



# Twineham CofE School



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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome our new children in Reception; they are settling in brilliantly and all of the staff are enjoying getting to know the pupils. We feel very privileged to work with such wonderful families and we are committed to providing a happy, safe and engaging school experience at Twineham. Please also see the attached welcome letter from FOTS.

## Thank you

A big thank you to Mr Salvage who kindly gave his landscaping services for free and created a flat surface in our EYFS area for the artificial grass. We are continuing to improve our outdoor provision and this help was greatly appreciated!



## Growth Mindset

Our pupils are enjoying learning about Growth Mindset; the children understand how the brain is like a muscle that can grow and get stronger as we exercise it. We are using 'ClassDojo' clips as part of our learning. This is one of many resources inspired by Carol Dweck's powerful studies on the power of moving from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset, embracing challenge and learning from mistakes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ>

## Friends of Twineham School

A warm welcome to Autumn Term from the FOTS! We had our first meeting of the new school year last week and are pleased to attach our Newsletter.

We kick off this term by welcoming all the new parents to the school. [Please join us for a welcome meeting, tea, coffee and breakfast at my house this Friday morning, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 9am, Ivy Cottage, High Street, Henfield \(house next door to the White Hart pub.\)](#) The FOTS would like to introduce themselves to you and explain a little about FOTS life at Twineham, see attached letter (all welcome, babies, toddlers, dogs included)!

Our first event this term is the famous **Welly Walk on 13<sup>th</sup> October**, details & sponsorship form will be in book bags shortly.

Please also note the date for our **AGM, 4<sup>th</sup> October at The White Hart, Henfield**. Please join us to elect the new Committee, plan our 2017/18 calendar, review the accounts and vote on new initiatives to fund. Don't forget you can contact us at [FOTS@email.com](mailto:FOTS@email.com).

Best regards,

Catherine Sykes (Mum to Evie, Yr 3 & Darcy Yr 1)  
FOTS Chair



### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September: Gripping Yarns – anti-bullying workshops**

Next week we welcome Simon Firth from the Gripping Yarns team who will lead performances of his acclaimed play 'Outside the Circle'. The play explores key themes relating to anti-bullying and inclusion in a child-friendly way, with different showings aimed at each age range to provide a child-friendly experience. We are grateful to FOTS who have kindly agreed to fund this important visit at the start of term.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3pm – 3:30pm: open afternoon**

You are warmly invited to come into classrooms from 3pm next Wednesday to see your child's new setting. Next month we will set up the booking system for parent consultations in November.



### **Every Child Counts**

We are pleased to be awarded once again with a certificate for participating in Every Child Counts programmes last year. Our talented Teaching Assistant team have continued to deliver inspiring projects to help pupils. Reading, writing and spelling improved as a result of the programmes; we are currently finalising our provision for the year to make sure that every child has an opportunity to keep making progress with their learning.

### **Last call for Sal's Shoes!**

If you have any other unwanted footwear please send all shoes in **by tomorrow, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.**



### **Car Share Friday**

Please try to share transport to school this Friday wherever possible. A successful car share experience will reduce traffic, decrease stress and benefit the environment.

### **Diary dates**

Please make a note of dates for parent consultations and Christmas performances; we have tried to give you as much notice as possible. **FOTS date are highlighted.**

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	'Outside the Circle' (Anti-bullying show and workshops for children)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	3pm – 3:30pm Open afternoon for parents to view the classrooms
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>FOTS Rockinghorse Appeal Collection</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8pm FOTS AGM at White Hart, Henfield</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	9am Harvest Assembly in Church – everybody welcome
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>FOTS Welly Walk</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	11am '6 weeks in' meeting for EYFS parents
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Half-term
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>FOTS Monster's Ball Family Social</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed for INSET
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>FOTS Fireworks</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultations 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultations 2pm-5pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Decorations Day and Non-Uniform followed by <b>FOTS Christmas Fair</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Willow and Oakwood Christmas Show: afternoon performance to parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm Buttercups and Poppy Christmas Concert: performance to parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Willow and Oakwood Christmas Show: evening performance to parents
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1pm Christmas Parties at school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9am Christmas Service in Church – everybody welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term for pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closed for INSET

Kind regards,  
Scott Reece