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Tirlebrook Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. This is the final newsletter of the academic year 2021-2022 - another year which for so many reasons we will never forget.

Fond Farewells

Farewell!

It's that difficult time of the year once more when it's time to say goodbye. And with much affection, on behalf of everyone at Tirlebrook, I wish our Y6 leavers, the families of Y6 leavers who no longer have siblings at Tirlebrook or Little Oaks Nursery Class, and children and families who are relocating or changing schools, the very best of luck and every health and happiness as your new beginnings commence. Take a little bit of Tirlebrook with you as you move on. Don't be a stranger for you will forever be an important part of our school community. Remember fondly the times that you spent with us. Hold your heads up high and look to the future. Now is the time to look forward, however tempting and comforting it might be to look back. More than anything, we wish that your 2022-2023 and beyond bring you much joy, health, happiness and success.

Goodbye Y6 and Good Luck

And in a flash we have arrived not only at the end of the Summer Term and yet another school year, but also at the end of an era. We send our Y6 children on to secondary school knowing they are ready for their next step. We hope they will find success and happiness in their futures and that the foundation to their learning and character established at Tirlebrook will hold them steadfastly as they move into the next stage of their education, into adolescence and ultimately into adulthood. Stay in touch future police officers, engineers, YouTube influencers, sports scientists, veterinary surgeons, marine biologists, ballerinas ... the sky is the limit. Aim high and achieve your dreams. **Goodbye Y6 and Good Luck!**



And it's goodbye to some of our families too ... the Bakers, the Barnes family, the Caley's, Mrs. H. Carter, Mr. C. Corless, Mrs. G. Curtis, the Gardiner family, Miss. H. Gascoyne and Mr. J. Royall, Miss. A. Jenkins and Mr. N. Sallis, the Kaprons, Ms. C. Narciso and Mr. S. Cummings, the Nicholls family, the Oakes family, Miss. L. Painter and Mr. Cranny, the Strawfords, Ms. S. Taylor, Ms. V. Vasileva, the Walker family and Miss. S. Wilson. A big change lies ahead for all of these families as their time at Tirlbrook comes to an end. Some families have been making the daily visit to Tirlbrook for over 20 years and it is definitely a wrench to see them leave. You have all contributed so much over the years and we are very grateful for your support and encouragement. We will miss you.

Farewell ... For Now!

Ms. Christina Bishop is leaving us temporarily to take up an important role at Tewkesbury School. She has been a wonderful member of our Midday Supervisory team for a number of years and has this year extended her role in school to support our Y6 children. We are incredibly grateful to her for all of her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm for all things Tirlbrook and will miss her greatly as she too moves on, albeit temporarily, at the start of next term. Good luck Christina - and we can't wait to welcome you back! Don't be a stranger!



Gifts for Staff

We are always very grateful at this time of year as many families decide to give cards or presents to members of staff who have been working with their child throughout the year. We obviously do not expect this, and would never expect this, but nonetheless it is a gesture that many like to make and is something that we are extremely grateful for. Thank you so much for your generosity - the many gifts received by members of the team are hugely appreciated. And the words written in cards and spoken at the end of term mean such a lot. Thank you.

Little Oaks Garden Party

It is not only our Y6 children who are moving on to pastures new ... but also our nursery pre-school children. This is an emotional time of the year for the staff at Little Oaks and also many parents as their children get ready for their school adventure to begin in September. We want to wish all of our Little Oaks children and families the very best at this time, and although many will be transferring to Tirlbrook and will continue their journey with us, not all will. We wish particular good luck to young Tommy B and mum Miss. L. Beadle as he begins life at a new setting. We will miss you!

The Little Oaks staff, children and families enjoyed a special get together this week to celebrate all of the children's achievements and to share a fond farewell. Mrs. Knowles writes,

'Despite the heat, our Little Oaks garden party was a great success and it was lovely to welcome so many families to celebrate the end of the school year. The children sang 'Reach for the Stars' beautifully for their families. Everyone enjoyed joining in with some garden games such as Hook a Duck, Photo Shoot, Giant Jenga, Tin Can Alley, Beanbag Target and Under the Sea Messy Play. We all had a fantastic time. We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their amazing achievements this year and wish those that are moving on to school the very best of luck. We hope to still see many of them as their journeys continue at Tirlbrook. A special thank you too to Julia Cochrane for baking lots of delicious cakes for everyone to enjoy. It was a special time to mark the end of another special year at Little Oaks.'

