

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Music of the Week: Radetzky March by J. Strauss

Dear Parents/Carers

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

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	WRAP AROUND Care (AM) Safer Internet Day <b>Golden Assembly</b>	WRAP AROUND Care Safer Internet Day <b>Golden Assembly</b>

Key dates for your diary

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	GREEN TREAT!	GREEN TREAT!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration Assembly 9.30am	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Maple visit to Creswell Craggs	Birch visit to Creswell Craggs
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		EASTER celebration Service at 2pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY - School closed to children	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability Level 1 Yrs 3 and 4 only	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Bikeability Level 1 Yrs 3 and 4 only
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 visit to Oldfields	Year 4 visit to Oldfields

### 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 or another senior member of staff is made available to you. For non-urgent meetings, you are welcome to telephone the School Office. Mrs. Hill manages 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.
- No-one wants to think about the unthinkable but it is important that schools have measures in place to deal with unwanted visitors either on the school grounds or within the school buildings. This week, we have reviewed our PREVENT procedures and have a clear system in place should the worst happen.

#### EXCITING NEWS!

We have made plans for the children to take part in the Derby Faith Trail. This will provide an exciting opportunity for the children to learn about other faiths and cultures.

- THANK YOU for helping to sharpen up our start to the day! There has been a very noticeable reduction in the number of late arrivals - WELL DONE EVERYONE! Just as a reminder:
  - School gates open at 8.50am and close at 9am.
  - All children need to be in class by 9am.
  - Registers will then close at 9.10am.
  - If you arrive after 9am, you will need to bring your child to the school office to avoid any disruption to learning that will have already started.
  - If you arrive after 9am but before 9.10am, your child will be marked as LATE on the register.
  - If you arrive after 9.10am, your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

- LATES and unauthorised absence are picked up during register health checks carried out by Education Welfare.
- Another THANK YOU for making sure that we can claim to be a HEALTHY school. Most children this week have come to school with drinking water in their bottles and have also brought a healthy snack. Please ensure that as NUT FREE Zones and schools which promote healthy eating, water bottles only contain water (no flavoured water please) and that snacks are limited to either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Please ensure that the snack does not contain any nuts.
- This week I have reviewed policies and procedures in order to manage ASTHMA. If your child is already on our Asthma register, you will receive a letter asking you to update us on your child's Asthma status. Clear procedures are in place to ensure the safety and welfare of your child. Please ensure that school inhalers are kept up to date and that we have got a spacer to use with your child.
- We have looked MUCH smarter this week and most children have arrived at school ready to learn, wearing the agreed uniform. THANK YOU for supporting us with this. Can I clarify that PE kit during these colder months should be:
  - White t-shirt
  - Black shorts
  - Black sweatshirt/jogging bottoms/plain, warm black leggings
  - Suitable footwear
- This week, we have put procedures in place to keep you informed about your child's attendance and also to manage attendance that drops below our school target of 96%. Your child will be bringing home a letter today which informs you of your child's attendance this academic year to date, ie. from September 2022 to last week. You will notice that there are three attendance bands - GREEN for attendance within 96 - 100%, AMBER for attendance 90 - 95.9% and RED for attendance below 90%. You will be updated at the end of each half term. As our next holiday is only two weeks away, your next attendance report will be just before the Easter break. I hope that you find this information useful in helping your child to maintain GREEN attendance. Don't forget, we can manage headaches and sniffly noses in school so always try to send your child if at all possible. Don't forget that in the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, your youngster will need to remain off school for 48 hours from the LAST episode to ensure that they are completely clear. Each newsletter will inform you of the class with the best attendance for the week and also the whole school attendance figure for the week.
- I am still receiving some requests for HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME. Please note that leave of absence will not be granted for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional 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. Where unapproved holidays are taken during term time, it is likely that a PENALTY NOTICE will be issued.

- I have noticed that we are establishing much clearer lines of communication. Please can I ask that in the first instance you:
  - Speak to the class teacher if it is a class-based issue or ask the school office to arrange for the class teacher to give you a call.
  - If the class teacher is not able to resolve the issue or you are not happy with the outcome, then speak to me or drop me an email and I will do everything I can to sort out the problem.
  - If you are not happy with the outcome having spoken to me, then your next step would be to formally raise the issue with our Governing Body who will then look into the matter for you. Please remember that no Governor can be involved in managing your issue or complaint if they have prior knowledge of your issue.
- Please remember that if earrings are worn, this should be a small, plain stud. Please remember to remove earrings on PE days. Don't forget that we are not allowed to remove earrings for safeguarding reasons. 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 several weeks. In the same way, in line with our uniform policy, hair must be tied back and no jewellery is permitted.
- You will notice that the music of the week is Radetzky March by J. Strauss. Try listening to this one without feeling the need to clap along! Help your youngster to watch a YouTube video clip - try and find one which shows an orchestra. Alternatively ask Alexa to play it for you. There's a Dojo waiting for anyone who can find out one fact about the music or the composer!

#### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Miss Beynon and Mrs. Holden remain absent from school. In their absence, we are extremely grateful to Miss Davies and Miss Wright and all our regular support staff who are ensuring consistency in learning

Last week's Certificate winners - WELL DONE to all these children!

Talbot	St. Peter's
Maths - Elijah English - Indie STAR of the Week - Tegan, Leo Golden Certificate - Lola	Maths - Toby, Florence English - Harriet, Eliza Christian Values - Samuel, Vivienne Golden Certificate - Clara, Huxley

I am always pleased to hear about and celebrate out of school achievements so keep sending them in so that we can celebrate together!

FOMS and TSA work really hard to raise money in order to provide additional experiences for our children. They have got some REALLY exciting events planned for our children this year. They are always looking for volunteers to join the group or simply to help out at some events. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Mrs. Hill or Mrs. Timmis in the School Office who will be happy to pass on your details! Please try and help out if you can - sometimes it's just some extra energy that's needed for a particular event!

#### ATTENDANCE THIS LAST WEEK:

Talbot	St. Peter's
Class with best attendance:	Class with best attendance:
Whole School attendance this week: 97.35% This meets our school target of 96%	Whole School attendance this week: 90.42% This does not meet our school target or meet national expectations

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

W.J. Farrington