



Trithlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Welcome back to all our parents and children who have already been working in partnership with us.

Welcome to all our new families. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Welcome to Mrs Morris, who will be working as a communication worker in Reception and Mrs Melville, our new cleaner.

New Reception parents- Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat with new friends at our coffee morning this Friday at 9am straight after drop off. **Friday the 13th** is when the children start full time, so please come and join us for half an hour once your child is in school!

Meet the Team Leaders

Nursery– Mrs Luke

Reception– Mrs Hurley

Key Stage One– Miss Lees

If you have any queries regarding your child’s education please talk to their class teacher. The team leaders are there should you need any further support. They are waiting to talk to you! You can also talk with myself, Mrs Marshall, the Head Teacher or one of our two deputies Miss Chapman or Mrs Wright.

Family Worker news

We are very fortunate to have two excellent Family Workers at our school, who can help and support with many general family issues such as behaviour, child sleep issues, housing, and attendance to name but a few.

If you have a concern or you would like to discuss something, you can either phone through to the main school 01933 654900 or to their work mobiles. Mrs Lesley Colquhoun (who also works at the Junior School) 07825666124 and Mrs Tracy Harvey 07584050433

Class assembly

Wednesday 16th October—Mr O’Brien’s class assembly for Harvest. Parents/ carers are welcome to come and watch at 9am in the main hall. The children will share some of the things they have been learning in class.

Christmas concerts in December

10th 9.30am/2pm **Year 2**

13th 9.30am/2pm **Reception**

17th 9.30am/2pm **Year One**

This is a ticketed event with 2 tickets only per child, due to space in the hall.

Parent workshops and events

18th September 6pm- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting- All parents welcome to join us. We need you!

27th September 9am- Year Two English workshop for parents and an opportunity to attend a Year two lesson.

3rd October 9am and repeated at **2.30pm** A meeting for new **Nursery** parents

16th October 9am- Reception Phonic workshop and parent class visit to see the teachers working with your child.

23rd October 9am Year One English workshop. There will be an opportunity to visit a Phonics lesson with your child.

Other events

20th September Reception have an **animal welfare dress up day-** also our first parent reading session.

8th October – individual photographs for Year One, Two and Reception

6th November parent partnership meeting for all children.

13th November parent partnership meeting for all children.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the **correct uniform for school**. The children need a school sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore, or green checked summer dress. They need a white polo t-shirt and plain black school shoes. The children also require a **jade school t-shirt for PE and black shorts**. The children will be doing regular outdoor PE in Year One and Two and will require plain joggers and plimsolls/ trainers.

If any parent is struggling with the cost of uniform, please phone to speak to the school office as we may be able to support. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium we can help with the cost of school sweatshirts, cardigans and PE t-shirts uniform.





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Pupil Premium

We are offering parents entitled to Pupil Premium a **voucher for £75 in main school and £40 in Nursery**. This voucher can be used towards, trips, milk, logo uniform, school photos and clubs.

All infant aged children now can receive a free school meal if booked through our catering company Kingswood. However, if you or your partner receives any of the following benefits, your child could be offered even further support in school if you are eligible for **Pupil Premium**:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

This is funding which is given to schools and nurseries, to support your child. However, you still must apply individually through the County Council. Even if you decided not to have the free school meal (which all Infant aged children are entitled) you can still gain additional support for your child with the cost of trips, milk, clubs, a new sweatshirt for your child when you need it during the year and small group support or 1:1 tuition if needed for your child. This can support your child's individual needs.

How to register

It can be confusing to apply as it is still called a **Free School Meal Application** but your child will receive the other benefits too, if you are eligible. You can apply on line through the county website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals and select apply for **Pupil Premium** (Highlighted in purple).

If you have any questions about the information included in this letter, please do not hesitate to ask at the school office. All enquires can be made in a confidential manner. We have staff who can help with your application or if you just want to know more.

