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5th November 2020

Talbot First School



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Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been great to welcome the children back to school and to see their happy smiley faces again: resuming normality as much as possible. I mentioned to one or two parents before half term that I am passionate about children's education and wholeheartedly believe that children should be in school learning whenever possible.

School will remain open every day for children to continue learning. Should this change you will be notified.

Please be assured that we have made changes to procedures in school in light of the week closure at St Peter's before half term and in readiness for the lockdown which starts today.

We have worked really hard to reduce the impact this will have upon the children but they may notice one or two changes throughout the day. Mainly, staff wearing masks/visors when moving about the building.

Ventilation in school

In light of current research there is increasing evidence that the coronavirus is spread through the air, especially indoor places. Scientists now openly acknowledge the role played in the transmission of aerosols – tiny contagious particles exhaled by an infected person that remain suspended in the air. Advice is to keep rooms as well ventilated as possible. We have already been doing this in school but as the weather becomes increasingly colder we are aware that it would be safer and more practical if children were able to wear more clothes to school.

In the first instance we would like you to ensure that all children have their school uniform top layer of a jumper or cardigan in school at all times. If your child is particularly susceptible to the cold then a base layer of thermals, vest or t-shirt may be suitable. Coats are often too bulky to move around the classroom, so as the temperatures drop further still, gilets or body warmers may be a suitable alternative.

Whilst the heating will be on to warm the building before the day starts, the need for constant ventilation of classrooms means that the effectiveness of the heating may be compromised.

Kind Regards

Emma Manby

Interim Headteacher



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Newsletter

We are pleased to resume the publication of our school newsletter to keep you updated with news and events in the school and community.

In the coming weeks, we will be using the newsletter to celebrate the children's learning. We hope this will in some small way compensate for not being able to invite you to our usual monthly Parent Assemblies due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions.

We will be publishing the newsletter every two weeks on a Thursday and will be emailing this out to the email address we currently have on file. If you do not receive one and would like to, or wish to opt out please let us know.

The newsletter will also be posted on the school website:
www.talbot.staffs.sch.uk.

Governor Vacancy

The Woodlands Federation Governors work closely with the School and Staff on the strategy and School governance, and are looking for additional members to join them. If you would be interested in joining the Governors and making a difference and supporting your school please feel free to get in touch via the email below to find out more information: governors@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk Thankyou.



Children in Need

We will again be taking part in the Children in Need fundraising day on

Friday 13th November. It will be a non uniform day and we will be asking for a donation for the charity please. Can you please make sure the children are dressed warmly, bearing in mind the need for us to keep the school well ventilated.

Film Night Friday 20th November 3.30 to 5.30pm

We will be running a film night on Friday 20th November. Please complete and return the consent below by email to: office.talbot@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk and please send in your contribution of £3 in an envelope marked with your child's name. We will be providing a drink and snack for the children.

I give permission for my child/ren.....

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To attend the Film Night on 20th November. I will send in my contribution of £3

Signed.....
Parent

Before and After School Club

We attach the details of our wrap-around care club which is available for you from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Next week's activity will be making poppies for the school garden.

School Lunches

The weekly roast dinner will be moving to Wednesday from next week 11th November.

TSA News

TSA AGM

The TSA AGM meeting will take place in January, the date is yet to be agreed but everyone is very welcome to come along.

The TSA are looking for new committee members and would really appreciate support from parents. If you would like to know more, please speak to Karen Edwards.

Richard Greenwood Photography date change

Due to lockdown the date has been provisionally moved to Friday 4th December. Time slots will be available to be booked from 16th November.

Bag2School

Many thanks for everyone who donated for the last collection. Another one is scheduled for Feb/March next year.

Christmas Raffle

A Christmas raffle is planned but this will be a little different due to the current situation and again we will let you know the details soon.

Amazon Smile Fundraising

If shopping on Amazon a percentage can be donated to a charity—please search for Talbot School Association when asked to choose the charity.

Thank you for the Christmas card orders which will be here either later this month or early December.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the TSA.

Talbot First School Breakfast and After School Club

- Based at Talbot First School in Kingstone
- Age range 3-9+
- Breakfast Club from 7.30am
- After School Club until 6.00pm
- Holiday Club available at St Peter's First School, Marchington- advance booking recommended.
- Direct line for Breakfast and After School Club 07432 778129

Club	Hours	Fee
Breakfast Club	7.30-9.00am	£6.25 (includes Breakfast)
	8.00-9.00am	£4.25
	8.30-9.00am	£2.25
After School Club	3.30-3.45pm	£2.00
	3.30-4.00pm	£2.25
	3.30-4.30pm	£4.25
	3.30-5.00pm	£6.25
	3.30-5.30pm	£8.50
	3.30-6.00pm	£10.75
For children coming from after school activities or other schools	Up to 15 minutes	£2.00
	Up to 30 minutes	£2.25
	Up to 1 hour	£4.25
	Up to 1.5 hours	£6.25

Late Collection after 6pm	Per 15 minutes	£10.00
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Drinks and snacks are provided.

Please book your place in advance.

Non-attendance without cancellation may lead to a minimum charge.

Invoices are produced fortnightly and should be paid within 10 days of receipt.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer.