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Dear Parents/Carers;

Summer Fun at TVI!



This unprecedented year isn't yet over, but I wanted you to know that all of the children have done really well at settling back into School routines and enormous strides have been made in getting the attainment in School back to where we would normally expect it to be. We all work remarkably hard for our children and to offer you an exemplary customer service. I'm proud to Head a fantastic team within such a caring and unique community.

I know we send you a lot of information, more than you'd normally expect from any other School: there's a comprehensive website, almost daily ParentMail notifications, a flurry of Tweets, a weekly video podcast and all the careful conversations we have with you each day. To help you further, we also plan the whole School Year out in advance and quite uniquely, put this online so you can sync all this information this into your own phones/devices. All we need you to do is to look, read and absorb this information.

Things are starting to look more like the old-normal, but we're not quite there yet. Please (unless self-isolating), bring your child to School every day. Expect us to have open and honest conversations about attendance with you. Allow us to help transition you back into some of our routines and customs which have been lost due to the pandemic.

Below are details of some of the many important end-of-term events that we hope will take place at the end of term – I've added some helpful reminders too. As further guidance comes out, we may have to revise things further, change dates and/or cancel at short notice. Whilst inconvenient to you, may I assure you that any such changes will always be unavoidable and only made after exhausting all other options available.

Whatever happens though, in terms of updated guidance, your family will be in safe hands... and we'll be doing *our* best to make sure your child finishes the year at *their* best!



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Annual Reports

On Friday 2nd July, we'll be giving you your child's Annual Report. I hope you enjoy reading them. Claire Smith and I will read each one personally. We will be handing the reports to the adult responsible for collecting your child from School. Reports not collected will be posted to you. **In KS1, we will include the Annual Attainment Summary for your child and in EYFS we will include the Early Learning Goals Summary.**



Parents' Meetings

During w/b 5th July we also have Parents' Meetings for all year groups. Please make sure that you book the Zoom meeting with your child's teacher on ParentMail when the time comes. This meeting will provide you with a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has done in School this year and the progress that they have made. In addition, our teachers will also be able to give you more information about learning in school, the curriculum and extra ways that you can support your child at home.



Family Fun Afternoons * PROVISIONAL *

We hope to host three Family Picnic Afternoons in late June (one for each year group), at which we hope to be able to welcome you back into School once more. The aim will be to have a picnic and games in the sunshine with your child and their class. The teachers will be hosting the afternoons. Current social distancing guidance will still apply. Further details will follow.

Nursery Sports Day – Tuesday 13th July * PROVISIONAL *

All going well, we hope to hold a Nursery Sports Day on Monday 13th July this year and we are really hoping to be able to invite an adult in for each child – keep an eye out on ParentMail for more details closer to the day!



Main School Sports Day – Thursday 15th July * PROVISIONAL *

Similarly, we are really hoping to be able to welcome our Parents for Sports Day in July too. On Sports Day, children will take part in a variety of games, within teams. Being a good team player and supporting each other is very much part of our school ethos. Weather (and guidance) permitting, we have Thursday 15th July pencilled in for this date... We hope to start at 9.30am and fingers crossed we'll be able to see you all there to cheer the children on!

Keep an eye on ParentMail and we'll send out more information closer to the time.

Wraparound Care...

It's been a strange year and we haven't been able to offer our usual myriad of afterschool clubs and a breakfast club. However, we hope to be able to squeeze some clubs into the timetable this half term. Once again, keep an eye on ParentMail and remember to complete the application form for any club/s that your child might like to attend as soon as it becomes available – clubs fill up very quickly and are always oversubscribed.

Are you joining our Nursery and Reception this September?

We're in the process of writing to families about socially distanced-arrangements for starting Reception in September. Letters for Nursery will follow later. As we're currently unable to show families around, Adam Dobson is making a video for you to watch on YouTube. Everything will be sent out in good time, so please be patient with us.

Warm Weather but Cool Children

Remember that being too hot in school can be just as unhealthy as being too cold, especially when actively playing sport or games at lunch and playtimes. We teach children how to avoid getting too hot or too cold. We have water in each classroom and we will make sure that children have plenty of opportunity to drink during the warm weather and take time to sit in the shade when outdoors. Please help by making sure children come to school suitably dressed for sunnier days. On warmer days please remember that **children do not need to wear vests, t-shirts, jumpers, woolly stockings or coats to school**. Not only can this make children over-heat, but it also increases the chance of items getting mislaid when children remove layers to cool down. **For most children, a polo shirt (and a jumper 'just in case') is really all they need**. Please note that summer dresses are not part of the School's uniform.

Would you like to be a School Governor?

The Local Advisory Board (LAB) are a group of parental volunteers that help champion children's learning and children's voices. If you are passionate about our School and can give up 6 x 2 hours across the School Year to attend meetings and other activities, please see me and fill in the application that is currently live on ParentMail.

Plans for September?

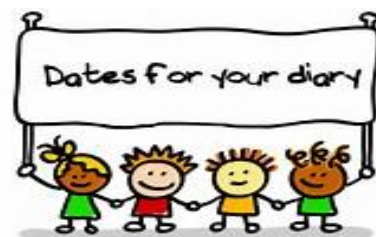
It's far too early to predict what updated guidance (if any) the Government will decide upon for September. At TVI, behind the scenes, there'll be a huge focus on:

- Continuing to keep everyone well and safe (prevention and response)
- Children's emotional well-being,
- Nurturing Social Skills,
- Developing Speaking and Listening,
- Accelerating children's learning (catching-up) within a broad and balanced curriculum,
- All children eventually leaving TVI as clever as possible.

To give our children the biggest chance to succeed, next Academic Year will be meticulously planned. Our Reception children will go up to Year 1 within their current classes. However, we will be re-organising our current Year 1 across four smaller-than-usual classes for Year 2. If you have a child in Year 1 we will send out details of your child's new Year 2 Class, along with their Annual Reports, on Friday 2nd July.

Diary Dates...

- The last day of school for this term is on **Friday 16th July** and there will be an **early finish at 1:30pm**. In the morning the children will be having their class parties and this will be a non-uniform day. Once again, keep an eye out for more information closer to the time.
- Children must attend School every day right up to and including the last day of term.
- The first day back will be on **Thursday 2nd September** (for KS1 families).



Stay Connected!

Remember, the best way to keep on top of all of these dates and events is to:

1. Regularly check your ParentMail App and turn on notifications.
2. Follow me [@TVInfants](#) on Twitter.
3. Download our [Term Dates](#) for [this](#) and [next](#) Academic Year.
4. Sync your [calendar](#) with our live feed.

These are all by far the best ways to stay up to date with everything in school. We wouldn't want you to miss out on any important information!

In the meantime, thank you for all your support and also for continuing with the weekly COVID-testing, still wearing masks on School Premises and adhering to the one-way system within School. Your kind words go a long way – thank you!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Jordan'.

Paul Jordan
Headteacher