Towers Times

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Dear Families,

Thankfully the wet and soggy weather did not dampen the children's smiling faces this morning!. As we work to reduce the risk of COVID-19, due to the key national control measures, well ventilated work spaces remain a priority. As a result the schools are having to enforce that windows and doors are to be left open on rotation to ensure appropriate ventilation. Due to the onset of the colder weather staff are taking a sensible approach. Therefore with this in mind, you may choose to provide your child[ren] with extra layers such as a thermal vest or t-shirts under their uniform, body warmers and/or additional fleeces and sweatshirts may be worn. We want the children to remain warm and comfortable while learning in class so whilst uniform is still to be worn we ask that if you can provide that extra layer please do.

Yesterday was 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. Thank you to all the families for their support in ensuring children had a school dinner across the federation - this makes a big difference to our budget.

As you are aware, in the news over the past few weeks COVID-19 cases are on the increase, since returning we have sought the views of children and parents through calls home to put together a contingency plan for Remote Learning. We are sure you will agree it is better to be prepared for all eventualities, whilst we continue to live in hope that we will not need to revert to remote learning for any year groups or for the two schools with many neighbouring schools closing either partially or in full it's sensible we are prepared. Next week we shall be sending home a letter sharing this plan with you all as well as children bringing home resources to support them.

We hope you have a lovely 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

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

9th October Online Harvest Festival

Please send in any donations, tins, packets etc.

w/c 9th November Remote Parent / teacher consultations

FACE

Let's all continue to do our best to protect ourselves and our families in these uncertain times, and in relation to this, please could we remind all parents/carers and visitors to the school that they need to wear a face mask whilst on the site.

It has been brought to our attention that parents are congregating on the pavements surrounding the two schools which is causing parents to walk into the road with their children. We are sure that you will agree this is not safe for anyone and we ask you to reflect on where you are standing, that you maintain social distancing measures and clear the surrounding roads as quickly as possible, in order to keep everyone in the immediate area safe.

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.