

TDA Juniors Newsletter

November 2019

A warm welcome back to school and I hope everyone enjoyed half term. All the children have settled in well and are working hard and enjoying their learning

We have a lot of exciting visits and events taking place throughout this term.

Read for Good



We raised an amazing amount of money when we completed the "Read for Good" readathon motivating children to read last term. We raised a staggering £473.17. We have received a voucher for £94.63 to spend at Scholastic book clubs. Well done everyone!

Parents Evenings



Parents evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 27th November and Thursday 28th November. We are introducing an online booking system where you will be able to book individual appointments with your child's literacy, maths and class teachers. Further details will follow shortly in a separate letter.

Sims Parent



TDA have recently introduced an app called Sims Parent. It works closely with the schools management system SIMS to provide access to important information about your child(ren). Currently available information includes messages, calendar of key school dates, conduct (Achievements and behaviours), reports and attendance. There is also the ability to notify the school of changes of circumstances or contact details which helps to ensure that this key information is maintained and up to date. We strongly encourage you all to sign up to Sims Parent to receive our letters and any important information via this app. Please also remember to check the TDA website regularly for other news and information, and photos of school events. If you have not received an invitation to SIMS Parent and wish to do so, please email servicedesk@tdet.education stating your name, the name of the child(ren) you are seeking access for and your contact details in case of issue. For more information about the new SIMS Parent app please visit www.thomasdeaconacademy.com and select the parent portal icon at the top of the page.

Communication



It is important that we hold up to date information. If we do need to contact you for any reason we must have your up to date address, phone numbers and e-mail. We no longer use a text messaging service and for our e-mailing service we do need your correct up to date e-mail otherwise you will miss out on lots of important information.

Year 3 Egyptian Day

As part of your child's topic lessons this term Year 3 are having an 'Egyptian morning' on Thursday 7th November. Please allow your child to dress in an Egyptian themed outfit. Please note PE has also changed and will be on Thursday 7th November (for one week only) instead of Tuesday. Thank you Year 3 Team.





Operation Christmas Child

TDA Juniors are supporting Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are due to be handed in to your child's class teacher no later than Friday 8th November. Thank you.

Christmas Production Year 3

It will soon be time for Y3 to rehearse and get ready to present their Christmas production 'Bah Humbug'. I am sure this promises to be another very 'different' look at the Christmas story! There will be a performance on Wednesday 18th December at 3.30 pm in the Drama Theatre at the secondary phase building. Further details will follow.



Christmas Carol Concert

Once again this year some of our children will be taking part in the Christmas Carol Concert at Peterborough Cathedral on Tuesday 10th December at 7.00 pm. Further details will follow.

Collection of children

If someone other than your child's parent/carer is collecting a child from school, please make sure that you inform your child's class teacher in the morning. If this is not possible then please let the office staff know of any changes before 2.30 pm so that they have time to get a message to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Children in Need

We will be supporting this year's Children in Need Appeal on Friday 15th November by raising as much money as we can by 'wearing something spotty'. This can be a spotty t-shirt, spotty socks, spotty pyjamas, spotty dress,, spotty ribbons, etc. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 per child. We will also be holding a cake stall at the end of the day. If anyone would like to donate cakes, please bring them in on the day and give them to your child's class teacher.



Sickness and Absence

Please can you inform school if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. The school has an answering machine for reporting a child's absence if the telephone line is busy in the morning, please call 01733 426060, option 1 TDA Juniors. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be clear for 48 hours before returning to school. Thank you.



Leave of absence

I would like to remind parents/carers of the Academy's procedure for requesting leave of absence during the academic year. I would also like to reiterate that by law there is no automatic entitlement for time off during school time.

If you wish to apply for leave of absence you must complete a leave of absence form at least 4 weeks before the date of travel. Details of any exceptional circumstances relating to the request must be provided. Once a request has been considered, parent/carers will be notified of the decision in writing from the Attendance Officer. The reason supporting the decision will be detailed within the letter.

School Uniform

We have a large amount of pre loved school uniform, which is in excellent condition, available for re homing. If you would like to make a voluntary donation for your items, we are collecting for the NSPCC, please send in however much you decide you would like to donate after you have received your items. If you would like any of the following items please complete and return your request to Ms. Joiner.

I would like to offer a new home to the following item/items;

Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blazer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cardigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skirt	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trousers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dress	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tie	<input type="checkbox"/>	P.E Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/>



My child/children would like size/s _____

I would like my child to bring the items home

I would like to collect the items from the school office

Dates for the diary:-

Year 5 Ancient Greek Day – 07.11.19
Year 3 Egyptian morning – 07.11.19
Remembrance Day Service TDA Juniors children – 08.11.19
Anti-Bullying Weeks – 11.11.19 – 22.11.19
National Schools Meal Week 11.11.19 – 15.11.19
Children in Need Wear Something Spotty – 15.11.19
Y3 Fleming and DaVinci classes Fitzwilliam Museum – 21.11.19
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Parents Evenings – 27.11.19 and 28.11.19
Y3 Open Evening Sept intake 2020 – 04.12.19
Y6 Mock SATS week – 02.12.19 – 06.12.19
Carol Concert Peterborough Cathedral – 10.12.19
Christmas Dinner – 18.12.19
Y3 Christmas Production – 18.12.19
Last day of term – 19.12.19



Children's University

Children's University provides opportunities for children to take part in fun learning opportunities outside of the school day. Children collect stamps in a passport and are awarded certificates at graduation ceremonies; the certificates start at bronze for 30 hours of learning and continue through to a gold fellowship for 1000 hours of learning.

The certificates are presented at wonderful graduation ceremonies held at Peterborough Cathedral. Children collect stamps for all of the after school and Saturday school activities they take part in at TDA Juniors. Children can also collect stamps from activities or clubs they attend at other organisations such as, Peterborough Museum, Vivacity Premier Fitness and Peterborough museum.

The full list of providers can be found at;

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/learning-destinations/peterborough-childrens-university/>

Our next Saturday school event is **November 9th 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm** at the secondary school, the children will take part in Buggy building, Cookery and a mystery STEM activity. There is no charge for this event.

There is a £6 membership fee to join Children's University, which covers the cost of the learning passport and the hire of the children's gowns for the ceremonies. This must be paid on Parent Pay before you attend your first event. However, if your child is entitled to free school meals there is no charge for the Children's University membership. If you are already a member or would like to join Children's University please complete the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 6th November** to reserve your place.

Kind regards

Lucy Burks

Head of Juniors

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If you are already a member or would like to join Children's University please complete the following slip and return it to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 6th November** to reserve your place.

I would like my child _____ (name) in _____ (class) to

join Children's University and attend the Saturday school on the 9th of November

My child _____ (name) in _____ (class) is already a member

of Children's University and would like to attend the Saturday school on 9th November