

25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Music of the Week:** Clair de Lune by Debussy.

Dear Parents/Carers

It's quite a long newsletter today with lots going on in our schools so please be sure to read through to the end so that you are up to date!

**Here is a reminder of key dates for this next week:**

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b> TSA Film Night	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>

**Key dates for your diary:**

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY DAY	MAY DAY
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tempest class photographs	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	WHITEMOOR LAKES
16 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	ASM Sport Enrichment Day
17 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES ASM Sport Enrichment Day	WHITEMOOR LAKES
21 <sup>st</sup> May	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4
W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM	HALF TERM

W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4
7 <sup>th</sup> June		Tempest class photographs
6 <sup>th</sup> June	D Day Celebration!	D Day Celebration!
W/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING	Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Solstice Sounds	Summer Solstice Sounds
21 <sup>st</sup> June	TSA sponsored walk ASM Sport Enrichment Day	
24 <sup>th</sup> June		ASM Sport Enrichment Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	YEAR 4 transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3	Year 4 Transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3
5 <sup>th</sup> July	REPORTS sent home	REPORTS sent home
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's assembly at 9.15am	Leaver's Assembly at 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM	END OF TERM
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	INSET - School Closed	INSET - School Closed

### **Special Notes:**

- I will always try to see you at short notice if at all possible. If your issue is urgent and I am unavailable, I will ensure that Miss Beynon is made available to you. For non-urgent meetings, you are welcome to telephone the School Office. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Delaney-Lewis manage my diary and will be more than happy to make you an appointment at a mutually convenient time or you can always drop me an email ([jfarrington@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:jfarrington@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk)). Alternatively, you can catch me on the school gate where we can easily make an arrangement to meet.
- My weekly newsletter is accessible via Dojo and is uploaded to the school website. If you would prefer an email version, you can log on to the school website (following the NEWS AND EVENTS tab and then NEWS/LETTERS) and enter your email address to sign up. In the same way, if you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the School Office know.

- Please note that OFFICE HOURS are 8am - 4pm. Just a reminder that no messages will be read outside of these hours. **Please also email the OFFICE EMAIL for WAC bookings and emergencies and not Dojo as the office email is the only place that both Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Delaney-Lewis can access the same message**

**There are still some places available at St. Peter's for Reception 2024. A lot of people don't know that our lovely school exists so don't forget to SPREAD THE WORD!**

- Most of the YEAR 4 children went off to OLDFIELDS for their taster visit yesterday. The day included baking cakes, speaking French, a play on the ASTRO turf and a tour of the school. A good day was had by all and some children seemed quite disappointed to have to come back to our tiny schools!
- HOMEWORK has been set and is being sent home today. Don't forget that it is due back by next Friday at the latest but please send it in earlier if it is already completed.

**A message from the TSA:**

**Are there any volunteers that would be able to help at the Vintage rally Saturday 12th May?**

**If you could spare an hour or so to help sell cakes on the TSA stall to raise funds for our school and a donation to charity. It is a great day out and plenty to keep the family entertained. Please let me know if there is a time that suits, we ideally need 2 on the stand. Many thanks!**

**All cake, cupcake, tray bakes donations gratefully received.**



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Gates Open 10am – 5pm

Admission by donations to  
Cancer Research UK

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Nr Kingstone,  
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- This week, a loose dog decided to get into the grounds of St. Peter's to join in the fun at playtime. Fortunately he was quite friendly and thanks to Mr. Morgan's dog whispering skills, we managed to get the children inside to ensure their safety! Occasionally, circumstances dictate that the safety of pupils and staff is better ensured by them being kept inside the building with the doors and windows locked. We are already very good at evacuating the building when the fire alarm sounds. Next week, we will practise our **INVACUATION PROCEDURE** to make sure that all the children recognise the signal and know what to do when a situation outside poses a danger.
- The first **RAFFLE TICKETS** have gone into our grand draw today for any child who has read at home at least **THREE** times this week! Well done to all those children. If you didn't get a ticket this week, make sure that you read at home at least 3 times this coming week. At the end of each term, a winning ticket will be drawn for each class. The winner will receive a £10 book voucher to spend as they wish. **Please note that reading at home diary entries must be initialled by an adult in order to qualify.**

This week, the following number of children have read at least three times this week:

WILLOW	2
MAPLE	11
ASH	
BIRCH	

- You may have noticed our lovely new **BUDDY BENCH** on the playground at Talbot. Any children who feel lonely at break times and would like a friend to play with can sit on the buddy bench and before they know it, they will be over-whelmed with children offering to play with them!

You will see from the key dates that we will all be celebrating D-Day on 6<sup>th</sup> June. We are hoping that everyone will dress up and really get into the spirit of the day. Whether fighting for freedom or keeping the home fires burning, Land girl or Officer, we **CANNOT** wait to see what you come up with! There are lots of ideas out there and a whole range of costumes available if you're short of time and are looking for a quick fix!

