

• Hello everyone •

Week two has brought two new pupils to our school and of course our new reception children. We welcome you all and hope that both you and your families will be very happy at Tortworth School.

I want to say a big thank you to our Y3/4 parents and children, who have been the first group to go back to home learning for a couple of days because Mrs McGowan was ill. Hopefully we will be all back to normal on Monday. Mrs McGowan has said sorry for being ill so early in the term, but she doesn't seem to be the only one as we have a few children off with runny noses. We would be grateful for **boxes of tissues** for our children's classrooms please.

We hope the weather is kind this weekend so we can enjoy some more sun, have fun. ☺

• Notices •

Year 6s have received letters about secondary school transfers, extra copies are available from the office.

Bristol Sport after School Club

Is running Tuesdays after school until 4:30pm. To register please go to <https://www.bristol-sport.co.uk/our-community/booking-system/>

What to wear to school on what day

To eliminate changing as much as possible we are asking children to come into school in PE or Forest school clothes on the days these are taught in their classes. It's also necessary for children to have a pair of wellies in school in a named bag, which they can keep in school. Please make sure wellies have the children's name in them. PE for the whole school is on Tuesdays.

Parent Pay

School uniform is now available to buy via the Parent Pay portal, items will be sent home with your child.

Thursday School Lunches

On Thursdays, until October half-term, children may choose from wraps, rolls or baguettes with either ham, tuna or cheese as fillings. Always a popular choice with the children.

• Wagtail •

On Thursday our seven new Reception children had their first day at school. It was great to see them and we were very impressed at how well they managed in school, especially with hardly any induction visits to help them get to know the school beforehand. We are really looking forward to getting to know them over the weeks ahead! We would also like to welcome Matilda who joined Year 1 on Monday and she has settled in really well to her new school.

On Wednesday we had our first visit of the year to the Wild Woods. We had a scavenger hunt and we had to look for opposites like rough and smooth, hard and soft and heavy and light. We talked about how we could make sure that we moved the heavy logs and branches safely. We also found lots of acorns – a sign that Autumn is on the way!

• Kestrel •

We have had a fun and interesting time in Kestrel class this week. Mrs McGowan hasn't been well, so Miss Bowes stepped in for the first half of the week. The children have started work on their new book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and have made lots of comparisons to the sometimes lonely and unpredictability of space to that of lockdown. We made pictures about our own special places and for our home learning will be writing poems

about them. In maths we have been securing our knowledge of place value and we are all feeling a lot more confident. Wednesday afternoon was nice and sunny, so we went out onto the back field for the first time and enjoyed a daily mile.

We were especially proud of Leo and Rupert, who both achieved ACE stamps for their fantastic attitude to learning.

Remember children I will place a box at the gate, so that I can collect your home learning next week.

• Peregrine •

We have had a really good first full week back at school and although the normal school routine has had to alter slightly this term, the staff have all been really impressed with the way the children have adapted and it all has quickly become our new routine. All the children have settled well with being back to classroom learning, it is as if we have never been away.

Our year six children are enjoying being the oldest in the school and are thriving with the added responsibility this brings. Our year five children are now in the top class and are all rising to the challenges and increased expectations this brings for them.

We have had a session on road safety this week and it was good to see that although Tortworth children cannot walk to school as we are lucky enough to be in such a rural setting, they all were able to discuss safe ways to cross roads and the dangers they might meet when walking around the roads near their homes.

• Up Coming •

October Census

Shortly we will be sending out data collection sheets to make sure all pupil information is up to date.