



Dear Parents

I think it would be fair to say it has been a challenging few weeks, COVID-19 has impacted on the school with absences and stretched staffing. A huge thank you to all parents for their support. It has been an ever changing picture, we have sent multiple emails every day and parents have always responded supportively by following guidance around testing and keeping us up to date. We are hugely grateful for that.

The staff team, as always, have been a huge support to each other providing cover for lunch duties and teaching time. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff and parent team at Tackley.

I am an eternal optimist and am hopeful that we have had our share of COVID now, and we can look forward to longer days, maybe some sunshine and a healthy rest of school year!

Lauren Murrey

Diary dates

Our Medcroft Open Morning will now take place between 9:30—11:00 on Thursday 17th March. This is a change to previously published dates.

Nethercote class trip to the Green Dragon Eco Farm is confirmed for Tuesday 1st March.

COVID-19 Guidance

Just a reminder about the every changing guidance regarding COVID-19 and testing. If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 they need to get a PCR test. If children test positive on a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) they do not need to get a confirmatory PCR test unless they have symptoms.

Outstanding Payments

Please can parents whose children attend the After School Club and Nursery check their ParentPay accounts and make payments to clear their balances. Credits from voucher schemes will be put onto ParentPay when received.

School Lunches

Thank you for your support over the last two weeks when hot school lunches have been replaced by a packed lunch. Your ParentPay accounts have been credited where you have confirmed you have provided a packed lunch from home. We are delighted to confirm that from Monday 7th February, hot school lunches will re-start. Ordering for w/c 7th February is closed, orders for w/c 14th February will close on Tuesday 8th February.

KS2 Sportshall Athletics—Tuesday 15th February

If your child has been selected for this event at the Marlborough School you will have received a letter earlier this term. If you haven't already, please email the school office, Office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk or phone 01869 331327 by Wednesday to confirm you give consent for your child to take part. Without this they can not take part.

Rousham Class Residential to Yenworthy Lodge—16th May to 20th May 2022

Earlier this week statements were sent home confirming how much you have paid to date with a reminder that the balance needs to be completed by Friday 1st April. Payments by ParentPay please, either in full or by instalments. Join us for the parents meeting at 3:15 on Wednesday 27th April to hear more about the trip.

Extreme Weather Conditions Warning

May we remind you of the arrangements in the event of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances when it may be necessary for the school to close at short notice. In these situations, the school puts into operation an Emergency Closure Procedure. We will do our utmost to keep the school open wherever possible. Should we be in the position of not having sufficient staff to open the school for the safety of children, we will put a 'closure notice' on the school website (www.tackley.oxon.sch.uk), Twitter and contact local radio stations. It will also appear on the Oxfordshire County Council website—

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/emergency-school-closures>

PTA

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes to BAG2SCHOOL yesterday - another great haul!

Parent Pay Donation option.

You may have noticed the new option on ParentPay to donate to the PTA. This is a purely optional donation and is there because of feedback from parents who can't take part in other fundraising events but still wanted a way to donate. We are aware that currently it looks like it's an outstanding amount, so we are working on how to change this. Please be assured there is no obligation at all to pay anything to the PTA this way.

We thank anyone who has donated using this option so far.



Kidlington Library
Explore the moon
Tuesday 8th February
5.15pm – 6.45pm

**Everyone is
welcome so
do please
join us.**

**Observation
Equipment
provided.**

**The library
will be open
until 7.00pm**

**PLEASE NOTE: in the event of heavy cloud or
rain we will have to postpone this observation
session. Please follow our Facebook page for
updates or phone the library. 01865 373067**