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Dear Parents / Carers;

Autumn Newsletter



We hope you have a lovely Half Term holiday, relaxing and making memories with your children.

I thought I'd send you out a summary of some of the exciting plans that we have in store for the children for when we come back after the break.



Monday 31st October – Hallowe'en

There will be a themed Hallowe'en lunch for the children on Monday 31st October (see the menu at the end of this letter) and a special Hallowe'en assembly for KS1 children. We'd also love it if the children could take part in our annual **Pumpkin Lantern Competition**, the details of which are detailed in our [Hallowe'en letter which can be found by clicking here](#).



The idea is that you make a pumpkin at home with your child over half term and bring it in on Monday 31st October (clearly labelled with your child's name). We'll display all the lanterns all around our School for the week and there will be some lovely prizes for the best!

Thursday 3rd November – Reading Meetings for Reception Parents

For our Reception Parents, there's a special Reading meeting at school on Thursday 3rd November, starting at 3:30pm (and repeated again at 5pm on ZOOM for parents who can't make the earlier slot). We're going to be starting our phonics lessons with the children over the next few weeks and this meeting will let you know how we teach phonics / reading here at TVI and what you can do at home to help. Please note that this



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meeting is for Reception parents *only*. A crèche facility will be available at the 3:30pm meeting if needed. [Please click here to see our letter about this important Reception meeting.](#)

Friday 4th November – Guy Fawkes Night

To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night at school we'll be holding a special Assembly on Friday 4th November all about the story of Guy Fawkes and his famous Gunpowder Plot. We'll also be having a special Bonfire Night themed lunch at school (see the menu at the end of this letter).



Friday 18th November – Children in Need Day

This year we'll be celebrating Children in Need at school on Friday 18th November. We'll be sending out a special Children in Need letter shortly which will tell you all about what we're going to be doing at school this year in order to help Pudsey raise money for Children in Need.

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th

November – Nursery Parent/Teacher Meetings

On these days our Nursery teachers will be hosting the first set of Parent Meetings for our Nursery families. These meetings are extremely important since they'll let you know how your child has settled into Nursery here at TVI. Bookings will open for these meetings at Half Term and will only be bookable via ParentMail.



Tuesday 8th November – Phonics Together for KS1 Parents

On Tuesday 8th November it's Phonics Together for our Year 1 and 2 parents. This is going to be an informative morning where KS1 parents can come into school with their children and see how we teach Literacy / Phonics alongside the children. This is going to be particularly beneficial given that Year 1 children will be undertaking their Phonics Screening tests at the end of this year and Year 2 children will be doing their Curriculum Assessments, (formerly known as SATs). [Please click here for more information about this event.](#)

We'd love to see you there, so please do make a note of this date and time in your diary:

Enter school on 9th November with your child. Our specially extended parent-participation lesson will take place from 8:45am – 10:30am and will be followed by a 15 minute Question and Answer de-brief by each Class Teacher afterwards.

Please note that there will be no-admission for parents after 8:45am.

Friday 11th November – School Photo Day

It'll be school photo day on Friday 11th November. These photos make lovely keepsakes to look back on in future years, so please make a special effort to send your child in suitably dressed and wearing the correct school uniform on this day.



Educational School Visits

We have some lovely school visits coming up after the break...Our Year 1 children are going to [Barleylands](#) in November and, at the start of December, our Year 2 children will be going to [The Royal Gunpowder Mills](#). Please keep an eye out on ParentMail for all of the information about these visits and make sure that you complete the consent forms in good time.

Children's Book Week @TVI – 7th – 13th November

We are excited to let you know that we're going to be celebrating Children's Book Week at Thames View Infants in the week commencing 7th November. There will be an Extreme Reading Competition, special reading themed golden times and we're even inviting parents/carers into school once again to help the children make 'paper plate story characters'.

[Please click here for more information](#) about this exciting week and make a note in your diary of your child's day...

- Monday 7th November – 9am – Reception
- Wednesday 9th November – 9am – Year 1
- Thursday 10th November – 9am – Year 2
- Thursday 10th November – At drop off time – Nursery



**COME ALONG TO OUR
OPEN DAY**

TVI November Open Day

From 8:45am on Monday 14th November the School will be yours to explore for the morning. [Click here for more information about our November Open Day](#). We want to show you what happens in

school on an everyday, day to day basis. You'll have the chance to come in and observe a variety of lessons from Nursery up to and including Year 2 on our Open Day – not just your own child's class.

We'd love to see you all there and showcase for you just how Outstanding our school really is.

Parent/Carer Feedback Wanted!

And finally – We'd be really grateful if, over the Half Term break, you could take the time to complete our Parent / Carer Feedback Form. We always listen carefully to what our parents/carers have to say and we value any feedback that you can give.

As usual, I will personally be reading all of the comments made and making sure that we're doing all that we can to deliver the very best service possible. We will be sending our Feedback form out via ParentMail or alternatively you can find our feedback form by clicking here:

[TVI Parent/Carer Feedback Form!](#)

So, as you can see, we really do have a jam-packed Autumn ahead of us! I've not listed everything above, so please do still keep an eye on your ParentMail so that you don't miss out on anything exciting going on here at TVI over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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

Paul Jordan, Headteacher





Celebrate
Diwali

Saag Paneer &
Bhajii
Chicken Dhansak
Vegetable Samosa



Rice
Naan Bread
Sliced Greens
Sweetcorn



Frozen Smoothie



Happy Diwali

DINEin
YOUR WAY


JUNIPER
CATERING
Bringing more to the table

Halloween Special



Monday 31st October 2022

Phantom Fingers
(Chicken Sausages)

Worms & Eyeballs
(Spaghetti & Meatballs)

Toad in the Tomb
(Vegetable Toad in the Hole)

Monster Mash
Frankenstein Teeth (Sweetcorn)
Zombie Beans (Baked Beans)

Red Witches Brew
(Strawberry Jelly)



Join us and celebrate

BONFIRE NIGHT

on **Friday 4th November**

the menu

Firecracker Piri Piri Chicken
served with Rice

Bonfire Baked Potatoes
with Fiery Fillings (Veggie)

Catherine Wheels
(Spinach & Feta Wheels)

Sparklin' Spiced Apple

Crumble
with Custard

DINEin
and discover

