



# Tickton C.E. Primary School

## News

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**What a fantastic start** to the new school year! The children and staff were all really happy and excited to see each other again, it was lovely to see all the smiling faces on the playground on Wednesday morning and every day since. The atmosphere in school is happy and buzzing with activity. We are looking forward to being able to share lots of exciting learning experiences with you over the coming year.

**Our new YR children** have also made an excellent start, the remainder of the cohort joined us this morning so we now have the complete class in school. We did have one or two tears but these disappeared very quickly and the children enjoyed their day.



**Huge congratulations** to Mr & Mrs Bacon, who are expecting their first baby in November. Mrs Bacon will be with us until October half term when she will begin her maternity leave. We are completing the process of recruiting a new member of staff for Y3 to cover Mrs Bacon's leave from the beginning of November. We will give you further details once we have finalised everything.

**We are delighted to welcome Mr Hood** to the staff team. Mr Hood is teaching in Y6 this year. He and the children have had a great start and are looking forward to tackling this year's challenges together.



**We are currently** in the process of redesigning and updating our website and hope to have our new one up and running very soon. While the old one is still available, it may not have the most up to date information on it, so if you need to know or check something important in the interim, please contact the office.

**We would all like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Cobb**, who has painted the most fantastic mural on the front of school. As one of our parents said, 'It makes the school look so inviting and friendly.' We couldn't have put it better ourselves!



**You will be aware of the** issues around concrete (RAAC) in the news at the moment. This issue does not affect us as we do not have any in our school. The local authority have asked us to distribute a letter to give you a little more information. Please find this attached to the email.



**Homework** is starting up again this week for most of the children in school. YR will join in with reading homework later in the year. It is noticeable that the children who complete their homework regularly benefit from more success with their learning. However, we have reviewed and streamlined what we are asking the children classes to do to make sure that the homework we set is relevant, linked to learning and manageable for the children.

In order to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly, we will no longer be using reading records as these need a lot of paper and the laminated covers cannot be recycled. An explanation of our expectations of homework for each year group is set out in the following table.

Year Groups	Homework Activity	How recorded
1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading 3x weekly</li> </ul>	Your child will be given a bookmark for you to tick/date to show that they have read at least three times during the week in order to gain their gold standard award. This is instead of the old style reading records.
3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading (in preparation for lessons)</li> <li>TT Rockstars</li> </ul>	By KS2 we know that frequent home reading is embedded and therefore we are not going to ask for evidence of it. We will continue to see your child's fluency and understanding improve as you continue to support them at home.
5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading (in preparation for lessons)</li> <li>My Maths</li> </ul>	Guided reading homework will still be set weekly however this is the only read that we will dictate as we want your child to read whatever they enjoy!  TT Rockstars/My Maths are recorded online when saved

Homework is set on Seesaw each Friday and is checked the following Friday. Children who complete their homework are given their 'Gold Standard' and are rewarded by taking part in 'Golden Time' which is 20 minutes of a free-choice activity. Children who need to catch up on their homework do so during this free-choice time.



**Judo club** will be starting up again on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 7.50 – 8.35am. The club is led by Mr Pete Inman and is open to everyone. There is a cost for this club which is payable directly to Mr Inman. However, if your child has not previously attended the club but is interested and would like to try, they are very welcome to come along for a free taster session; no specialist clothing required, PE kit is fine.

**Adventure Photography** are coming into school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to take individual photos of the children and groupings of brothers and sisters who are in school. They are also holding a before school session from 8.00am if you would like to bring pre-school siblings to be photographed with their brothers & sisters.



**Music lessons** will be starting again soon. There are places for any children in KS2 to take woodwind or violin lessons and a few places for guitar lessons. Please note that **guitar lessons are for Y4 only**. If your child is interested, please contact the office.

**Football Club** will be starting after school next Friday, for 6 weeks (15.09 – 20.10.23). Sports Stars Academy will be running this for us again this term. This club is for KS2 children, although places are limited. The cost is £27 for the block. To book, please email [sportsstarsacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:sportsstarsacademy@hotmail.com) with your child's name, year group, emergency contact number, allergies and any medical conditions.



**Art Club** will begin after school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. This is open to all KS2 children initially but we may have to review this depending on numbers. There is a small cost of £5 per term for materials. We will set this up on School Money after the first club has taken place.

**Safety request:** We often have deliveries, or visits from the bin lorry, into the car park close to the beginning of the school day. To avoid any accidents, please make sure that you move well away from the gate area of the car park after you have dropped off your child.



**School Achievements:**

**Children mentioned in Good Work assembly:**

(This can be for a good piece of work in any subject, good effort or for showing resilience etc.)  
YR will join us in assembly soon. Y1: Isabelle, Y2: Lily, Y3: Reece, Y4: Izak, Y5: Eva, Y6: India

**Children mentioned for demonstrating any one of our values:**

Y1: Daisy, Y2: Harriet, Y3: Maddie, Y4: Bella, Y5: Henry F, Y6: Emily

A special mention to Daisy C, Lucy H, Miley, Annie M & Eva W who have been playtime superstars.

**Governor Contacts:**

**Chair:** Helen Brierley: [governor.chair@tickton.eriding.net](mailto:governor.chair@tickton.eriding.net)

**Feedback:** We do appreciate your feedback as it helps us to improve our school further as well as celebrate the things that have gone well, so if you are happy - or not - about something, please let us know.

**Parental Feedback:**

Date:

Feedback/ Issue:

Name:

Would you like an appointment with Miss Brown to discuss this further?

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