

24th March 2023

Music of the Week: Fur Elise by Beethoven

Dear Parents/Carers

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

	Talbot	St. Peter's
Monday 27 th March	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Tuesday 28 th March	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care EASTER HAT PARADE AND EGG HUNT!
Wednesday 29 th March	WRAP AROUND Care	WRAP AROUND Care
Thursday 30 th March	WRAP AROUND Care GREEN TREAT! EASTER HAT PARADE around the village at 2.30pm	WRAP AROUND Care GREEN TREAT!
Friday 31 st March	WRAP AROUND Care (AM) Easter Celebration at 9.15am in the school hall TSA Cake sale 3.20pm - 4pm	WRAP AROUND Care EASTER celebration Service at 2pm in the church FOMS Sweet Stall after service

Key dates for your diary

	Talbot	St. Peter's
Monday 3 rd April - Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY	EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 17 th April	INSET DAY - School closed to children	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Thursday 27 th April	Bikeability Level 1 Yrs 3 and 4 only	
W/C 15 th May	Statutory Year 2 SATS	Statutory Year 2 SATS Bikeability Level 1 Yrs 3 and 4 only
Thursday 18 th May	Year 4 visit to Oldfields	Year 4 visit to Oldfields
W/C		
W/C 5 th June - 16 th June	Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
W/C 12 th June	Statutory Year 1 Phonics Check	Statutory Year 1 Phonics Check

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 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). 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.
- If you require School to administer medicine to your child, please ensure that you have completed the necessary paperwork and that the medicine is handed **directly in to the School Office**. Don't forget - we can only administer prescription medicine.
- THANK YOU to everyone who has already sent me SHOUT-OUTS in appreciation of our wonderful staff. The staff are delighted and feel really appreciated!

- We waved the older children off early this morning on their way to CRESWELL CRAGS. It was a great learning experience and the children very much enjoyed this out of school opportunity. A huge THANK YOU to Miss Vickers for arranging the visit and to all the staff who accompanied the children and made the trip possible.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr. Kitching remains absent from school. I will continue to lead the school in his absence, supported by Miss Beynon. Mrs. Holden also remains absent from school.

A big thank you to ALL the staff at both sites for going the extra mile to ensure that our schools run smoothly without any interruption to learning.

EXCITING NEWS!

You will see from the key dates that next Thursday is our second GREEN TREAT in both schools! We have really noticed a huge difference in the behaviour in school and are very much hoping that we are going to be packed out this time!

- PLEASE NOTE - if your child becomes unwell at school and needs to go home, it will not be possible to take any siblings at the same time unless it is within the last 30 minutes of the school day. This is to ensure that there is no interruption to their learning and ensures that they retain the attendance percentage that they deserve.
- Just a reminder that our Wrap Around Care at TFS is still running on the reduced hours opening at 8am in the morning and closing at 5pm at night. Don't forget - there is no Care Club on a Friday evening.
- READING AT HOME - Please try to read with your child every day. When you read with your child, please write in the reading diary or for the older children, support them in writing in the diary themselves. Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary is in school every day please.

FOR THE ATTENTION OF PARENTS of NURSERY-AGED CHILDREN

As you will be aware, there is always a short-fall in Nursery funding during the Spring and Summer terms of each year. This short-fall equates to one week during each of the two terms which is not funded. Parents/Carers are given the option of paying for one week for each term or choosing to keep their little one out of Nursery for one week. If you have not already paid for one week's provision or kept your youngster out of Nursery for a week this term, the short-fall week will be the final week of the term, ie. next week. Looking ahead, the shortfall week for the summer term will be the last FULL week before the end of the school year.

Please let the School Office know how you intend to manage the shortfall.

Please note that the shortfall week can not be carried over into the summer term.

- It was lovely to see so many parents this week at St. Peter's Parents' Evening. I hope that you found it worthwhile to come along and discuss your child's progress and next steps. Thank you to Mrs Cox for joining us _ I know that many parents found it useful to be able to talk to her.
- Please help us to remain smart by keeping to our agreed uniform standards. If for some reason, your child is not able to come to school in the expected uniform, they will be challenged by Staff unless you have already made us aware of the reason. 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.

Don't forget - next week we are holding our EASTER HAT PARADES! If you still haven't got round to it, there is still time this weekend to get creative. I am very much looking forward to seeing all the AMAZING creations next week!

- Staff are always happy for you to drop them an email if you have a query or concern. When leading such busy lives, it is a quick and easy way to make contact with the class teacher. Staff will, wherever possible, always try and respond to your email on the day that they receive it. Please note that emails

that are received after 4.30pm will not receive a response until the following day. In the same way, emails received on a Friday after 4.30pm will not receive a response until Monday morning. This helps staff to try and achieve a healthier work/life balance and ensures some essential down time for them. Any emails sent during a school holiday will be picked up on the first Monday back.

- **Please note that OFFICE HOURS are 8am - 4pm.**
- Please ensure that drinking bottles only contain WATER. Please do not send expensive water bottles into school because inevitably they do occasionally get broken. Please ensure that snacks are healthy and NUT FREE.
- This week's music is Fur Elise by Beethoven. There are great videos available on YouTube where you will be able to see orchestras playing this piece. 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!

SCHOOL STAFFING VACANCIES

We currently have one vacancy in our Wrap Around Care Club at Talbot. The vacancy is to support the Wrap Around Care Leader. This is an exciting opportunity to work alongside an experienced Play Leader and to help us to provide quality provision for this important aspect of school life. The children of Wrap Around Care Staff are admitted FREE OF CHARGE to the morning and evening sessions!

If you are interested in this vacancy or know someone who may be interested, please speak to Mrs. Hill in the School Office who will be happy to give you more details!

There will be an EASTER DOUBLE ROLL OF HONOUR next Friday for anyone achieving a certificate or celebrating an OUT OF SCHOOL achievement during the last two weeks of this term.

You will notice from the key dates that the TSA are holding a cake sale at 3.20pm on the last day of the term, at Talbot. Please support this event and start the Easter break off with a cake!

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:

- ✓ Attendance this last week is **MUCH** better - Thank you everyone for working together on this. Unfortunately, because our schools are so small, the impact of a very small amount of absence is sufficient to take us below our school target.

Talbot	St. Peter's
Class with best attendance: Miss Davies' Class with 100% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! You get to look after Tiny Ted this next week!	Class with best attendance: Miss Beynon's Class with 99% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! You get to look after Tiny Ted this next week!
Whole School attendance this last week: 95% This does not meet our school target or meet national expectations but is very close!	Whole School attendance this last week: 96% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!
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 hope that you all enjoy a relaxing and peaceful weekend. Thank you for your continued support and interest in our schools - it is very much appreciated.

W.J. Farrington