

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 7th July 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.' Christopher Columbus

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Our value focus for July will be *Humility* - See: *John 13: 1-17*

CELEBRATION CEREMONIES

We warmly invite parents/carers to attend the following Celebrations for your children.

All celebrations begin at 2pm

Year 12 Tuesday July 11th

Year 10 Monday July 17th

Year 9 Friday July 14th

Year 8 Tuesday July 18th

Year 7 Wednesday July 19th

SPORTS DAY WEDNESDAY JULY 12th

All students will take part in our 'school games day' on Wednesday July 12th starting at 12.00. Currently the weather looks like it may be hot so students advised to use sunscreen lotion, to wear hats and to drink plenty of water. Shelter from the sun and water will be available on the day. Should the weather suddenly change from sun to rain students should be prepared for normal lessons as well.

Parents/Carers are invited to this school event and any past student who wishes to attend must do so either by arrangement with Mrs Pennifold Head of Physical Education or accompanied by a parent/carer. All visitors should sign in at the table by the large canteen under the covered way. Thank you.

We have attached the schedule of events for the day to parentmail. Please see additional information under the Sports heading in the Subject Area

RENEWAL OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION (for September 2017)

Key messages

- a) Parents/carers do not need to re-apply for a school meal for Sept 17
- b) Any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both
- c) Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal
- d) During August, schools will receive confirmation of who is entitled to receive a free meal and 100% music remission
- e) Anyone currently receiving 50% music remission will still need to re-apply at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freesdchschoolmeals from the 7th June 2017

T51/52 BARNETT COACHES

We received this from Barnett coaches so we are now forwarding it to parents/carers.

Early Bird Discount

Here at Barnett's coaches we have decided that we will be offering an 'early bird discount' to parents/carers of current students and new year 7 students using our bus routes T51 & T52. The new price will be on our new booking form that will be uploaded on our website by the end of the week. This early bird discount price is for the T51 going from Redbourn to Townsend and the our T52 going from Hemel Hempstead to Townsend. Please note that this early bird discount will only apply to annual purchases before 31st July.

SUBJECT INFORMATION

MUSIC

Summer Showcase - Thursday July 13th 7pm

Tickets are available priced £2 or £1. They can be bought from the Office, from Music or on the door. Please lend your support to what is shaping up to be a really exciting event, and a great way of showcasing all the great work done in Performing Arts this year.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be on Wednesday 12th July.

Students will be expected to start school as normal, attending lessons 1 and 2 with a slightly altered timetable. Lunch will be from 11.20 – 11.50, during which students will need to get changed into their PE kit for the afternoon.

Students will have selected the events they will be taking part in with their form teacher, and will be given a timetable of when the events will be taking place. When students are not competing, they are expected to sit with their form in a set are of the field to cheer on other athletes.

The day will finish at 3.25 as normal, students will be allowed to go home in their PE kit.

As we are expecting hot weather for the day, please ensure your child has **plenty of water, suncream and a sunhat/sunglasses** to wear during the afternoon to keep them covered up. They will be able to refill water bottles throughout the afternoon as needed.

Parents/carers are invited to come along to watch their son/daughter competing. If you would like to come, please sign in at the tables between the car park and the field, where you will be given a label to confirm that you are a visitor.

This week we have been asked to pass on the following information as part of our support for the community. Please note that although we are very happy to pass on information these are not Townsend sponsored or organised events.

YOUTH CONNEXIONS HERTFORDSHIRE

YC Hertfordshire provides youth work projects and programme, information, advice, guidance, work related learning, outdoor education and support for young people. See see the attached leaflet for projects around the area.

OperaUpClose

My name is Tom, and I am a producer with the Olivier Award-winning company, OperaUpClose. We are bringing a touring production of our acclaimed show Opera

Cocktail to the Radlett Centre on 12th July, and as part of our goals as a company – to bring opera to people and places who might not otherwise have experienced it – we would like to offer your pupils, parents and staff heavily-discounted tickets.

The show is a 'greatest hits' of sorts – with duets and arias from all of our award-winning shows. It is a fantastic introduction to opera, perfect for a younger audience (it isn't four hours long!), but also a great experience for those who really know this art form. The show is light-hearted, and is a self-contained story with original characters and plot, but featuring well-known pieces from operas such as La Boheme, La Traviata and Carmen.

The show has been described as 'Bridget Jones goes to the opera', and I think that sums it up rather nicely – this is an event that appeals to all, young and old, and is a great social event.

Tickets are currently £20, or £18 concessions, but if we can rally enough enthusiasm I can organise some hefty price reductions. If enough people are interested, £10 tickets are available.