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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.



### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Hallowe'en

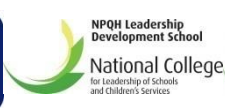
There will be a themed Hallowe'en lunch for the children on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (see the menu at the end of this letter) and a special Hallowe'en assembly for KS1 children. We'd also love it if the children could take part in our **Pumpkin Lantern Competition**, the details of which are detailed 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 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> November – Reading Meetings for Reception Parents

For our Reception Parents, there's a special Reading meeting at school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November after school. We're going to be starting our phonics lessons with the children after the break 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 meeting is for Reception parents *only*. A



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crèche facility will be available at the first meeting if needed. [Please click here to see our letter about this important Reception meeting.](#)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Guy Fawkes Night

To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night at school we'll be holding a special Assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

This year we'll be celebrating Children in Need at school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We'll be taking the children on a special 'Walk for Pudsey' and we'd love it if you could come along and cheer the children on. [Please click here for more information about how we'll be raising money for Pudsey on this day @TVI.](#)

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 only via ParentMail.



### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Phonics Together for KS1 Parents

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 assessed before they transition up to the Juniors... [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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November – School Photo Day

It'll be school photo day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali Celebrations @TVI

We wanted to let you know about the Diwali celebrations that will be taking place towards in November so that you can pencil the dates into your diaries.

This year the children will have a special Diwali school lunch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Our Diwali lunch is always a great hit with the children and we'll send the menu out closer to the time.

In addition, the children will be making special Diwali candle holders in school. They'll make them out of salt dough and then in the week leading up to Diwali we'd like to invite you into school to help your child decorate them. We'll provide all of the paint, glitter, sequins and glue and all you'll need to do is come along on your child's morning and help them put the finishing touches to their beautiful creations.

Please make a note of the date below for your child's Diwali Celebration morning. On the day you'll just need to come into school after you've dropped off your child, get signed in via the School Office and then join in with all of the Diwali fun.

**Reception – 9am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 1 – 9am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Year 2 – 9am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**



[Click here for our letter about how we'll be celebrating Diwali here at TVI this year.](#)

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – A Visit From The Dentist for Reception and Year 1**

Just a reminder that, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the dentist will be coming to school and all children in Reception and Year 1 (whose parents have completed the consent form) will have fluoride applied to their teeth.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

NHS England will be visiting us on 10<sup>th</sup> November (and later on 6<sup>th</sup> December) in order to administer the free flu vaccine to all eligible children from Reception through to Year 2. The nasal flu vaccine is painless, quick and any side effects are uncommon and generally mild.

If you would like to give consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine, you should complete the online consent form which can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Online Consent Form For Annual Flu Vaccination](#)

If you do not give consent for your child to receive the vaccine, then just click 'No' in the relevant box.

For parents who want their child to have the vaccine that does not contain porcine gelatine, you can also do this by using the consent link above. This version of the vaccine is an injection and not a nasal spray. If you wish for your child to receive the injection, please say no to the nasal vaccine, you will then be taken to a page where you can consent for the injection instead.

### **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 end of the month, our Year 2 children will be going to [The Ragged School Museum](#). 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 – Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November

We are excited to let you know that we're going to be celebrating Children's Book Week once again at Thames View Infants in the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November. There will be an Extreme Reading Competition, special reading themed golden times and lots, lots more. Please keep an eye out for the letter which will be coming out shortly about this exciting week!

**COME ALONG TO OUR  
OPEN DAY**

### TVI November Open Day

From 8:45am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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,



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