- We have had a lot of children coming to school without their **WATER BOTTLES** this week. Water bottles are placed in the classroom and are freely available for the children. It is a proven fact that **WATER BOOSTS LEARNING**. When we are thirsty, mental performance including memory, attention and

concentration can DECREASE by about 10%. Please remember to send your child into school with their bottle. Don't forget that we are a health promoting school and so bottle should only contain WATER.

- Mrs. Delaney-Lewis and FOMS have been working really hard to redesign our AWARD CERTIFICATES. They are absolutely fabulous and will be going to print very soon! Look out for them when they come home and let us know what you think! These certificates are sponsored by FOMS and the TSA. Thank you for your support!
- Don't forget that our TALBOT TODDLERS runs every Wednesday morning in the school hall. Come along for a cuppa and a chat while the little ones have fun playing together!



### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

On Monday, the teachers met together for training on our new LETTER JOIN handwriting scheme. Handwriting is an essential basic skill that requires a great deal of practice. Handwriting practice now features across the week in our class timetables. Please support your child to develop a pleasing handwriting script and look out for any handwriting homework!

- Our BREAKFAST and TEA offer is working really well with more and more parents choosing to book extended hours in our WRAP AROUND CARE! The smell of breakfast wafting through the school always makes me feel hungry and it has been lovely to see children tucking into a good tea after a busy day at school! Don't forget - the menu for this half of the summer term is as follows:

SUMMER TERM 2024 WAC MENU			
	Breakfast	Snacks	Light Tea
Monday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Tuesday	Cheese Oatcakes & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Beans on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Wednesday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Scrambled Egg on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Thursday	Beans/Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Jacket Potato with cheese/beans Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Friday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice

Children who are booked into WAC beyond 4.30pm will be asked on that morning, what they would like for their tea on that day. Tea will be served from 4.30pm onwards.

We hope that you will find this extended service useful and helpful.

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who is working with us to clear any outstanding money owed to the school. We are here to support you and will always want to work with you when things financially are running tight or have got out of control. Please remember that if your child is in **YEAR 4** and you are working with us to clear any outstanding monies owed to the school, the debt will need to be cleared by the end of the summer term. There will be no provision to continue with a payment plan after July 19<sup>th</sup> when your child leaves us. Any money that is still outstanding after this point will have to be referred to our **DEBT COLLECTION** service.

**Don't forget, under our new DEBT POLICY, your services may be suspended if you have an outstanding balance with no payment plan in place to clear the debt.**

- You will see from the key dates that the **Year 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK** will take place in week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the **Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST** will take place in the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June. There are lots of on line resources available for you to use at home to help your child to meet the required standard. If you would like more information about how you can help your child to prepare for these milestone tests, please ask your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to advise you.
- The after school club activities at Talbot for this half term will be as follows:

Monday	Gardening
Tuesday	Choir
Wednesday	Multi Sports
Thursday	Gardening
Friday	Open play

- The after school club activities at St. Peter's for this half term will be as follows:

Monday	Computer club
Tuesday	Multi Sports
Wednesday	Craft Club
Thursday	Forest School
Friday	Open play

For those that have already booked Wraparound Care, there is no need to book into these clubs as they form part of our Wraparound Care. If you have not already booked in and would like your child to take part in these clubs then book in the usual way via the school office. **Don't forget - under the new WAC terms and conditions, there will be a charge applied for late bookings.**

- Please ensure that your child's summer uniform is in line with our uniform guidance on the school website **and that all items of uniform are clearly named** - this is the time of year when jumpers and cardigans start to come off and can easily become lost if the item isn't named! There are BOXES of lost property at St. Peter's which must amount to a huge amount of money. It is very difficult for us to find a lost item or for you to identify your child's lost item if uniform is not named.

**PLEASE REMEMBER that we are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Nut products coming into school poses a real risk to the children that we have who suffer from NUT ALLERGIES. Please check that any food sent into school adheres to our NUT-FREE policy.**

- **PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are considering having your youngster's ears pierced, please consider that this is done in the summer holiday as earrings cannot be removed from newly pierced ears for at least 6 weeks and this will result in them having to miss at least 12 PE lessons. In the same way, in line with our uniform policy, hair must be tied back and no jewellery is permitted with the exception of PLAIN STUD earrings.**

#### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Mrs. Holden remains absent from school. The class will continue to be covered by Miss Davies', Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Fowler and Mr. Morgan.

