

# NEWSLETTER

## April 2022

### Talbot First School



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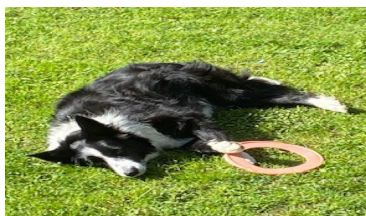
### Message from Mr Gathercole

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a wonderful, sunny and fun Summer Term. It only seems like yesterday I was welcoming you back to a new year yet here we are in the summer term already! We have exciting news at St Peter's as the children have agreed the new playground markings and they will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. Don't worry Talbot First we are starting your playground marking designs next week and I am excited to see what your plans will be! Here's a sneak peek at St Peter's design-



I sincerely hope you all managed to have some quality time with loved ones in the Easter break and we were very lucky with the weather. I managed a couple of days out exploring the Welsh countryside on bikes and on foot, so feel quite refreshed and ready for a busy yet productive summer term. I know Buddy is keen to get back into work too, not that you could tell from the photograph!



Thank you once again to parents, grandparents and PTAs from both schools your support is truly appreciated and you are helping us make a great difference for your amazing children.

My very best wishes

Jason Gathercole



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#### Message from THE TSA

The TSA have just purchased a number of Glockenspiels for Maple class to use in their music scheme.

Ice cream sales will be  
6,13,20th May  
10,17,24th June  
8th & 15th July

We still need helpers for certain dates so if you can spare some time with the odd date please contact Karen.

The TSA gardening group have been extremely busy and have cleared some of the old tyre planters out and organised planting of wildflowers around the perimeter of the field. They have started to prepare for the New forest school area - more exciting news on that coming soon!

A reminder than any parent can join the TSA at any time and we would encourage parents to attend a meeting and see what we really do. If anyone has any ideas for future fundraising ideas please approach a member to discuss.



## Fundraising FASHION SHOW & Shopping Event

**YOUR FAVOURITE BRANDS AT UP TO 75% OFF**

MARKS & SPENCER WHITE STUFF WALLIS  
EVANS PLANET TOPSHOP NEXT MONSOON  
HOBBS BODEN WAREHOUSE & MANY MORE  
PLUS FRENCH & ITALIAN DESIGNER WEAR

**SIZES  
6 TO 30**

**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

At Kingstone Village Hall. ST14 8QN.

Doors open at 6:30 ready for show to begin at 7pm.

**£6 per ticket to include a drink on arrival.**

Raising funds for Talbot First School, TSA

To buy a ticket contact Jo on 07813758803

Come and grab some bargains for summer.

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### WHAT IS A DIGITAL LEADER?

Digital Leaders are children with a passion for technology who want to share their knowledge with others and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school. Being a Digital Leader is a fantastic opportunity to take on responsibility, learn new skills, develop and demonstrate leadership skills and be a real help for busy teachers.

### WHAT ROLES WILL DIGITAL LEADERS HAVE?

- Meet with the Online Safety Coordinator at least once per half term.
- Complete Digital Leader challenges every half term.
- Support their peers in using technology.
- Support staff in fetching and setting up devices for lessons.
- Support staff in assemblies with technology.
- Take photographs (for example in assemblies) and download images from devices.
- Review resources and feedback about Computing across the Federation.
- Create guides for younger children to use.
- Be role models and support their peers in using technology.
- Contribute to the Online Safety Newsletter.

### HOW COULD I BECOME A DIGITAL LEADER?

Pupils will need to fill in an application form to apply to be a Digital Leader from Reception to Year 4. In each year group, there will be 2 digital leaders. As there are only 2 children from each year group who will become Digital Leaders, not every application will be successful. The Digital Leaders will receive support in their role but there are some skills needed to be considered for the role. These include:

- A good knowledge of Purple Mash.
- Confidence in using technology.
- Understanding of why online safety is important.
- Knows how to use technology safely and report any issues.
- Show an enthusiasm for learning and sharing their knowledge with others.



Is this something that you think you'd like to apply for? If so, please fill out an application form and send it to school by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. All applicants will be contacted after the following week on the outcome of their application. Good luck!

## Handwriting Competition

Well done to the entries in the Handwriting competition, It was lovely to see the entries displayed in Tesco in Uttoxeter.

## Parent Pay

Please can you ensure your Parent pay account is in credit. We appreciate your patience while the wraparound care and preschool payments are being sorted. If you are experiencing any difficulties making a payment please speak to Mr Gathercole or Mrs Hill in confidence.





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#### Dates for the Diary

2nd May Bank Holiday  
4th May TSA Fashion Show  
10th May Tempest photos  
19th May Yr 4 Transition day  
23 - 25th May Whitemoor Lakes  
26th May Maple Theatre Trip  
12th July Drop in open evening  
19th July Last day of Term  
20th July Inset Day

#### Inset Day's

Monday 25th April 2022  
Wednesday 20th July 2022  
Monday 5th September 2022  
Friday 21st October 2022  
Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023  
Wednesday 4th Jan 2023