



# TOWER BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Letter of the Week: T  
Teamwork

## Stay and Learn Sessions

Tea, coffee, water and biscuits will be available at the sessions.

Date	Focus	Audience	Time	Where?
08/12	E-Safety – with PC Williams	All Parents	9am	ICT Suite
13/01	Reception Stay and Learn Literacy	Parents of children in Reception	9am	Reception Class

## Important Dates:

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Show (2pm) – please arrive 10 minutes before the show begins

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery and Reception Winter Concert (10am)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Parties

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner and KS2 Talent Show Final (pm)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Concert

## Lantern Parade

On Monday evening the choirs from Tower Bridge and Snowfields took part in the lantern parade, assisted by members of Year 5 who made the lanterns. The children performed brilliantly and really brought magic to the riverside. Thank you to all the staff and parents who came along too. The lanterns are currently displayed around the school for you all to enjoy.



## Term dates for 2015-2016

### Autumn Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### Spring Term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Half term – 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Summer Term

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## Driving to School

From Monday, parents will not be able to drive into the estate car park to drop children off at school. This space is for resident permit holders only and not a public highway. Staff will be on the entrance of the car park during these times to allow residents access. Thank you to all the parents we have already spoken to about this matter for your understanding.

## Downside Fisher Club Big Give Appeal

Many of our children attend the Downside Fisher Club after school. They have set themselves a challenge to raise £2,500 this Friday and Saturday as part of the Big Give. If they manage this, they will receive a further £2,500 worth of funding. If you would like to help contribute on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December please follow these steps:

1. Visit [www.theBigGive.org.uk](http://www.theBigGive.org.uk) from midday this Friday or Saturday.
2. In the "Find a charity" box type in 'DOWNSIDE FISHER'.
3. Click on the "Double Your Donation" button for the charity.
4. Follow the donation process & pay attention to messages regarding whether your donation will be doubled.
5. Email [hannah@downside-fisher.org](mailto:hannah@downside-fisher.org) if you have any problems.

## NSPCC- ChildLine Assembly

Thank you so much to the ChildLine team who visited year 5 and 6 this week.

There is lots of information (including games to play) on the ChildLine website for the children to share with parents.

[www.childline.org/buddy](http://www.childline.org/buddy)

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We received a certificate in assembly!

## Attendance

Week beginning: 23<sup>rd</sup> November: 96.7%

Class	Number of absences	Number of lates	Points
Year 1	7	5	425
Year 2	4	6	525
Year 3	2	11	325
Year 4	1	6	900
Year 5	6	5	600
Year 6	5	7	1225

1<sup>st</sup> = 75 points (100 points for 0)

2<sup>nd</sup> = 50 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = 25 points

You can win points for your class by being in school every day and getting here on time.



## Tower Bridge Pupil Review Meetings - November 2015

### Parent questionnaires (167 returned)

Question	Yes
Staff are approachable	99% 166/167
Parents are made to feel welcome	99% 166/167
The school deals quickly with any issues I raise	94% 150/159
My child enjoys coming to school	98% 160/164
My child is safe at school	99% 164/166
I think that behaviour in the school is good	100% 166/166
My child is learning and making progress	100% 162/162
The school helps me to support my child's learning	99% 163/165
My child completes their homework	97% 158/163
My child reads every day	96% 165/163
Parents are kept informed of school events	99% 166/167
I know how to help my child stay safe online	93% 154/166
I am aware that my child should not have a Facebook account	98% 164/167
I would recommend this school to another parent	98% 164/167

### Pupil questionnaires (131 returned)

Question	Yes
Staff are friendly and can talk to them	100%
Enjoy coming to school	97%
Lessons are challenging, interesting and fun	98%
I am learning and making progress	98%
I complete my homework	93%
Adults in school help me do as well as they can	99%
Adults in school explain to me how to improve my work	98%
I feel safe at school	99%
I behave well in school	100%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	96%
I know what to do if someone is unkind to them	99%
Adults in school deal with children who are being unkind	98%
I know how to stay safe when using the internet	95%

#### **Here are some of the suggestions made by the children on what they want to change at school:**

Make literacy a bit shorter so we can have more time for P4C	Fun activities	Make people enjoy school
Children's safety	Equipment in the playground	Stop talking in class
Not enough balls	More equipment	Make literacy harder
More balls and no fighting	The subject in RE	Toilets that smell
Outside toilets	Bad behaviour	Outside toilets
More reading time	Dinners	Sit where we want in lunch hall
Literacy	Playground	Toilets in the playground
School dinners and playground	Climbing frame	More equipment
More playtime	Bad words	Food
Bad behaviour	Play different sports	Behaviour
To make all of the work harder	More clubs and swimming, PE more fun	More sports to play
Improving in maths	Make everyone happy and enjoy school	Playground equipment
School dinners	More challenges	Reading
Lunch menus, naughty behaved boys, any instrument in music lessons	More equipment	Maybe the equipment
Add more equipment	More equipment	Children's behaviour
Literacy	Extra time to catch up in work	Add more equipment
Have a swimming pool	Food and climbing frame	The trips we go to
More equipment in the playground	Make the climbing frame bigger	Dinners
	Lunch	More equipment
	Making people kind to others	More activities you use in the playground
	More sports clubs	More clubs for year 3 like a picture and sports one
	More equipment	New playground