May I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Little Oaks team, present and past, for the wonderful work they do every day with our youngest children. We not only have an extremely effective nursery, but a happy one, so clearly demonstrated through the social, emotional, physical and academic progress and achievements of the children. So thank you to Mrs. Knowles, Ms. Darby, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Etheridge, Miss. King and Miss. Camden for all that you have done and continue to do. You are amazing!





celebrating success

DoodleMaths Streakers

Congratulations to the following children who have a current active streak of at least 100 days in DoodleMaths. Some of these are incredible achievements! Well done! *DoodleStreaks are correct at time of publication of this newsletter.



DoodleMaths Streakers: George O (1404), Urte M (949), Mia Z (947), Arthur G (937), Erin G (917), Alfie H (914), Katie G (893), Tommy B (868), Martha C (867), Clara H (867), Layla H (851), Amy H (827), Joshua B (825), Bella M (818), Jamie F (719), Jacob P (690), Elodie J (688), Matilda C (676), Emily T (676), Beau J-L (671), Jack R'son (668), Ted G (656), Jack L (650), Alfie L (644), Camden H (621), Toby Hu (612), Megan H (557), Amy T (501), Sophie M (403), Tom M (394), Rosie S (374), Isla F (306), Reuben V (261) & Georgia K-S (160).*

Wow, wow, WOW! Amazing! Don't forget that you can sign up to take part in the **DoodleMaths Summer Challenge**. Keeping up a streak over the summer break will not only help children to have a short daily maths input, but will help to ensure that this year's learning in maths is consolidated before the next academic year. And you can get a certificate and pin badge for doing so! In general, it would be great to see more children accessing DoodleMaths more regularly and taking advantage of this brilliant platform that has been purchased for each individual child by the school. As always, we would encourage you to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way!

Tirlebrook House Shield

The winners of the House Shield this year, just pipping **Wenlock** to the title, are:

Hastings – Congratulations!

The **Hastings** House Captains picked up the shield in our Y6 Leavers' Assembly, and the children joined in with the **Hastings** House chant. It is their fourth victory in Tirlebrook history and their third consecutive win! What a fantastic achievement! **Beauchamp**, **Montague** and **Wenlock** don't be disheartened - keep going! You can prevent **Hastings** from gaining a fourth House Shield in a row, but it won't be easy!

Core Values Cup Assembly - Wednesday 20th July 2022

We held our Summer Term Core Values Cup Assembly with families present for a Cup Assembly for the first time in over two and a half years on Wednesday 20th July. It was a great time of celebration as we looked back on the many events, activities and achievements of the Summer Term and congratulated the children who had been nominated for medals and those who were awarded the Core Values Cups. Many congratulations to our winners:

Positive Attitude: Cup - Lily M

Olivia A, Camden H, Tommy B, Blake P, Billy G & Jamie F

Community: Cup - Annabelle W

Amy S, Rayyan S, Jacob H, Maisie B, Louie B & Jacob B

Creativity: Cup - Katie G

Lyla B, Harvey M, Lily Z, Elodie J, Leo G & Hannah P

Environment: Cup - Rosie S

Isabelle T, Abigail H, Erin B, Charlotte H-C, Theo P & Ryan H



Congratulations!

Looking Back

Y5 & Y6 Summer Production - Cinderella & Rockerfella! - Tuesday 19th July

It has been lovely to see the Y5 and Y6 children working so hard **together** on their end of year school play, which was this week performed live at the **Watson Hall** to their family members and to children in Y4. It was also performed in the school hall to children in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 last Friday in preparation for a practically perfect performance (except for one stray glass slipper!) of **Cinderella & Rockerfella**. And no word of a lie, the children were absolutely brilliant! To make such a venture a success, it takes everyone to contribute, to try hard and to be positive. This has certainly been the case with Rowan Class and Elder Class over the past few weeks and the results were there for all to see! A huge thank you to Mr. Mander for all of his efforts, particularly with the staging and props which he almost singlehandedly put together and created from scratch - he's a very talented guy! Thanks too to Miss. Jaryczewski, Mrs. Featonby and Miss. Hek for their support with Rowan Class's contribution, to Miss. Garrott who supported the long rehearsal day on Monday and to Miss. Walker for supporting the Y5 children with entering and exiting the stage on Tuesday evening. Thanks also to Miss. Jaryczewski for filming the play on Tuesday afternoon. Extra-special thanks to Ms. Bishop for her dedicated support of the Y6 children throughout many rehearsals, for staying for so long after the play had concluded on Tuesday evening (alongside Mrs. Moysey, Miss. Walker and Mr. Mander) to tidy the Watson Hall and pack up and return props and costumes, and for making the links in the first place with the Watson Hall to enable us to perform there. What wonderful teamwork! And of course, very well done to all the children for learning their lines, singing their songs with gusto, dancing with enthusiasm, providing some wonderfully creative costumes and perfecting their acting. Mr. Mander writes,

