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End of Term newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sending out an additional newsletter on the last day of term as we've had some extra news and information since Monday.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Year 6 who have won a national competition to win a leavers' party. The party will be hosted by 'Captain Fantastic Children's Entertainment' over Zoom. A separate invitation and instructions will be sent out to all Year 6 families via Parentmail. We hope this will be an opportunity for those children who have not come back to school to say goodbye to their friends and teachers.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy

From September 2020, primary schools in England need to teach Relationships and Health Education as compulsory subjects and the Department for Education strongly recommends this should also include age-appropriate Sex Education.

Attached to this newsletter is our draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy. If parents have any questions or concerns about it, please email Mr Thomas who will be happy to discuss it with you. The consultation period will end at 3.00pm on Friday 14th August 2020.

To deliver the new RSE curriculum we will be using the Jigsaw scheme of work. An information leaflet about Jigsaw is also attached.

The Department for Education has published these top 10 tips for encouraging your children to read.

1. Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choice

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

4. Read together

Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

5. Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library

Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July, so visit them when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and eBooks to borrow.

Witney Library is running a summer reading challenge. For more details, go to <http://www.silysquad.org.uk/>

7. Talk about books

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

8. Bring reading to life

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

9. Make reading active

Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them

You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. If they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) then short, creative activities may be the way to get them most interested. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in a child's first language, as well as in English. What matters most is that they enjoy it.

Covid-19 advice for parents

Please find attached a poster which helps explain what to do if you or your child feels unwell.

Travelling to school

The attached letter from Oxfordshire County Council provides information about travel services from September.

Term dates

Term starts on Thursday 3rd September 2020 and we attach the list of term dates for 2020/21 for your information. Please remember that each year group has different drop off and pick up times.

School lunches

Please remember that packed lunches can be ordered at the start of each school day. Unfortunately, there will be no 'hot dinners' offered from September – this is due to corona-virus precautions.

Thank you

I would again like to thank you for being so supportive of the school over the last 5 months. We are very lucky to have such wonderful families at Tower Hill. The staff really appreciate all the warm thanks and recognition of their hard work that so many of you have passed on during the last couple of days.