

6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I said to the children in Assembly this morning, Happy New Year! How quickly did those Summer Holidays go?! We would like to welcome both our 'old' and 'new' members of the Tower Hill community to another New School Year! You will be receiving A LOT of information over the next few days from both myself and your child's class teacher – please bear with us, all communications aim to keep you as informed as possible and support your child in enjoying a successful time with us.

Inside the attached brown envelope you will find a Calendar Credit Card on which you will find the school's contact details, year dates and INSET days. We hope this will help you plan your year ahead. We have allocated these on a 'one per family basis', hence only oldest siblings bringing the card home.

I would like to thank you for all the comments on the Annual Report reply slips at the end of last term. Whilst we are delighted at the many very positive remarks, we really will work at trying to give you as much notice as possible for up and coming events or changes to routines, which we know can cause difficulties with your arrangements: watch out for the *Annual Events* letter next week.

We are delighted to also share with you the totalled responses from the *Governors' Annual Questionnaire to Parents* on the reverse of this letter – thank you for your overwhelming support. We do take any concerns very seriously and will be setting up a working group to discuss how we can turn those concerns around.

Thank you! Everyone looked **Super Smart** this morning with **100%** of children in **Shiny Black Shoes** – well done, thank you and long may it continue! We always promote the highest standards at Tower Hill!

The Governing Body has a schedule to review policies, aimed at ensuring your children are as safe as possible, happy in their learning and that the school operates efficiently. This summer these are just some of the policies that have been reviewed: *Safeguarding; Child Protection; Special Educational Needs & Disabilities; Behaviour & Anti-Bullying; Best Value; Charging & Remissions; Collective Worship; Accessible Use of IT....* All policies are available on the school website or from the school office.

Letters about after-school clubs will be sent out next week. Clubs will begin **w/b 18<sup>th</sup> September** but before school **Judo** will re-start **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & Street Dance on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8am.**

2017/18 Cycle Permits are available via the School Office. Should your child come to school on a bike or scooter, we would ask that they do **dismount when they get to the school gate** to avoid accidents

Please can I remind everyone that Tower Hill is strictly a NON-SMOKING site, which also includes electronic (vaping) cigarettes. I would also ask that you do not smoke immediately outside of any of the school gates as we have had many complaints from parents about their children – and themselves – having to walk through 'walls of smoke' on arriving at school. I know I can rely on your understanding.

## Your Responses to the Governors' Questionnaire to Parents – Summer 2017

	Statements	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school.	49/50 98%	1/50 2%	0/50 0%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	50/50 100%	0/50 0%	0/50 0%
3	My child makes good progress at this school.	49/50 98%	1/50 2%	0/50 0%
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	49/50 98%	1/50 2%	0/50 0%
5	My child is taught well at this school.	49/50 98%	1/50 2%	0/50 0%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	45/50 90%	3/50 6%	2/50 4%
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	48/50 96%	0/50 0%	2/50 4%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying.	35/50 70%	0/50 0%	15/50 30%
9	This school is well led and managed.	50/50 100%	0/50 0%	0/50 0%
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	46/50 92%	1/50 2%	3/50 6%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	49/50 98%	0/50 0%	1/50 2%
12	I feel welcome at Tower Hill	48/50 96%	1/50 2%	1/50 2%
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	50/50 100%	0/50 0%	0/50 0%

We have had our usual busy summer whilst the children have been away, with the corridor, cloakroom area and Year 3 classrooms being re-decorated and new carpet in Year R and the school office. We were very sad to be told that two of our beautiful cherry trees had a fungal disease which meant they were at High Risk of losing branches unexpectedly & had to be destroyed. We do hope you like our new 'Grecian Feature' in the seat by the New Tower to replace one of them!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, should you have any concerns or queries, we are here for you – please do let us know so that we can resolve any issues before they become problems, and that we very much look forward to working with you and your child for another happy, successful year at Tower Hill. Our aim is always for your child to receive an *Outstanding* education with us – but most of all, that they are as safe and happy as possible.

With my best regards,

**Mrs. Linda Tansley**  
Headteacher