Towers Times

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Dear families,

We hope you enjoyed the half term break with your children.

Can we take this opportunity say Happy Diwali to all of our families celebrating this week. Our children have created wonderful pieces of art work this week to celebrate this colourful festival; making rangoli patterns, diva lamps and so much more! If you are planning to celebrate Diwali or Bonfire Night this weekend we hope you have lots of fun and keep safe.

Please scan the QR Link to find out further information from Havering Council.

The local authority came into our schools on our Inset day to, once again, review every area regarding ventilation. Whilst we await further information, and the arrival of our CO2 monitors, we were commended on the systems of control we have in place in order to keep our communities safe. This week we sent out letters with regard to arrangements for parents evening. As we continue to work hard to stay safe as infection rates rise locally, we will continue to hold these on Zoom, in line with local schools in the authority. As you will know, people - young or old - are still contracting this virus. The Department for Education guidance states that schools no longer have an obligation to inform parents of a positive case confirmed within the school where their children are not 'close contacts'. However, at the Federation of Towers Schools, and in the interests of open communication, we have taken the decision to inform parents when a positive case is confirmed in a specific class.

As we start this second half term, we have been discussing our core value of unity in class and in assemblies. Please look out for our yellow letters next week, whereby you can share with us how our children have demonstrated unity outside of school. Also in assemblies, as part of our Safeguarding procedures, we have been discussing how the school keeps us safe. The children have been finding out about the use of lanyards in school and why adults wear them every day.

We were delighted to see our Year Sixes participate in a football tournament at Harrow Lodge School this week. Mr Pitty was very proud of the way in which our children represented themselves and their school – they are a credit to us all. Check out our Twitter account for some action shots!

Children are really enjoying the sociability of their lunch breaks. As we continue to lunch in class (one of the many control measures that we continue to have in place in order to keep us safe), we have found that children have the opportunity to chat and relax with their friends whilst eating.

TWITTER

Don't forget to check out our Twitter page @TowersFed

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Poppy

Poppy - A reminder that we are still collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal. If you are still interested in purchasing items, our School Parliament will be popping round to classes next week. Items range from £1.50 to 50p.

Polite Reminder

If you child is unwell and unable to attend school, please remember to email the school office and not the Year Group emails. This avoids the office contacting you and asking why your child is not at school.

Children also have time to move outside to enjoy the fresh air and play with their friends. Our lunchtimes are really a joyous time of the school day with so much going on for the children to experience.

With lunches in mind, we will be reintroducing the Marvellous Manners Monitors at Lunchtime. Our wonderful Midday Assistants, along with our monitors will give out blue tokens to children who show wonderful manners and demonstrate our BUILD values at lunchtime. The class with the most tokens will receive a special lunchtime. In addition, children will be chosen to have a VIP special lunch, if your child is chosen they will receive a 'Golden Invitation' to take home.

Just a reminder that now the weather has turned a little chilly, please can all children remember to bring into school a named coat, hat and pair of gloves!

Mr Hardy, our Site Manager, will be launching our Golden Broom Award to ensure our cloakrooms stay tidy with the additional coats, hats and gloves. It is important that the children look after their belongings and keep them safe either on their pegs or inside their boxes. Children have pledged that they will show our BUILD value of Being Respectful by picking up coats that are on the floor, putting rubbish in the bin and keeping the areas tidy. Watch this space for our class winners!

A huge thank you for reminding your children that scooter and bikes are not to be used on the school site, with the narrow paths and families walking from one site to another, it helps us to avoid accidents. Thank you!

For children in the Junior School: Please can we remind you to pack a healthy snack or two for children. Fruit or veg are prefect, especially on those swimming days in years 5 and 6!

Have a lovely weekend!

Ms L J Blurton and Mrs C D Hurley
Head Teachers of Towers Infant and Towers Junior

Whole school attendance target: 96.2% Infant school, 96.8% Junior school, 96.5% Attendance this week:

Infant school						
Reception	Owl	93.3%	Robin	90.5%	Puffin	96.3%
Year 1	Flamingo	95.3%	Starling	99.3%	Wagtails	96.6%
Year 2	Kingfisher	95.9%	Toucans	92.2%	Goldfinch	96.3%

Junior school						
Year 3	3D	97.6%	3P	93.5%	3H	98.9%
Year 4	4T	97.9%	4C	91%	4P	92.4%
Year 5	5R	93.3%	5L	99.3%	5M	91.5%
Year 6	6G	92.5%	6R	93.1%	6P	96.8%