

Tickhill Estfeld Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Since returning from our Christmas holiday, in assemblies and in class we have been focussing on how we speak to others and the importance of choosing our words with care. Words are very powerful and can be used for good or ill. We have focused on the impact that our words can have, intentional or not, and the need to be considerate, whether words are spoken or written.

You will see the **THINK** posters in all classrooms in school, and this will continue to be our focus as we enter Children's Mental Health Week (4-10th February 2019) and Safer Internet Day (5th February 2019).

If you would like to know more about either of these, please follow the links below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/about-safer-internet-day-2019>

THINK before you speak!

T – is it true?

H – is it helpful?

I – is it inspirational?

N – is it necessary?

K – is it kind?

Parentmail

If you have not already done so, please register for Parentmail and download the app so that you are able to receive direct messages from school. You should have received an activation e-mail regarding this.

Please make sure that if you have changed your contact details recently that you let the school office know. It is important that we have your correct details, especially e-mail address as any changes to the school day or school closures due to the weather will be sent via e-mail to your Parentmail app.

Severe Weather Warnings

We do hope to get through the Winter without having to close school due to severe weather conditions and in most years we do; however, it is always extremely difficult making decisions about school closure as snow conditions at 6.30am can be significantly different by 8.55am and again by 3.15pm.

When making a decision to close school we have in mind not only the current conditions in and around Tickhill, but also whether or not it is safe for pupils and adults to make the journey to school and home again in safety. It is a matter of taking into account current conditions, listening to the weather forecasts and judging what conditions may be in a few hours' time; not always easy, but we do our best.

Should we need to close school we will send a message as early as we possibly can so it is vitally important that your contact details are up to date.



After-school Clubs- Pupil Safety

Please ensure that you inform the school office if your child is not going to be attending an after-school club for which they are registered. We do need either a note from the pupil's parent/carer or a telephone call if arrangements change. We would also like to reiterate that all pupils in Key Stage 2 who leave the school premises at the end of the day and cannot find the adult whom they are expecting to meet them must return to the school office, so that we can ensure that they are safe until their adult arrives. Although we regularly tell KS2 pupils that they must not leave the premises with another adult or with friends when this occurs, we would be very grateful if you could also reinforce this at home.

Polite Reminder

Monday 25th February 2019 is a training day and school will be closed to all pupils on this day.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Pupils should wear black shoes; no boots please.

All pupils need a coat everyday – we do still go outside if it is raining lightly at play times and it is currently too cold to play outside without suitable outer clothing.

All pupils are required to bring PE kit to school on days when they have PE or Games and on days when they attend after-school clubs. Earrings and watches must be removed for all PE, Games and after-school active clubs. If your child cannot remove earrings themselves, please leave them at home on these days.

School Events

Please find below dates for your diary – they are accurate at time of writing; any changes or additions will be notified as soon as possible. These dates can also be found in the calendar section of our app (ourschoolsapp).

Yours sincerely

Miss D M Risley
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wed 6 th Feb	pm	Reception Class Chinese Banquet
Thurs 7 th Feb	5.00 – 6.00pm	Spring Disco – Reception and KS1
	6.15 – 7.30pm	Spring Disco – KS2
Fri 8 th Feb	am	Y4 Road Safety presentation
Mon 11 th Feb	5.00pm	Governors Finance Committee Meeting
Tues 12 th Feb	9.30-11.30am	Year 2 Multiskills Festival at Sir Thomas Wharton (all pupils)
Thurs 14 th Feb	2.45pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
Fri 15 th Feb	3.15pm	School closes for half term holiday
Mon 25 th Feb	All day	Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tues 26 th Feb	8.55am	School re-opens following the half term break
Fri 1 st Mar	All day	Captain Burwash – Pirate visits class 2
Tues 5 th Mar	3.15pm	Y6 parents meeting re. Kingswood Residential Visit
Thurs 7 th Mar	All day	World Book Day – (details to follow)
Fri 8 th Mar	Evening	Friends of Estfeld Bingo Night
Mon 11 th Mar – Mon 18 th Mar		School “Science Week” – various events TBC
Tues 12 th Mar	9.30-11.30am	Year 1 Multiskills Festival at Sir Thomas Wharton (all pupils)
Wed 13 th Mar	8.15-3.30pm	Year 1 visit to York Railway Museum
	7.15pm	Friends of Estfeld Meeting at The Carpenters Arms
Fri 15 th Mar	All day	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief (details to follow)

Mon 18 th Mar	9.00-3.15pm	Reception Class visit to Cannon Hall Farm
Mon 18 th Mar	5.00pm	Governing Body Meeting
Tues 19 th Mar	9.30-11.30am	Year 4 Dodgeball Festival at Sir Thomas Wharton (all pupils)
Tues 19 th Mar	9.00- 3.30pm	Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crag
Wed 20 th Mar	3.30 – 7.30pm	Open Evening
Thurs 21 st Mar	9.00-3.15pm	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew – Hellaby Lifewise Centre
Thurs 21 st Mar	2.45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Fri 29 th Mar	1.30-3.00pm	Spring Fair
Mon 1st April	8.15am	Y6 residential visit to Kingswood Colomendy, Wales departs
Fri 5 th April	4.00pm	Y6 residential visit to Kingswood Colomendy, Wales returns
Thurs 11 th April	2.45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 12 th April	3.15pm	School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 29 th April	8.55am	School reopens for the Summer term