

UPCOMING DATES:

SEPTEMBER

Tue 8 5pm

Year 1 Welcome Meeting

Year 6 Welcome Meeting

Wed 9 5pm

Year 2 Welcome Meeting

Year 4 Welcome Meeting

Thu 10 5pm

Year 3 Welcome Meeting

Year 4 Welcome Meeting

Thu 24 *Individual Pupil Photos*

OCTOBER

Sat 3 *Whole School Open Day*

Mon 12 *YR-Y6 Flu Immunisation*

Mon 19 *HALF TERM*



BULLETIN B15

Friday 4th September 2020

On behalf of the Governors, I'm very pleased to welcome everyone back to TPS after such a long break! I'm sure that the children have been looking forward to returning to school and meeting their friends, and just getting into the day to day rhythm of school life. We have certainly missed them!!! A tremendous amount of work has been undertaken through the holidays to ensure that school can reopen in as safe a way as possible. I hope that Mr Barrett's letters have reassured you and given insight into the detailed planning that has gone into the re-opening of school.

I would like to welcome all the new children, parents and staff who are joining TPS for the first time. I hope that the children settle in and make strong friendships as quickly as possible, and that you all get to know your new school.

I am delighted to welcome Mr Oliver Barrett to our school as our new Head. Mr Barrett has been busy over recent weeks in familiarising himself with our school. Mr Barrett is particularly looking forward to getting to know the children and parents as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we are unable to hold a whole school Welcome Event as we would have hoped, but I know that Mr Barrett will be circulating as much as possible so that you can all get to know him.

I would also like to welcome Mr Andrew Hardy-Lenik who is joining TPS as Head of Computing and ICT. Mr Hardy-Lenik will be a great addition to our staff.

We are very excited that our new building is almost ready to be handed over. All that remains to be done is the finishing touches. It will be a great addition to the school and the children will really enjoy using it.

We are doing as much as possible to ensure that the return to school is as normal as possible. The staff are working incredibly hard to make this academic year, and the Autumn Term in particular, as memorable for the children as possible.

Harry Bates

Chairman of Governors

Please see some important messages from Mr Barrett on page 2

Week Commencing Monday 7th September arrival times:

Reception:	8.40 a.m.
Year 1:	8.25 a.m.
Year 2:	8.25 a.m.
Year 3:	8.40 a.m.
Year 4:	8.25 a.m.
Year 5:	8.10 a.m.
Year 6:	8.10 a.m.
Year 7:	8.20 a.m.
Year 8:	8.20 a.m.



FURTHER DETAILS

on MSP:

Please see My School Portal for further details on all areas of school life.

School Meals
week
commencing :
7th September
2020:
[Menu](#)
Week 2

CLUB BOOKINGS CLOSE:
Monday 7th September

RECENT LETTERS AVAILABLE ON MSP:

[Year 1 Welcome Letter](#)
[Year 2 Welcome Letter](#)
[Year 3 Welcome Letter](#)
[Prep Sports Information](#)

MUSIC

If you are interested in music lessons please contact Mrs Taylor for how to apply

Welcome

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all of the children and staff to TPS at the start of the academic year. There has been a wonderfully purposeful and happy atmosphere at school and I very much hope the children have enjoyed their first two days. As you will appreciate, my colleagues have worked tirelessly to prepare for the start of term to ensure the site is safe and secure, whilst also undertaking additional duties and commitments to help ensure we have a smooth start. I would like to express my thanks to all of the teachers, children, parents and carers for being so considerate and patient in these early days of our re-opening. Of course, we will continue to review the arrangements in place so please do provide us with feedback if you have any suggestions in the coming days.

Practical Arrangements

Please note that from **Monday 7th September** we will adjust the arrival times for the year groups as per the previous page.

For the time being, we will continue to use the front lawn for the older children to line up in year groups. There is an area towards the back of the lawn allocated for parents to wait away from the front gate and access road. It has been pleasing to see a number of children walking to school or arriving by bike. Scooters and bikes can be stored in the covered shed beyond the playground gate but those arriving this way must walk when on site and follow the one-way system. I would ask that parents and carers leave the site promptly after drop off and collection times to ease congestion.

New Staff

In addition to welcoming back the children, including all of our new starters across the year groups, we are delighted to welcome new staff to the school, including Miss Malam as our student graduate assistant and Mr Hardy Lenik as a Year 7 tutor and Head of Computing and ICT. Mrs Croucher will be taking on a part time role in Reception as a Teaching Assistant on Thursdays and Fridays in addition to her 1:1 teaching commitments for this term.

Facilities

During the summer break, there have been a number of projects undertaken to improve the facilities. Improvements have included resurfacing of areas of our main playground, the installation of improved new visitors' registration and phone systems and high specification teacher walls in key classrooms. As you will appreciate, the renovation of the new facilities at 51 High Street have continued apace; only this week flooring has been installed and the rooms painted. We are hoping for this new facility to be available for use after the half term break and we will endeavour to keep you updated as this wonderful project is realised.

Assemblies

The first whole school assembly for the term took place on **Thursday 3rd September**. The children were reminded about the importance of the various measures we have in school to keep them safe, including hand washing, the one-way system and arrangements for break and lunch times. We focused on the four key values associated with TPS, namely being '**Calm, Courageous, Considerate and Courteous**' at all times. Indeed, the current context of the wider world places all the more importance on these traits and that we should cherish school life and opportunities to learn together. You might like to listen to this [poem](#) by Tony Walsh which captures the essence of starting at a new school or beginning a new school year. Assemblies on Mondays and Fridays including the whole school will continue to be shared via Zoom each week.

Oliver Barrett
Headmaster