



Tadworth Primary School



A Message from the Headteacher – Welcome to Tadworth Primary School

If you are reading this, it is probably because you are considering sending your child to our school or maybe you are just interested in finding out more about us. This introduction is just that, an introduction, there is whole range of useful and interesting information available on our website and also in our weekly newsletter – The Tadworth Times.

This is an exciting time for our school as we have recently completed a major building project, which has provided us with fantastic new classrooms for Years 3 and 4 along with a range of other workspaces including a wonderful new library.

Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, we continue to do all that we can to help the children to ‘enjoy and achieve’ during their time at Tadworth. We want the children to discover new interests and develop their talents by offering a range of activities and experiences.

The children across our school consistently achieve well academically, inspired and motivated by a rich and diverse curriculum and dedicated staff team. Our commitment to the arts is demonstrated through the children’s participation in year group performances, drama club, art club, KS1 and 2 choir and at our annual charity concert. We are keen to resume these performance related activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

The vibrant displays in the corridors and classrooms not only celebrate the children’s work and offer a reference point to learning but also act as a platform for showcasing talent.

Fostering a love of books and reading is promoted across the school with plenty of opportunities for reading and sharing stories. We have an extensive range of books available in and around the school, aimed at ensuring that reading is at the heart of every child’s education.

We are committed to ensuring that the children understand the importance of, and develop, healthy lifestyles. When it comes to healthy eating, our catering team, ‘Tadworth Treats’, offers a varied menu of popular and nutritious meals. Children learn the importance of good sportsmanship and of being part of a team with every child taking part in Sports Day and many of them participating in sports clubs and representing the school in inter-school events where we have enjoyed many successes. As with aspects of the arts, we will be reinstating a wider sports programme as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are very fortunate as a school to have spacious grounds and well-resourced classrooms. Our active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) continues to help us to maintain a sense of community whilst also raising money for the school. Recent projects have included the funding of new interactive screens in classrooms, additional staging for productions and new speakers and amplifier in the school hall.



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The children at Tadworth also learn about the importance of giving something back, with every year group supporting a designated charity.

At Tadworth, you will find an enthusiastic, hardworking staff team ably supported by a committed and experienced governing body. Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. If you would like to visit us, please phone the school office to arrange a tour.

Justin Kelly – Headteacher

Our Mission and Aims *'Enjoy and Achieve'*

We aim to secure an excellent curriculum, ethos and learning environment at Tadworth Primary School through which...

- we will strive to meet the physical, emotional and intellectual needs of every child, helping them to feel safe and happy, valued, respected and included
- we will promote and inspire a lifelong love of learning, challenging children to think creatively and achieve high standards in all that they do
- we will do all that we can to ensure that children leave us numerate and literate with reading very much at the heart of their education
- we will seek out the strengths, gifts and talents of every child
- we will celebrate the diversity of abilities, faiths, cultures and languages in and beyond our community, extending the experiences of every child
- we will develop educational experiences which are memorable and significant
- we will enable children to develop the flexibility, resilience, confidence and resourcefulness to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities of life
- we will encourage all children to actively participate in a wide range of high quality sporting activities; learning not just the skills but also the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship whilst also recognising the positive effect that physical activity plays in keeping fit and healthy
- we will share our successes in achieving our aims, involving children, staff, parents and governors in our own school community and across the networks with whom we work in partnership



Ofsted Inspection – July 2018

'This is a very happy school; parents and carers and pupils are delighted to be here. Every parent who responded to the Ofsted Parent View survey would recommend the school to others.'

Our last Ofsted inspection was in July 2018. We were very pleased with the outcomes of the Section 8 one-day inspection. We believe that we have continued to maintain and built on the many strengths identified in the report. Some of the key points noted are included below:

- Strong and ambitious leadership team which places the pupils at the heart of all it does
- Pupils and staff enjoy very strong relationships
- Pupils work hard and are productive in lessons
- High-quality writing is well presented and representative of the pride they take in their learning
- Pupils are caring towards each other
- Governors are skilled and inquisitive
- Pupils know how to keep themselves safe
- Skilled teachers and teaching assistants support pupils well

Frequently Asked Questions

What age are the children at the school?

We are a through primary school for children from Reception – Year 6 (4 – 11 years old).

What time is the School Day?

The school day is from 8.45am – 3.20pm.

How are the children taught?

