Towers Times

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Dear Families

It was lovely to see the youngest of our Towers children starting school in our Nursery this week. They looked wonderful coming into school. If you are a new parent, we would like to welcome you to our happy school community. If you do have any concerns or are not sure about something, please remember to contact the school — no worry or question is ever too silly. We are here to help!

This week the teachers began our 'Touching Base' telephone calls. We hope you found them useful, both parents and teachers have said they have enjoyed catching up about how their children have settled back into school life. Please do not worry if you have not received a call home yet, we are continuing next week.

We would like to thank the Towers Parents Association for purchasing our online reading scheme, Reading Eggs. We are so thankful to them, and you in supporting us with such ventures, benefitting all children. Please support your child by downloading the app or visiting the website and logging in. If you are having any problems, please email your year group email addresses.

Thank you for taking the time to read and digest the many communications that are coming your way at this time. We hope you can appreciate that we are having to re-think and plan for new ways of doing things during these challenging times and want to keep you as updated as possible. What really motivates us all is seeing the children's smiles coming in to school and watching the fantastic learning going on each day!

Thursday is our 'Trolls' themed special school dinner. On this day, the number of school meals taken are counted and reported, and this then contributes to our funding allocation. We have 630 children over the Federation. Please take the opportunity to have school dinner on this day - this makes a big difference to our budget.

This year's Harvest Day is on Friday 9th October and we will be collecting tinned and dried foods such as cereal, pasta, soup, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned desserts and biscuits for Rainham Foodbank. We ask that children bring their donations from Thursday 8th October. Children can take their donations straight to their classes and a large box will be placed in each classroom to store the food so that the necessary quarantine measures can be in place, keeping our community safe.

Again we ask that whilst queuing, you are respectful of our neighbours, we have had reports of parents sitting on walls and leaning against the walls and garages of residents homes in the approach road. When leaving the school site, we ask that parents do not mingle on the pavement of Windsor Road, whilst we cannot stop families mixing outside of school times, we ask that you collect your child and leave the school and surrounding roads, as quickly as possible. Please also be mindful when parking that you do not block residents' driveways. We all have a responsibility when it comes to public health.

We hope that you have found the Curriculum Newsletters useful, these are to keep you informed about what your children are learning this term. As you are the primary teacher in your children lives, we hope the newsletters allow you to develop their leaning further at home. Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms L J Blurton, Head Teacher – Infant school & Mrs C D Hurley, Head Teacher – Junior school

Notice for your attention

If you are late to drop off your child(ren) please telephone the school office to arrange a time slot which will be after 10am.

If you are late picking up your child please phone the school office who will arrange safe collection.

Friends of Towers Fundraising Association

MESSAGE FROM FOTFA

It's your last chance to complete and submit your answers for the Hornchurch Trail. The prize draw (for a £25 sweet hamper) is taking place on Monday 28th September. For more details contact towersparentsa@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to complete the Summer Sports Challenge - if you have already completed it, contact us via email to get your certificate and details on how to donate your sponsorship money.

Finally, we are looking to make contact with parents with local businesses to work in partnership with FoTFA - please email us for more details.

Key dates for your diary

w/c 21st & 28th September 2020 "Touching base" calls to parents

30th September Year group navigation presentations added to the website and sent home via parentmail

9th October Online Harvest Festival

w/c 9th November Remote Parent / teacher consultations

Stay connected..... please do sign up to twitter as this really is the virtual window into school life

@TowersInfant @TowersJuniorSch @TowersYearX and each year group have email addresses.