



# TATTENHALL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear families and children,

Firstly, sincere thanks for your understanding and patience on Friday when I made the decision to close school due to the floods and the forecast. I had underestimated just how quickly Tattenhall became isolated with Frog Lane becoming impassable, then Keys Brook bursting its banks and Chester Road flooding just by the school car park. It became very clear very quickly I needed to send staff home as some travel considerable distances and last time the floods were this severe, many staff ended sleeping overnight in the school which I was keen to avoid. Thanks for collecting your children so swiftly, I appreciate the disruption to your day was not ideal. My sincere thanks to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Harding, Mrs Heath, Mrs Hart and Mrs Hughes who stayed with me until the last children had been collected.

Please could I make a plea for parents or wider family to support us in our planned Health Week for the children week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November? We are hoping to provide opportunities for the children to hear from the health work force, possibly those of you who work in dentistry, medicine, optometry, nutrition, mental health and wellbeing, sport, physiotherapy, personal training or the food industry. This is not by any means an exhaustive list, so if you think you could share your expertise with the children then please get in touch! Huge thanks in advance of your support.

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Key Stage One children over to church to rehearse their Harvest Service for the first time – they sang beautifully and spoke their lines with confidence and clarity. I'm very much looking forward to the service in church on Wednesday at 2pm and hope you will be able to join us.

Last Thursday we welcomed Mr Craig Richardson to school, our new Local Authority Associate School Improvement Advisor. He spent a short time with me discussing the last 7 weeks in post and my findings so far, then he and Mrs Williams visited all 9 classes to spend time in Maths lessons, talking to the children about Maths and having a look at the children's Maths books. This was a positive visit with much to celebrate, and I thank staff for engaging with the process so positively. Mr Richardson will return after half term to look at Ofsted actions from the previous visit in October 2018.

PTFA are hosting a quiz night! This will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm with doors opening at 7pm. Don't forget it's PTFA Discos after school on Wednesday this week.

I'm really looking forward to supporting the Year 5 and 6 children chosen to take part in the Hockey event next Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) at Bishop Heber High School. Please meet us there in time for a 4pm start and keep fingers crossed for decent weather!

Finally thanks for your incredibly generous donations of new pyjamas last Friday – we have **190** pairs of pyjamas to be collected tomorrow by the charity supporting the local children's hospitals. The huge difference this small gesture of comfort will make to so many children on Christmas morning is really significant so thank you to all those families who donated so generously.

Have a good week,

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