

Totley Times



December

FEATURE

The Full Festivities Are Back!

For the first time since December 2019, we can look forward to the last few weeks of term being unrestricted in the festive fun and frolics we can offer. With face to face concerts, panto trips, PTA events aplenty, Christmas lunches and much, much more besides, it promises to be a truly special time for our school community, which will lead us beautifully into the Christmas holiday. The diary really is full to bursting so please check the calendar to make sure you know what's going on, where and when!



Goodbye Mrs Huckerby

Having been on the staff team here at Totley Primary for almost 9 years, Mrs Huckerby will be leaving us at the end of this term. We first met Mrs Huckerby (then Miss Goodbody!) as a long term supply teacher before she joined the team on a permanent basis to teach in Y1 and Y2 throughout her time with us, as well as leading on science and the KS1 phase for periods of time. Mrs Huckerby did a great job in engaging the school in the Ogden Trust science partnership and oversaw the development of the Phiz Lab, which culminated in a memorable opening involving Rahul from the Great British Bake Off! As well as all of this, Mrs Huckerby also got married and had her two lovely boys, Harry and Reggie during her time at Totley. On behalf of everyone in the school community, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Huckerby for all that she has done for the children of TPS and wish her and her family all the best as they start a new adventure, having moved away from SW Sheffield.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 1st - PTA Xmas Disco
- FS2 / KS1 5-5.45pm
- KS2 6-7pm

Mon 5th - FS2 vision screening
- KS2 foodbank collections

Wed 7th - Y6 dress rehearsal day

Thu 8th - FS2 Panto trip am

Fri 9th - FS2 Nativity 1st performance 9.30am
- Charity bake sale after school

Mon 12th - Christmas jumper day
- Christmas lunch

Monday 12th - Y6M performance 1.45pm
- Y6L performance 6pm

Tue 13th - Y6L performance 1.45pm
- Y6M performance 6pm

Wed 14th - KS2 Panto trip am

Thu 15th - FS2D gymnastics trip to Graves
- KS1 Panto trip
- KS2 outdoor celebration. 2pm - MUGA

Fri 16th (Last Day of Term)

- PTA gift swap
KS2 outdoor celebration. 2pm - MUGA

• **Return to School Tues 3rd January 2023**





SPORTS AND CLUBS



Football News

It has been a very busy time on the sporting front, in particular for our football teams. The Totley Trophy intra-school competition has been as exciting as ever, with the final set to be played this week. Meanwhile our Under 11s school football teams tasted success as they competed recently in a new Mercia Learning Trust competition: The Mercia Cup. Playing against teams from Woodlands and Nether Edge Primary Schools, our boys and girls' teams came out on top and brought home the silverware! Many congratulations all round!



PTA Update

The opportunities for fundraising really picked up again over the past 12 months and our amazing PTA certainly made the most of this by organising a whole host of fabulous events to raise funds and enrich the lives of the children and school community. To their enormous credit, an incredible £13,529 was raised last year: a magnificent achievement and a huge thank you to the team for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the school! A special thanks again, of course, to our outgoing co-chairs, Adam Bond and Mark Johnson, who ended their time heading up the PTA on a real high and should look back over 4 very successful years with great pride.

The recent AGM was also a success, with lots of new faces showing support and the all important election of the new committee for 2022-23. Results as follows:

Co-chairs: Kathy McCollough / Fiona Fouad
Vice chair: Jayne Mills
Marketing Officer: Louise Roddan
Grants and Sponsorship Officer: Emma Christoforou

Treasurer: Richard Crossland
Secretary: Sara Sullivan
Sustainability Champion: Alice Cullen

Thank you to all who attended the AGM, our new committee and especially to Kathy and Fiona for stepping up and offering to take on the co-chairship! If you wish to pass on your own thanks to our fabulous PTA team, you will see them in person at many of our upcoming festive events this month.



Christmas Jumper Day!

On Monday 12th December, we are inviting children and staff to pay a voluntary contribution of £1 (via ParentPay) to come to school wearing Christmas jumpers. Money raised will go to Save the Children.

This is also a special day because our wonderful school kitchen team will be preparing Christmas Dinner!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children in Need Update

There was a great atmosphere and some super outfits in school on Children in Need Day last month! Altogether, we raised an impressive £514 for charity!

Many thanks for your support.

BULLETIN BOARD

Wintry Weather

If we have to take the decision that we cannot open due to adverse weather, a text will be sent to all parents. A message will also be sent to BBC Sheffield early and they will list the school closures. Please make sure we have an up to date mobile contact so that any messages can be received. It will be colder in school this winter due to the need for us to ventilate the classrooms. Please make sure children are wearing plenty of layers on cold days so that they do not become uncomfortable.

A Community United

Following last weekend's tragic events, it has been incredibly touching to see the Totley community rallying around the Andrews family to offer love, support and strength. A huge thank you to Rev Tanner and the team at All Saints Church for opening up the church as a sanctuary for those affected and for their warm support for the school staff and pupils.

 **All Saints**
Totley



Message from Mr Paxman

It's time to reflect on a super start to the school year in which time has really flown! We're now at the stage where Y6 children can be seen rehearsing their lines enthusiastically at break time while Foundation Stage children are getting to grips with their first nativity. Meanwhile, Christmassy songs are starting to echo around corridors—often in tune! With an action packed end of term to come, it promises to be a very special time in school and we look forward to seeing you in person as you join us for many of the events we have planned. On behalf of all at Totley Primary, I would like to wish you all the very best for a happy and peaceful Christmas time with your families.