*'On Tuesday 19th July, Years 5 and 6 performed their rendition of **Cinderella & Rockerfella** at the Watson Hall in Tewkesbury. After a swelteringly hot day practising on Monday and then a further blisteringly hot day on Tuesday, the afternoon matinee performance went off without a hitch and was thoroughly enjoyed by Silver Birch Class as well as family and friends. A special thanks here must go to Mr. Lockley, who worked tirelessly after lunch taking children to and from the hall. Without his minibuss driving expertise, we may have had to cancel the matinee performance. Then to the evening... could the children top their afternoon performance? The answer was of course a resounding - **YES!** The show was absolutely amazing with fabulous solos and duets and outstanding acting performances from all of the children involved. A special mention must be made of a couple of children: Rosie S for taking on a completely different role and learning every line and a duet in less than 24 hours (!) and Harrison for doing exactly the same, minus the duet! Well done as well to all of the fairies (Lulu, Emily and Georgie, aka Fairy Nuff, Fairy Liquid and Fairy Sajollygoodfellow) for covering for an absentee member of the Fairy Brigade, as well as to Betsy, Annabelle and others who stepped in to cover the lines of those who were not able to attend either or both of the performances. Thanks must also go to Miss. Hek, Miss. Garrott, Miss. Jaryczewski, Miss. Walker, Mr. Lockley and of course Ms. Bishop without whom the performances could not have taken place. A final thank you as well to the staff at the Watson Hall for making the play such a memorable experience!'*

It is a great experience to perform as a class and we know that the children fully experienced the togetherness, pride and euphoria that can only be achieved when doing something like this. Well done Y5 and Y6 - great job! **Happy ever afters ... our story ends!**





Hot, Hot, Hot! - Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th July

My goodness it was hot at the start of this week ... and didn't we all know it! We did our very best in school to ensure the children remained as cool as possible, well hydrated and safe in the extreme heat. Thank you to everyone for helping us to do so by providing children with water bottles and frozen water bottles, ensuring that children were fully suncreamed up and wearing a hat or cap and that cool clothing was worn, including that provided for the children as a complete spare set of clothes on both Monday and Tuesday. We did indeed use a sprinkler and a hose pipe to cool ourselves down and the children, despite getting VERY wet, had a wonderful time and lots of fun! Thanks especially to families for supporting our request on Tuesday to collect children at lunchtime if it was at all possible as the temperatures and muggy atmosphere had reached unbearable levels. Your support with this was very greatly appreciated. I don't know whether we will experience such temperatures ever again on a school day in the UK - it truly was an unprecedented phenomenon - but if we do, we know that we will have the full support and understanding of our school community. Thank you!



Rowan Read to Reception - Friday 15th July

Mrs. Featonby writes,

'This week, Year 5 were so excited to hear that their little flap books, inspired by rainforest animals, would be shared with our Reception class. Before break time, Rowan Class gathered their creations and headed to Oak Tree Class - a classroom that they have not been in or visited for quite a while now! Our reception children were extremely keen to hear the wonderful stories about sloths, pandas, snakes and other rainforest animals. The children were able to rotate a few times, meaning they could listen to a number of exciting stories and chat to many of our wonderful role models in Year 5. Rowan Class really enjoyed spending time with our younger pupils and it was so nice that they were able to share their work. Miss. Stoker and I can't wait to plan in even more trips to Reception for Year 5 in September.'





Information for Families

School Dinners

Please try to book school meals, Breakfast Club spaces and Tirlbrookers After-School Club slots for the first week back at school ***before returning in September***. Please be aware that until the year groups 'roll up' on our SCOPAY system, your child will still be showing in their current year group. However, this does not affect the booking process and booking ahead really does help us. Please remember that school dinners continue to be free for infants. However, meal choices still need to be made in advance. Importantly, if your child is currently in Y2, school meals must be paid for when they return to school in Y3. Dinners should be paid for at least 7 days in advance. Our menu for Autumn Term 2022 is available on the school website where it can be viewed by visiting <https://www.tirlbrook.co.uk/key-information/school-dinners> and selecting the Autumn Term 2022 link beneath the Dinner Menus section on the right hand-side of the page. Thank you for your support.



Stikins - Get Stuck In!

Stikins are providers of name labels. We love name labels here at Tirlbrook, especially for school uniform! Our experience is that children lose things, misplace items and on occasion simply take home another child's clothing by mistake. After all, uniform does look the same! Putting a name label in clothing really does help these frustrations to be avoided, and if items are temporarily in the wrong hands, they can quickly be returned to their rightful owner. Stikins are a particular brand of name labels, but the one thing that sets them apart for us is that any purchases made by families automatically generate fundraising income for the school - 30% of the total cost. We have a link to Stikins on our school website and it can be found under the 'About Us' - 'Parents' - 'Uniform' tab. To enable the school to claim up to 30% commission, all you need to do is to quote our school fundraising number, 23739, when placing your order. It's that simple. As you begin to make preparations for next year regarding uniform, please don't forget name labels!



Bag2School

We will be participating in **Bag2School** once more in September - a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the school as well as an opportunity for you to have a good sort out! Our Bag2School collection will give you the chance to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted clothing and textiles in the bag that will be sent home - this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys (refer to www.bag2school.com for details). In addition to raising much needed funds it also raises awareness of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items, and please don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! The more we collect, the more we fundraise! So, if you are having a sort out over the summer, please put things by for us and we will provide details of the collection date when we return to school at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Tirlebrook is 50!

Tirlebrook is 50 - Saturday 1st October - 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

We will be celebrating Tirlebrook's 50th anniversary on Saturday, 1st October 2022. Taking place between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., the theme of our event is 'Through the Decades' and we intend to mark our school's birthday by revisiting the 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s and 20s through which it has stood at the centre of our community. We hope that it will be a day when Tirlebrookers old and new - pupils, parents and staff - can spend time **together** and **explore** the school that was and is such a huge part of their everyday lives.

The scary thing is, 1st October is really not that far away! In fact, it is now only 3 school weeks!

We Need Your Help!

We would love you to get involved if you can. We are looking for an army of volunteers to help us ahead of the day and on the day itself. Many thanks to staff and parents alike who were able to attend our meeting on Wednesday 20th July. It was really productive and it has enabled us to begin to firm up plans to move forward. It is not too late to get involved and we will be holding a second meeting on **Wednesday 7th September** at 7 p.m. in the school hall. Thank you in advance for your interest and support.

Tirlebrook's Stories

One of our ambitions is to bring the history of Tirlebrook to life through former and current Tirlebrookers 'sharing their stories'. One classroom will be devoted to Tirlebrook's past, with photos and memorabilia on display. As part of this, we are hoping to gather audio recollections from anyone and everyone who would like to contribute. Perhaps you're a former pupil who remembers Mr. Holley or being taught in the bays of our once open plan school? Maybe you've been on a residential trip with Mr. Goodger or visited London for the day on the train? Perhaps you are a current Tirlebrook school community member and you have a favourite memory you would like to share? This is an ambitious plan, but we want to gather Tirlebrook's stories to share. So, on **Wednesday 7th September**, we are opening our doors from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** to anyone with a Tirlebrook connection to pop in and record a memory. It won't take long and there is no pressure, but we'd love to hear from you!

Tirlebrook is 50 Sponsorship Challenge

Also, to commemorate this very special occasion, this summer holiday, we are asking the children (and families if they so wish) to undertake a sponsorship challenge of their choosing to raise funds for the school. **The theme is 50.** It could be absolutely anything linked to 50: performing 50 star jumps a day, reading for 50 minutes each day, doing 50 handstands in a row or going for 50 short runs. ***Did you know that there are exactly 50 days (not including weekends) between the end of this term and our Tirlebrook 50th Birthday celebration on Saturday 1st October?*** That seems a strange coincidence to me! Perhaps the challenge could be to do something every day for those 50 consecutive weekdays? Wash the dishes, feed the pet, make the bed! It doesn't have to be complicated; it can be as imaginative or as useful as you want it to be! By getting involved, you will not only help to raise money for school, but it will also help to spread the word to others about Tirlebrook's birthday and help us to get into the spirit of the event ahead of the big day! All funds raised will be used to subsidise a range of activities and experiences in the academic year 2022-2023 that will enhance the children's learning. ***Sponsor forms came home with the children on the last day of term.*** If you missed receiving one, like the children in Oak Tree Class as we forgot to deliver them to Miss. Stoker to be distributed, please go ahead and complete your chosen 50 challenge, collecting sponsors along the way, and we can provide you with a form to fill in when you return in September.

We really want this to be the most special occasion ... and to do that we need you all to be involved. Please put the date in your diary, spread the word and get excited that Tirlebrook is 50!



DIARY DATES: *a few to whet your appetite!*

- ★ **INSET Day 1** - Monday 5th September - *Little Oaks and school closed to pupils*
- ★ **Autumn Term 1 Begins** - Tuesday 6th September - *for pupils in Years 1 to 6*
- ★ **Tirlebrook is 50 Audio Story Recordings** - Wednesday 7th September @ 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- ★ **Tirlebrook is 50 Meeting** - Wednesday 7th September @ 7 p.m.
- ★ **Men's Tour of Britain (Cycling)** - Friday 9th September
- ★ **Y4 Residential @ the Pioneer Centre Introduction** - Wednesday 14th September @ 6 p.m.
- ★ **Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight Introduction** - Thursday 15th September @ 6 p.m.
- ★ **Y6 Swimming Begins** - Friday 16th September
- ★ **Meet the Teacher Coffee Mornings** - w/c Monday 19th September
- ★ **Virtual Book Fair (Books for Bugs)** - Monday 19th September to Friday 23rd September
- ★ **Decades Week** - Thursday 22nd September to Thursday 29th September
- ★ **Life Education Visit** - Thursday 22nd September & Friday 23rd September
- ★ **Jeans for Genes Day** - Friday 23rd September
- ★ **Y1 & Y2 Phonics & Early Reading Parents' Meeting** - Wednesday 28th September @ 6 p.m.
- ★ **Macmillan Coffee Morning** - Friday 30th September
- ★ **Tirlebrook is 50 Celebration!** - Saturday 1st October
- ★ **YR Phonics & Home Learning Parents' Meeting** - Wednesday 5th October @ 6 p.m.
- ★ **Open Morning** - Wednesday 12th October
- ★ **Autumn Term Parents' Meetings** - Monday 17th October - Thursday 20th October
- ★ **Individual School Photographs** - Wednesday 19th October
- ★ **End of Autumn Term 1** - Friday 21st October
- ★ **Autumn Term 2 Begins** - Monday 31st October
- ★ **Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'** - Friday 9th December
- ★ **End of Autumn Term 2** - Friday 16th December @ 1:30 p.m.
- ★ **INSET Day 2** - Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - *Little Oaks and school closed to pupils*
- ★ **Spring Term 1 Begins** - Wednesday 4th January 2023
- ★ **End of Spring Term 1** - Friday 17th February 2023
- ★ **Spring Term 2 Begins** - Monday 27th February 2023
- ★ **End of Spring Term 2** - Friday 31st March 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.
- ★ **Summer Term 1 Begins** - Monday 17th April 2023
- ★ **Y4 Residential at the Pioneer Centre** - Monday 24th April to Wednesday 26th April 2023
- ★ **Y5 Residential at Rockley Park** - Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 5th May 2023
- ★ **Y6 SATs Week** - Monday 8th May to Thursday 11th May 2023
- ★ **End of Summer Term 1** - Thursday 25th May 2023
- ★ **Summer Term 2 Begins** - Monday 5th June 2023
- ★ **Y6 Isle of Wight Residential** - Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July 2023
- ★ **End of Summer Term 2** - Friday 21st July 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.

And finally... after another incredibly challenging school year and having made some fond farewells, it is time to rest, relax, recharge and enjoy some time with family and friends. Throughout this year it has been inspiring to see the school's core values of **Creativity**, **Environment**, **Positive Attitude** & **Community** being put into action and to have seen so many examples of our children fulfilling our vision for them to **explore, enjoy and excel... together**.

Have a great summer everybody! You have earned it!

With my very best wishes, as always,

Simon Lockley & the Tirlbrook Team