Children at Tadworth are mostly taught by one or two class teachers, with the support of Teaching Assistants - whom we have in all classes for at the very least the morning. We also have a team of Special Needs Assistants who support identified children.

Class sizes are up to a maximum of 30 throughout the school (on some occasions they may go to 31 in Key Stage 2). Year group teaching teams plan their work together to ensure that all children receive a broad and balanced curriculum. Within this framework, teachers differentiate their planning to meet the needs of the children in their classes.

What do the children have for lunch?

'Tadworth Treats' is the name of our own catering team. All meals are prepared on the premises by our own staff and provide well-balanced lunches, which are popular with the children. All children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes) are entitled to a free school meal. We encourage families to take advantage of this opportunity as it is 'free' and helps to ensure the children eat a balanced meal at school each day. Most dietary requirements can be met by our caterers. However, if any parent is in any doubt, they can speak with the catering manager. More details regarding Tadworth Treats, including weekly menus, are available on our website, attached to the Tadworth Times newsletter, or from school.

Do you run any after school clubs?

We aim to offer a range of clubs to the children. Recent clubs have included after school Netball, Football, Rounders, Tennis, Multi-skills, Cricket, Taekwondo and Drama. Other clubs run during the lunch hour have included Art and Craft, Keyboard, Choir, Warhammer and Chess.

How can parents support the school?

At Tadworth Primary, we pride ourselves on having a strong partnership with parents. Many of our parents and grandparents help in classes; others help on school outings or residential trips. We have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who raise substantial funds each year to support improvement projects. The school values this help enormously.



Can the children learn to play a musical instrument?

Extra-curricular instrumental lessons are normally available in school, provided by peripatetic staff from Surrey Arts and other providers, at an additional cost to parents.

What support is there for children with additional or special educational needs?

At Tadworth Primary School, we believe that every child has the right to access the full curriculum. The opportunity for all to develop skills through active engagement and enjoyment whilst learning alongside their peers, is central to our ethos. We acknowledge that, where possible, support should be offered within the classroom environment. We aim to work alongside other agencies providing both emotional and practical support for parents and children whose needs require multi-agency partnerships.

So that parents are aware of the support available from our school, and through services within Surrey, we provide additional information in our SEN Information Report (available from our website). Further information about Surrey's SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) Local Offer can be found by following the relevant link on our website.

We actively encourage parents to work in partnership with school to ensure that both the child and parents are central in the decision making process in order to ensure our pupils have the best possible life chances.

If you have any concerns over any special educational need or disability which your son/daughter may have, you are invited to discuss this with the school's Inclusion Leader/SENCo in the first instance.

How does the school ensure children are safe?

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment. We have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place which we refer to on our website. All staff (including supply staff, volunteers and governors) must ensure that they are aware of these procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read the policy which is on the website or available in paper form, on request, from the front office.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about pupils are discussed with the relevant parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We continue to follow the relevant government guidelines aimed at reducing the risks posed by the coronavirus.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are:



Justin Kelly – Headteacher



Fiona Prophet – Deputy Headteacher



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What secondary school do the children go on to?

Children from Tadworth Primary School transfer to a variety of secondary schools (including grammar and private schools) at the age of eleven. Below is a list of some of the schools that children have gone on to after Tadworth.

N.B. It is a parents responsibility to find out more information about any secondary school that they are interested including the admissions criteria which varies between schools.

Mixed State: Ashcombe School, Royal Alexandra & Albert, St Bede's School (Christian), The Priory Church of England Voluntary Aided, The Beacon School, St. Andrew's Catholic Secondary. State Boys: Glynn. State Girls – Rosebery. Grammar: Wallington Boys and Wilsons. Private: Reigate Grammar School and Dunnotar.

How likely is it that my son/daughter will get a place at Tadworth Primary School?

Places at our school are offered in accordance with our admissions policy. There is a page on Surrey County Council's website which shows how many places were offered out for each of the specified category's for the last few years. Any questions about admissions should be discussed, in the first instance, with our school secretary – Mrs Mason.

Do I have to pay for my child to attend this school?

No. As a state school, parents are not expected to pay for their son/daughter's education. We do ask parents for a voluntary contribution to cover the costs of trips and visits and we also have our own 'Special School Fund' for any parents who would like to sign up to it. More information about this is available from the front office or our website. The names of any families contributing and the amounts of individual contributions are kept confidential.

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Our amazing new building – September 2021.

