

# Totley Times



## Spring Edition

### Welcome Back!!

It is so good to be back in school surrounded by the lovely buzz of all our children learning and playing together again! The start of 2021 has been a real challenge for so many reasons—the unexpected and alarming lockdown followed by day after day of cold, dark weather and, of course, school buildings being closed to most children. However, with Spring well and truly on the way and positive news in the press around the vaccination programme, along with the tremendous collective efforts made by children, families and school staff to work remotely during these past two months, it feels like a much more hopeful time.



Our focus over the next few weeks will be ensuring that children have a really positive re-introduction to school life, are given the time and space to reconnect with friends and staff and have plenty of exercise, as well as going over routines and expectations. Alongside this, we will be revisiting some of the key curriculum knowledge which was delivered during lockdown, to check what children have understood and remembered. This will help us to establish if any children need extra support and help us to shape the curriculum to best meet the children's needs over the rest of the year.



## DIARY DATES

**Friday 19th Mar**—Scooter skills sessions for Y2 / Non-uniform day for Comic Relief.

**w/b 22nd Mar - SEND review meetings**

**Thu 25th / Tues 30th / Wed 31st Mar**

Spring parent consultation meetings

**Fri 26th Mar** - PTA virtual quiz 7pm start

**Thu 1st April** - break up for Easter holiday

**Mon 19th April - Return to school**

**w/b 19th April** - Y4 swimming lessons begin—further details to follow soon.



## Extra-curricular Activities

Although extra-curricular activities such as music lessons and after school clubs are not yet possible, we look forward to opening these opportunities again when we are allowed to do so and will continue to keep you updated on this situation.

Qualitas will continue to support with the delivery of high quality PE sessions in school time.

## PTA Virtual Quiz!

The PTA co-chairs are running their annual quiz night on Friday 26th March, beaming direct into your homes through the magic of the interweb. Starting at 7pm the first round will be one the kids can join too, followed by a break to allow for bedtime before continuing with the more serious mindbending!

So grab a pen, paper and your favourite beverage and be entertained as we look forward to the next phase of lockdown being eased. Tickets cost £5 per team and you can enter at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/totleyprimaryschoolpta/>

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Comic Relief

We are delighted to be joining in with Red Nose Day 2021, which is taking place on Friday 19th March. We will have a non-uniform day to celebrate this national fundraising event and the children will learn about the key messages behind Comic Relief and about how money raised is used. Rather than send cash into school, voluntary donations can be made via ParentPay, using the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3097>

### Gifts in school

A polite reminder that items such as toys, birthday gifts and 'show and tell' objects are not allowed to be brought into school from home at the moment. This is in line with local authority guidelines in order to minimise the possible risk of virus transmission. Thank you for your support in this matter.



## *Message from Mr Paxman*

Thank you again for all your support and for trying to keep going with remote learning as much as possible during the first part of 2021. The positive feedback that many of you have given to staff has been very much appreciated and I have no doubt that the excellent engagement we saw throughout lockdown has made it that much easier for children and staff to pick up with being in school together and crack on with learning again. The children have returned energized and ready to go in every way. Behaviour, attendance and attitudes to learning have all been strong— your support with this has been terrific! Here's hoping for a smooth run into Easter and beyond...