Towers Times

Newsletter edition: 21st May 2021

Dear Families,

Another windy and rainy week, but we haven't let it dampen the fun and learning experiences here at Towers! Children have made the most of the moments of sunshine, enjoying lunchtimes playing on the playground and field.

The Federation of Towers schools are entering a Royal Mail competition to design a stamp to celebrate some of the people who have helped us during the pandemic. This evening, the children will have received a stamp template to take home. Please use your creative skills to decorate this template in a way that celebrates heroes of the pandemic. This could be doctors and nurses, paramedics, shop workers or anyone else that you can think of that has made a difference. There will be one winning stamp chosen from each class to be submitted to the Royal Mail competition. Watch out for the winning entries next week!

Don't forget that the weekly year group newsletters include all you need to know about the online platforms we use for homework tasks. Also, you can always check into Google Classroom, to see what the children are learning about as teachers continue to upload personalised learning planned for the children over the week.

Next week, we will be writing to you to refresh you and give you more information with regard to the Relationships and Health Education (RHE) programme, which we will be delivering in the second half of the summer term. Relationships and education on healthy relationships has been more important than ever as we continue to live and work through a pandemic and it is key that we use this opportunity to work together in preparing our children for their futures.

Finally, please may we remind parents that if your child has a new cough or a temperature, in line with the government guidelines, you should not send you child to school but arrange for a PCR Covid test to be taken before they can return. Your child can only return to school upon obtaining a negative result. Unfortunately a lateral flow test is not suitable if your child already has symptoms. As before, your household must isolate until a negative test result is received, meaning that siblings should also not attend school.

Please can we remind you that if you need to contact the school regarding school dinners, attendance, medication or sickness please email the relevant school office and not the year group email, who will deal with your enquiry. As we are still unable to have visitors to the site, if you need to drop off items for your child, please call from the school gate and we will be happy to come and collect them from you. We thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for continuing to wear masks and following our one way systems, and for all that you do in keeping the whole school community safe. Can we also remind you to maintain distance when leaving the site each afternoon. We know that the authority continue to send 'covid marshalls' to support us as schools across the authority and we thank them for their support.

Have a good weekend

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

SUMMER TRAIL / FAYRE: Given it is likely that some restrictions will still be in place in summer, it is unlikely we will be able to do a 'normal' summer fayre. But we do want to do something but are going to need your help. We are looking for volunteers who live around the school and near the centre of Hornchurch to do a summer trail / fayre. For the trail, we are looking for volunteers who would be willing to stick up a picture or poster in their garden for the children to find. If you can help, please contact us on towersparentsa@yahoo.com.

WE HAVE SOUTHEND / SEALIFE CENTRE TICKETS FOR SALE: Tickets for Southend are £13 each (online price £20) and £7 for SeaLife Centre. Contact us on towersparentsa@yahoo.com to purchase.

START SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY - Tickets cost £1 with winners announced every Saturday. There is a local cash prize every week (normally around £15-£20) and a chance to win £25K jackpot. **Sign up at** http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk.

Diary dates

Friday 28th May: INSET.

INSET DAYS 2021-2022

- 1st September 2021
- 22nd October 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 21st July 2022
- 22nd July 2022