

# The Tynings News



**Respect Ambition Determination Adventure**

**Friday 1st February 2019**

Dear Parents/ carers,

At the beginning of this week we took part in a Local Authority Review; this is when staff from the Local Authority come into school for a day and go into lessons, look at pupils' books, speak to school leaders, speak to governors, and look at the quality of education the school is providing. They concluded that they saw an improvement in the overall quality of teaching across the school, and that the school is making effective progress since the recent OFSTED inspection. It is good to know the school is continuing to make progress despite Mrs Haydon's absence. We continue to work hard to ensure your children receive the best education possible.

Don't forget our **maths workshop** at 9am (repeated at 6pm) on Friday 8th February. This is a great opportunity to see how maths is taught across the school. Please contact the school office to book a place by **Thursday 7th February**.



*Mrs A Berger, Acting Headteacher*

## Year of Adventure

When our 'Year of Adventure' was first launched, we planned to hold three Adventure Weeks throughout the year, with each year group completing an adventurous activity in those weeks. We have reviewed this decision and decided that, rather than having three separate adventurous activities spread over the year, we will instead plan a variety of adventurous activities for each topic. This will hopefully ensure the children participate in adventurous activities more often, with the added bonus of the activities being linked to the curriculum they are studying. Examples of some of the activities the children will be participating in are: Year 3 visiting a Roman villa; Year 2 helping eggs hatch into chicks; Year 6 going down a coal mine; Year 5 tasting unfamiliar Greek food; EYFS learning Chinese dragon dancing, and Year 1 meeting exotic animals in class! Class teachers will share more details in the next few weeks.



## Year 5

Pine Martens have been learning about the amount of sugar in drinks from Bristol Flyers health squad, as part of their PE lessons. They discovered that Lucozade has the most amount of sugar and Fruit Shoots the least!



## Parent Forum

Starting from today, parents/ carers will begin receiving weekly emails, briefly outlining what the children will be learning in school next week. We hope you find this useful.

## Parking

Please do not use the school car park to drop off or pick up your children at the start or end of the school day. The car park is only for staff and holders of a disabled badge. This is for the safety of both children and adults. Thank you for your co-operation.



## Reminder

We respectfully ask that you do not drive into or park in Eastleigh Close on Monday 4th February at home time. This is because a funeral procession is due to leave from one of our neighbour's houses at that time. Thank you for your support.

## Chess Club

Thank you to the PSFA for funding the chess tournament. It has now started and the children are enjoying the competition.



## Non-uniform day

On Wednesday 13th February, children can come to school dressed as their favourite animal or in animal colours for a £1 donation. This is to raise money for the PDSA.



## Handwriting

This week we are sending home information about how you can access brilliant handwriting support at home. As a school we have subscribed to 'Letter Join' which is used to teach handwriting on classroom interactive whiteboards. It includes animations, touch-screen activities, cursive fonts, lesson plans and access to lots of handwriting practice! Letter Join includes free access for children to log in at home on their PCs and tablets - just follow the advice in the attached letter.

## HOUSE POINTS: RUNNING TOTAL

Rodway:	3365	HP
Eastleigh:	3491	HP
Page:	3491	HP
Teewell:	3592	HP 1st place, well done!

## ATTENDANCE: LAST WEEK

Total attendance for the week: 96.2%

Best class attendance: Kingfisher 99.7%

Best house attendance: Rodway 97.2%

Unfortunately, whole school attendance slipped into amber last week, with 5 red classes and 1 amber. There have been a lot of colds and sickness recently, so please remember to ward off those germs!

## Sporting News

Congratulations to Jasmine, Keira and Lara, who have been selected to represent South Glos in the Representative Games Sportshall Athletics Squad, following trials that took place last week. The event will take place on 14th February and we wish the girls every success in their events. We are very proud of their achievements.



## DATES COMING UP - you can find all of these dates and more on the school calendar (on the school website)

- Tuesday 5th February: Bikeability for Falcons
- Tuesday 5th February: Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 7th February: Bikeability for Kestrels
- Friday 8th February: How we teach Maths at The Tynings, 9.00 am
- Friday 8th February: Kingfisher class assembly 2.30 pm
- Friday 8th February: How we teach Maths at The Tynings, 6.00 pm