This week's ROLL OF HONOUR for certificate winners is as follows:

<u>The Woodlands Federation Certificate Winners</u>				
<b>Certificate:</b>	<b>Talbot:</b>		<b>St Peter's:</b>	
<b>Pen Licence</b>				
<b>Presentation Award</b>	Willow:		Ash:	
	Maple:		Birch:	Florence O, James N, Annie, Nancy, William, James B
<b>Maths Award:</b>	Willow:	Charlotte	Ash:	Cal
	Maple:	Summer	Birch:	Harriet
<b>English Award:</b>	Willow:	Olivia	Ash:	Niamh
	Maple:	Leo	Birch:	Archie
<b>Star of the week:</b>	Willow:	Freddie	Ash:	Lauren S
	Maple:	George	Birch:	Florence E
<b>Golden rules/value award:</b>	Willow:	Noah	Ash:	Eva
	Maple:	Elijah	Birch:	Elsie H
<b>Headteacher award:</b>	Willow:	Lottie, William	Ash:	
	Maple:	Emily	Birch:	Eliza, Orla, Bella, Florence O, Elsie H, Elsie P, Henry, Will, James N

Out of School Achievements:	
Talbot:	St Peter's:
Poppy - Gymnastics certificate Molly - Gymnastics certificate Jasper - Learn to Swim 6 certificate, Rainbow Distance 50m, 100m, Participation certificate for Staffordshire Rugby Union Junior Festival	Jenson - man of the match medal Eva - swimming certificates (Duckling 1 and 2 as well as Stage 1) Lauren B - Rainbows climate change badge Swimming (including 100m) - Florence O, Nancy Goalkeeping - Eliza Football Player of Match - Annie, Florence E Football Progress - Annie

WELL DONE to all these children!

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance has improved **SIGNIFICANTLY** this last week - Well done everyone for pulling together! Look at all this **GREEN!**

Talbot	St. Peter's
Class with best attendance: Miss Davies' class with 100% <b>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</b>  You get to look after Tiny Ted this next week!	Class with best attendance: Miss Beynon's class with 100% <b>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</b>  You get to look after Tiny Ted this next week!
Whole School attendance this last week: 98.6% <b>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</b>	Whole School attendance this last week: 97.2% <b>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</b>
Please note that leave of absence will not be granted for holidays during term time unless there are <b>exceptional</b> circumstances. Amendments to the Education Regulations 2006 removed references to family holidays as well as the threshold of ten school days and the criteria is now extremely tight. <b>Please remember - because we are small schools, a week's holiday from one child is sufficient to take the</b>	

school below national expectation. Where unapproved holidays are taken during term time, it is likely that a PENALTY NOTICE will now be issued.

### GET INTO SCHOOL ON TIME AND BEAT THE LATE GATE!

Some interesting facts:

Being 5 minutes late every day for a year adds up to the equivalent of 3 days missed.

Being 10 minutes late every day for a year adds up to the equivalent of 6 days missed.

**REMEMBER - Being late can:**

Cause embarrassment for your child.

Make it harder for them to settle.

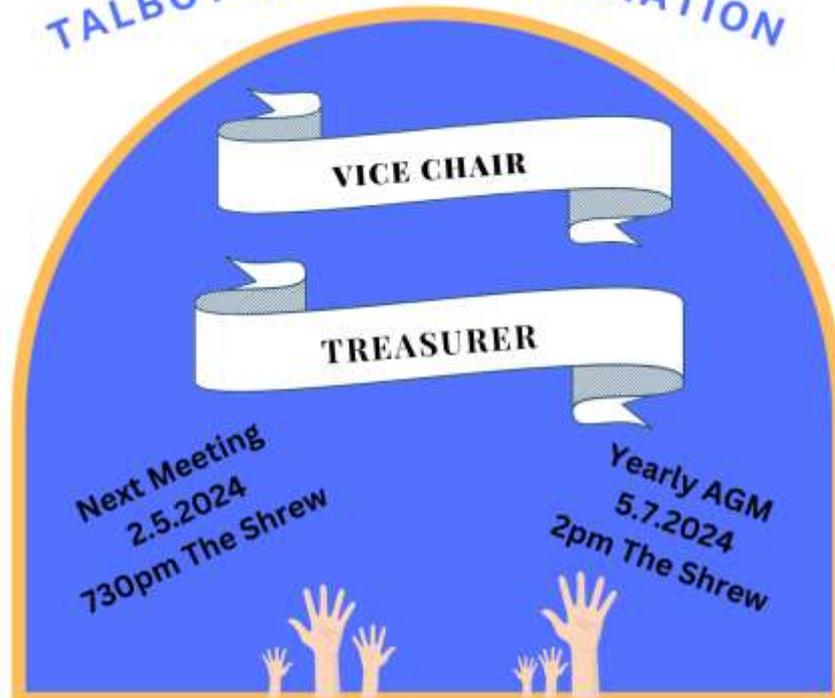
Cause disruption to the class.

I hope that you all enjoy an enjoyable weekend - just 4 weeks left until Half Term!

W.J. Farrington



TALBOT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Talbot School Association  
are looking for volunteers to take the roles of  
Vice Chair and Treasurer**

The TSA need to fill these roles to continue running the TSA and their fundraising work which provides extra activities and resources at Talbot First School.

The TSA are a friendly group who have great fun putting on events for the children and families to enjoy, while raising vital funds.

If you would like to find out more about these roles or put your name forward please leave details with school or email the chair at [TSChair@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:TSChair@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk)