



**Good news!** Just in case you missed our Twitter feed earlier this week, we are delighted to tell you that Mrs Owen has had her baby, a little girl. We are sending lots of love and congratulations to the new family.



**Christmas update.** The children will be able to bring Christmas cards into school as usual but must put them into their class post-box. Please tuck the flap in to close the envelope rather than licking to stick. The last date for posting is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will enable us to quarantine all the cards for at least 72 hours before giving them out. Christmas parties can also go ahead this year, each class will have their own party on separate days in the hall and a 'party tea' in their classroom. We are introducing 'Festive Fridays', where the children can come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers, giving them a few opportunities to wear them. Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>; the children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers then too. We will send more details in December.



**Music tuition** was discussed at the autumn term Governors meeting. It was agreed that school cannot and should not continue to sustain the debt caused by non-payment of bills. It was also agreed that payment should be made at the point of booking, i.e. at the beginning of term for the forthcoming lessons, and that non-payment would result in the lessons being withdrawn. Letters requesting payment for the upcoming lessons will be sent two weeks before the end of term, with payment being required by the end of the first week back after the break. As all payments are now made online, this gives parents at least five weeks to pay their bill and ensure that their child continues to receive music tuition. I would also like to remind parents that, as part of the agreement you sign when your child first starts tuition, a whole term's notice is required to cancel music lessons. This is because the lessons and teachers have to be arranged and timetabled at least a term in advance.

**Y1 – Y5** children are welcome to bring their book bags to school again from Monday. Y6 can continue to use their files. We have tried the folders but they are not working out. The children only need to use their book-bags to bring their reading records and reading books, some KS1 children have Read, Write, Inc sound books and Y2 take their spelling sheets home in them. As the bags have to fit into the children's drawers please use the hand carrier type and avoid the larger book bags with shoulder straps. We have reminded the children that we cannot bring anything else into school at this time, including things to show, bouncy balls or key chains. Thank you.



**Parents' meetings** worked well this term, with initial questions and answers about the reports posted on Seesaw and follow-up telephone conversations arranged if needed. We are still waiting for a few parents to confirm that they have received the report. Please text or post on Seesaw to confirm if you have not done so already.

**If your child has to self-isolate at home,** we will post work on Seesaw/Tapestry for them which will be as similar as possible to the work being done in the classroom. However, please be mindful that teachers are teaching all day, as well as carrying out break time supervisions, so this will not be instant but we will post the work as soon as we can.

**Seesaw and Tapestry (YR)** are excellent ways of communicating between home and school and are working very well. Please continue to post your questions and the children's homework whenever it is most convenient for you. However, as I know that teachers spend a significant part of their weekend planning for

the week ahead, I have asked them to limit their responses to weekdays only and at an appropriate time of day for the children; so please do not be offended if you do not receive an immediate response.

**We have 7 nominations for Parent Governor.** This means that we have to hold an election. Links to the voting site will be coming via text on Monday and will be open until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. We will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

### **Flu Vaccinations: Message from Immunisations East Riding**

*Dear Parent,*

*If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form. <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=117995&Type=FLU>*

*The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. The link will close on **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2020 please disregard this msg. If you have any problems accessing the link or this is not your preferred method and would like to provide consent via the telephone please contact the immunisation team on 0333 358 3397 option 9.*

**Emergency Assistance from East Riding.** Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, central government have provided funding to the council to allow us to offer financial support to help households in the East Riding. Eligible applicants will have experienced a reduction in their income of at least 20% which is the result of COVID-19 and do not have savings available to afford essential items.

East Riding residents may request assistance with food and toiletries, gas and electric bills, nappies for children aged three and under, and travel costs to work or pre-booked hospital appointments.

Applications for the Emergency Assistance Grant scheme can be made by visiting [www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/emergency-assistance](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/emergency-assistance) or by calling the Benefits contact centre on 01482 394799. Full details of the scheme are available on the council's website.

### **Community Messages**

**Jayne Miller:** I am an OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER and have spaces available for full days and/or before and after school. If you are looking for any childcare please feel free to contact me on 07414 644003 OR check out my facebook page, Jayne's Childminding. References on request.

**We have been** contacted by a parent from a neighbouring Beverley primary school looking to make links with other parents of children with an EHCP who might be interested in working together to address the lack of SEN enhanced provision in Beverley secondary schools. If you are interested and would like the details, please contact our school office.

### **Governor Contacts:**

**Chair:** Helen Brierley: [governor.chair@tickton.eriding.net](mailto:governor.chair@tickton.eriding.net)

**Feedback:** We do appreciate your feedback as it helps us to improve our school further as well as celebrate the things that have gone well, so if you are happy - or not - about something, please let us know.

**Parental Feedback:**

Date:

Feedback/ Issue:

Name:

Would you like an appointment with Miss Brown to discuss this further?

You can also share your thoughts and opinions, both positive and negative, of our school through the Ofsted site Parent View either by using this address/link, <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>, or typing 'Parent View' into Google.