This is important funding which can have huge long-term benefits to your child and their education.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school every day. All children may be poorly from time to time but please ensure that you **phone the school office on 01933 654900**. You can use the dedicated absence line or talk to a member of staff during school time. Please phone before 9.30am so we know not to expect your child. The government send clear guidance to schools on attendance as it is a legal duty for parents to ensure their children attend school. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised and only genuine illness and absences in exceptional circumstances will be authorised. The local authority can deliver a fixed penalty fine for families who take their children out of school for unauthorised absences. It is important that parents understand that the initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to **each parent for each child**. A two-parent family with two children would be fined £240. Unauthorised absences can be holidays in term time or when a school is not satisfied that a child has a valid reason to be off school, such as a birthday shopping treat or trip to the hairdressers. We ask that all parents inform the school of any absences as it is important that we know that the child is not missing from education. We have a duty to report all children missing from education to the local authority.



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Clubs

We have our first round of clubs starting soon. Please ensure that you sign up start away.

We are offering a new bricks club this term, where children who love Lego can build together or on their own and learn new skills.

There will be football and a multi skills after school club, run by Steve Patrick who offers excellent coaching in our school.

There will be an arty, sparkle club which will run over one lunch time.

If your child is eligible for **Pupil Premium** you can use your voucher to pay for any of the clubs. Please talk to the office about this as your child has the opportunity to try something new!

Mrs Bailey, our sports lead teacher will be sending out more information about clubs this week.



Reading

Reading, is our main focus, for improvements this year as it is crucial for all aspects of learning.

We want to maintain our strong partnership with parents by continuing to encourage parents to share books with their children and sharing the love and fun in reading. We will be encouraging the use of the Book Nook and our library to engage our children with a wide range of books. We have also already purchased some new reading books specifically for Reception and Year One.

We would like to invite parents in to school to read with their child from **8.50am to 9.15am** on the following dates:

Friday 20th September

Wednesday 2nd October

Friday 8th November

Wednesday 4th December

Ensure that your read with your child as often as possible as this key skill will support all other learning.

How can you help?

We really want parents to work in partnership with us to promote and develop all of your child's skills. You can help in lots of different ways.

Our **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** meeting is on **18th September, at 6pm in school**. We are dedicated group of parents, teachers and TAs who just want to support the school by raising money for further equipment and experiences. The PTA have done an amazing job of funding our Book Nook, reading caravan, which was a huge project. They have also raised money towards a community defibrillator on our school site.



Homework

We believe that children learn best when they are clear about the expectations and have opportunities to practise their skills. To this end we do ask parents to support homework. The children in Reception, Year One and Two will have reading books, library books and key reading vocabulary to share at home on a weekly basis. In Year One and Two the children will also be asked to practise phonic skills and spellings. The children will also have more "topic" based homework which can be completed in a variety of ways. For example a child may be asked to find out facts about a specific country. This could be presented in written form, in pictures, by making a model or recording a tweet for Twitter. We want the homework to really support the learning in school and to be shared with parents. This homework will have a longer time scale of three weeks.

Homework in the purple books needs to be back into school on these dates:

Friday 4 th October	Friday 8 th November
Friday 18 th October	Friday 29 th November
Friday 25 th October	Friday 20 th December

Any safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs Harvey or Mrs Colquhoun 01933 654900, who will support you with your concerns, or contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. [Report abuse to NSPCC](#)



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And finally how to access Twitter...

Please follow your child's year group on Twitter. We are adding pictures of the children working in school and examples of work which will help in discussions at home and maybe with homework too.

If you already have a Twitter account, please search for @INISYear2, @INISYear1, @INISReception, @INISNursery, @INISMrsMarshall If you are new to Twitter, it's easy and it's free to create an account.

How to set up a Twitter Account:

On your PC/laptop: Go to www.twitter.com, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for @INISYear2, @INISYear1, @INISReception, @INISNursery and click 'Follow'.

On your **smartphone or tablet**: Download the free 'Twitter' app from your usual App Store, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for @INISYear2, @INISYear1, @INISReception, @INISNursery, @INISMrsMarshall and click 'Follow'. You can set up your account so that an alert or banner notification appears on your screen when we post a message.

Remember you can post your child's practical home work on Twitter!

You can just use Twitter to see your child's adventures, even if you don't use it as your regular social media page.



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