



Thursday 6th September 2018

Term Dates 2018-2019

3 Sep- 26 Oct

5 Nov - 21 Dec

7 Jan - 15 Feb

25 Feb - 12 Apr

29 Apr - 24 May

3 Jun - 19 Jul

INSET DAYS

3.9.18

26.10.18

15.2.19

3.6.19

22.7.19

Public Holiday

May Day - Monday 6th May

TADDINGTON and PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

"We care about each other"

Welcome Back

This year we have had 9 new children joining us this September (8 in reception) and we would like to welcome all of our new families to our school community.

Bumped Heads

We have decided to change our procedures for informing parents about minor head bumps in school. We will of course continue to treat all injuries in school and we will continue to contact parents immediately if a child has a serious injury or we have concerns about any child's health. However, where our children have had a minor bump and we do not have any concerns we will now be texting parents in the afternoon rather than handing out bumped head cards. Of course we welcome parents speaking to staff, or phoning the office, if more information is needed. **I would like to reassure parents that the first aid and monitoring procedures have not changed.**

School Dinners

Many thanks to all the families who have already signed up for Parent Pay. If you haven't yet signed up, please do this as soon as possible. School dinners are now to be paid for through Parent Pay still at a cost of £2 per day and are payable in advance.

School Fund

Our voluntary school fund scheme allows parents to spread the cost of school trip and visits and to pay for fruit for our junior children to eat at playtime. This year we will be adding the year cost of school fund (£38) to parent pay. This can be paid in as many instalments as parents wish throughout the year.

Coats

Although the weather is still mild we do expect that children have a waterproof coat in school each day as we will be going outside to play whenever possible.

Open Afternoon

This year we are again opening the school for the afternoon for new and existing parents to see us at work. Refreshments will be provided. This will take place this term on Wednesday 10th October between 1:15 and 2:45.

Absence

We would like to remind parents that attendance is a focus for us for this school year (following our recent OFSTED inspection) and that we take seriously any absence from school. However if your child is ill and cannot come to school please let us know before 9:00 on each day of the illness. We have also received updated guidance from Derbyshire County Council and I would like to remind parents of the position regarding leave of absence during school time:

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made. You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Photos at events

I would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of the school year, to remind parents that they are welcome to take photos throughout the year of their own children at events (performances, sports day etc.) but that we expect parents to treat photos which contain other children with care. We would expect parents to ensure that any photo containing another child is not added to social media sites or passed onto others.

Teachers to parents app

The teachers to parents texting service now has an app. If you have not already downloaded this app, please consider using it. It is especially useful for those families living in an area with a poor mobile signal since the app can use a wifi connection. This app is free to download and use.

Contact details:

For non-urgent communication only:

Mrs O'Connor: Headteacher@taddingtonpriestcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk

The school office: school@taddingtonpriestcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Class teachers can be contacted via the school office email.

Chair of governors: Jill Skidmore can be contacted via the school office

Diary Dates

(For a complete and up-to-date list of events please check the calendar section of the website)

13.9.18 - Roald Dahl Day

21.9.18 - PFA coffee afternoon (1:30)

26.9.18 - PFA AGM (7:30)

28.9.18 - Harvest celebration in school (incorporating the Macmillan Coffee afternoon) (1:30)

10.10.18 - Open afternoon (1:15-2:45)

12.10.18 - Toddler morning (10:45-11:45) for under 5s

17.10.18 and 18.10.18 - Parents' evenings

25.10.18 - Non-uniform day for poppy appeal

26.10.18 - INSET day (school closed for children)

6.11.18 - Flu immunisations (rec to year 5)

9.11.18 - Remembrance service (details to follow)

20.11.18 - Individual photos

30.11.18 - Advent story telling day

11.12.18 - Infant Christmas productions (2pm and 6:30pm)

18.12.18 - Class 2 and 3 trip to Stockport Air raid shelters

20.12.18 - Christmas party (pm)

21.12.18 - Christmas Carol Service (2:15)