

TURNFURLONG TIMES

Friday 17th September 2021

It's been wonderful to meet all our new year 3 students who are settling in so well. We also welcome back year 4,5 and 6!



After the summer break the children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and gusto! We have some amazing topics planned for all the year groups and we can't wait to get learning together. You should have all received your curriculum newsletter which shows what we will be planning.

As always we advise the children to read as much as possible, even if this is someone else reading to them. And practice timetables as often as you can—TT Rockstars is a great learning tool and the children really enjoy playing it and competing against each other.

Clubs

After enduring the most turbulent of school years, we have had an extremely busy start to the school year. Covid guidance changed for schools just before our return in September, and we were unable to organise all of our extra curricular activities as we would normally do.

We have been busy trying to arrange as many activities as we possibly can for the children. In our excitement to share this with parents, there have been errors on some of the letters that have been sent home. We apologise for these mistakes and hope you can empathise with our current situation and intentions. The children are always our priority.

We understand some of you are disappointed that you have been unable to sign up to the clubs your child is interested in. The children have missed out on many opportunities and experiences during this pandemic and extra curricular clubs have seen an exponential demand in part, due to this.

We are continually reviewing our provision and listening to parental feedback. There will be further opportunities to join clubs in the Spring and Summer terms and we may possibly add more clubs to the Autumn term. You will be notified of clubs as and when we can deliver them—this will mostly be during school hours.

If there is a particular club your child was interested in but did not get a place on, please email the office so they can keep a waiting list. We cannot guarantee extra clubs but we will do our best!

Thank you for your understanding.

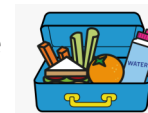


Labels in Clothes

We have not long been back and already we accumulated two large boxes of unnamed uniform! Please label ALL uniform/ coats and shoes so we can return it to the rightful owner.

Please Remember

Please provide your child with all they need for the school day. We kindly request that parents do not come to the office during the day with lunch boxes, water bottles, PE kits or other forgotten items. Classes are interrupted so these items can be collected. Thank you for your co operation.



Traffic and Parking

We have received numerous complaints about inconsiderate parking, reckless driving and dangerous manoeuvres around Turnfurlong Lane and surrounding roads. We know the traffic around this area is awful and we ask you all to play a part in keeping all of our children safe by being a considerate driver.

We are currently discussing our concerns with other schools and various agencies to see if/what can be done to improve drop off and collection times for the local schools.

If you do have any ideas, please let us know.



Catch Up Photos

For those children who were not in school today, the photographer will be back on 27th September

Year 3 Welcome Meetings

Year 3 parents have been invited to a face to face parents meeting next week at the school. We will go through the systems and processes we use, as well as logon information for your child and you will have the opportunity to ask your child's class teacher any questions you may have. The meeting should last approximately 30 mins.

3T— Tuesday 21st September at 5pm

3J—Monday 20th September at 5pm

3S—Wednesday 22nd September at 5pm

Spelling Workshop

Would you like support and ideas about improving your child's spelling? Mrs Upton will be running a virtual spelling workshop on **Wednesday 29th September at 2.15pm**. The meeting will take place via Google Meet.

If you would like to attend, [please click this link](#) and you will receive a link on the morning of the meeting.

Logon Information

At the start of each year it is a mammoth task to get all of our online platforms up and running, the new children set-up and the existing children into their new groups. Unfortunately, none of this setup can be done prior to the start of term. This has now been done and the children should be bringing home username and password information over the next week.

Year 3, please do not worry about trying to get online. All will be explained at our new parent meeting. The children are getting set-up at school and it will all make sense!

Diary Dates

20/09	Amersham Field Centre (6J + children from 6T whose surnames begin with M to V)
20/09	3J Meeting at 5pm
21/09	3T Meeting at 5pm
22/09	3S Meeting at 5pm
24/09	Amersham Field Centre (6S + children from 6T whose surnames begin with A to KH)
27/09	Catch up photos for children not in on 17/09
29/09	Year 2 parents open morning
29/09	Parent Forum Meeting (online)
06/10	Year 2 parents open morning
9/10	Timetable / Calculation Workshop
22/10	INSET DAY (school closed)
	25/10—29/10 Half Term
20/11	Family Christmas Shoot
31/12	Last day to pay for 3J swimming (Spring term swimming)
4/3/22	Last day to pay for 3S swimming (Summer term)

Christmas Shoot

We know its very early to be talking about Christmas, but last year we trialled hosting a day where our school photographer came into school over the weekend with a Christmas themed background to take family photographs. It was a huge success and many parents have asked if we were able to do it again this year.

The Christmas Shoot is booked in once more! And will be held on 20th November. More information about this will come out closer to the time, so save the date!



Houses

This year we are relaunching our school houses, children and staff have been given a House– Earth, Fire, Water and Air. Over the year we will be holding lots of house competitions and events. Children will earn points for their houses.

For some events we give the opportunity to wear a t-shirt in their house colour. This does not need to be anything fancy or a specific design and is completely optional. We will let you know when these events are happening.

Earth– Green, Fire– Red, Air– Yellow and Water is blue.

This week the children have voted for their Year 6 House captains who have a very important role in motivating and leading their teams. All of the year 6 pupils' who wanted to be considered, wrote a speech and presented in the year group assemblies. They did an amazing job and we are really proud of all of them! The House captains for 2021-2022 are:

Earth– Vaishnav and Tumi

Fire– Nicholas and Louisa

Air– Rosie and Riley

Water– Nubaid and Megan

I wonder which house will win this year?

Parent Forum

The parent forum will be meeting virtually on the 29th September at 11am with Mr Macklin-Day, Deputy Headteacher. If you would like to join our Parent Forum, please contact Miss Mendes on officemanager@tjs.org.uk who will send you a meeting link. We would ideally like a parent representative from each class!

The Parent Forum meets at least three times per year (currently virtually), sometimes more.

Our aim is to involve parents in helping the school to evaluate its provision and help shape the future of the school. Topics may include social, emotional and mental health in Children, communication, transitions, and the curriculum.

Our Aims

- To work together to improve education
- Share information, knowledge and skills
- Working together to create solutions
- Feedback from parents
- To develop and improve the school

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What we cant discuss at the parent forum

- Complaints involving specific children/families
- Complaints involving specific staff