited HH to re-unite with the children in Year 2 to answer any questions they may have.
 - Mrs Smith & Mrs Gilmour attended the Executive Leadership Meeting led by Ms Campbell to discuss the current budget & the budget for next academic year.
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School photos from the last 2 weeks:

