

1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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

	Talbot	St. Peter's
Monday 4 th March	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE PARENTS' EVENING
Tuesday 5 th March	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Wednesday 6 th March	Non-Uniform for TSA chocolate tombola WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Thursday 7 th March	WRAP AROUND CARE WORLD BOOK DAY TSA Bakes and Books	WRAP AROUND CARE WORLD BOOK DAY PARENTS' EVENING
Friday 8 th March	Mothers/Nans craft afternoon from 1.15pm (Willow class only) Mother's Day Assembly at 2.30pm	WRAP AROUND CARE Girls Biggest Ever Football Session (Years 1 to 4) Mother's Day Assembly at 9.15am FOMS Mother's day Market 2pm - 3.15pm

Key dates for your diary

	Talbot	St. Peter's
11 th March	WARWICK CASTLE Trip PARENTS' EVENING	WARWICK CASTLE Trip
14 th March	PARENTS' EVENING	Easter Church Service at 2pm
22 nd March	TSA Easter Parade and chocolate tombola at 2.45pm	Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.15am
W/C 25 th March	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
8 th April 2024	INSET - School Closed	INSET - School Closed

21 st May	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4
W/C 27 th May	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
22 nd 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 another senior member of staff 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). 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.

ACADEMISATION UPDATE

Just to keep you updated, the date for our two schools to join The Moorlands Primary Trust has been changed from 1st April to 1st May. There is a huge amount of background work involved in academisation, particularly in dealing with the legalities and this can often cause delays. Our staff have already started meeting with the staff of TMPT and so our collaboration has already begun unofficially!

- The Year 3 and 4 children from both sites went off to Chester today for the ROMAN DIVA Experience. Everyone had a fantastic time and got so much from

this out of school learning opportunity! A big THANK YOU to Miss Vickers for organising this amazing learning experience for our older children!

We have celebrated with the following Birthday boys and girls this week!

Oliver B, William C, Poppy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from us all - we hope that you enjoyed your special day!

- Just a reminder that next Wednesday, 6th March is a non-uniform day for Talbot. If your child chooses to come in non-uniform, please send CHOCOLATE for the Easter tombola!
- You will notice from the next week's dates that 7th March is WORLD BOOK DAY. We are inviting children to come to school dressed up as a character from a favourite book (**not a film**) or they could bring a prop from a story book if they would prefer not to dress up.
- Next Friday, 8th March, the children are celebrating their lovely mums! There are exciting events happening in both schools as part of the celebration and we really hope that Mums, Nans or ladies who are special to us will be able to join us.
- Also on March 8th, there is the opportunity for the St. Peter's girls (Years 1 to 4) to take part in the Girls Biggest Ever Football Session for those wishing to take part. This will be a 1 hour session run by Mr. Handy.
- A PARKING REMINDER for St. Peter's - please remember that the gates will close **promptly at 8.30am** each morning to safeguard all children. No vehicles will be permitted to enter/leave the carpark during the period of 8.30am - 9.10am. PLEASE NOTE that the carpark is intended for **STAFF use only**. Could I please ask that Parents/Carers do not use the carpark - your vehicle will not be insured if a bump takes place on this carpark. **Also, please do not park in front of the school gates when dropping off or picking up - this would prevent EMERGENCY VEHICLES being able to enter or leave the school premises.**

- Unfortunately, our two brilliant volunteer Play Leaders will not be able to run our TALBOT TODDLER group from September onwards. As this group is now thriving, we are really keen to keep it going. If there is anyone who is interested in volunteering to run/help out at the playgroup, it runs from 9am til 11am (term time only) on a Wednesday morning in the school hall. Please speak to myself or the Office Staff to express your interest!
- We have got a number of under 1s who attend our TALBOT TODDLERS but we are really short of toys that are suitable for this age range. If you have got any toys that are suitable for UNDER 1s that you would like to donate, they would be gratefully received!

- The after school club activities at Talbot are as follows:

Monday	Craft Night!
Tuesday	Talbot Choir
Wednesday	Gym Club using the apparatus
Thursday	Multi Sports with Jack

- The after school club activities at St. Peter's are as follows:

Monday	Construction
Tuesday	Sports with Jack
Wednesday	Crafty Club!
Thursday	Singing Hands
Friday	Yoga and Mindfulness

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.**

- Don't forget that the price of a school meal is increasing. The meal price from April 2024 will increase from £2.83p to £2.95p per meal.

THANK YOU to everyone who has made payments this week on your PARENTPAY account. If you have a balance which you are finding unmanageable, please speak to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Delaney-Lewis or myself and we will help you to resolve the issue. We fully appreciate that most of us are having to juggle finances to manage the cost-of-living crisis and we are here to help you and support you.

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.

- Just a reminder that PARENTS' EVENING appointments start next week at St. Peter's. If you have still not made an appointment, please do so. It is essential that you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at this point in the year and ensure that they are on track to meet their end of year expectations. Talbot appointments will take place in the following week with Miss Davies, Miss Allen and Mrs. Lovat.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with their water bottle. Water bottles are kept in the classroom and the children are able to freely access them as they wish.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs. Holden remains absent from school. Miss Davies and Mrs. Dwyer will continue to cover the class supported by Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Fowler.

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.

- We all recognise and understand that children end up with lumps, bumps and injuries whilst playing at home! If your child has suffered an **out-of-school injury**, please be sure to let a member of staff know when they are dropped off in a morning.
- HOMEWORK is an important aspect of school life. It provides the opportunity to apply and consolidate learning that has already taken place. Please support your child to complete these weekly tasks in order to give them the best chance of success.
- The weather started off decidedly wintry first thing! To ensure that we are all prepared, please be clear on our snow procedure:

In the event of SNOW, school will remain open wherever possible. Closure will be a last resort and will depend on a number of factors:

- ❖ The availability of meals for the children
- ❖ The temperature in school
- ❖ The condition of roads and pavements on route to and from school
- ❖ The availability of staff.

In the event of necessary closure due to snow during the day, a message will be sent to you via Dojo asking you to make your way to school as safely as possible to pick up your child. In the event of heavy snow overnight, a decision will be made as early as possible on the following morning and a message will be sent out to you on Dojo. The closure will also be posted on our school website. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE and that we have more than one contact for you.

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.

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. Reading every day makes a REAL DIFFERENCE!

A colorful poster for the Kingstone Toddler Group. At the top, a rainbow arches over a banner that reads "Kingstone Toddler Group" in large, red, bubbly letters. Below the banner, it says "AT TALBOT FIRST SCHOOL" and "Wednesday 9-11am (Term Time Only)". The poster is decorated with various illustrations: a lion's head, a pink rabbit, a yellow chick, a red tulip, a yellow flower, and two children hugging. The text in the center reads: "A friendly group for children aged 0-4 years and their carers. Come and join us for a chat and play! Plenty of toys, activities and crafts." Below that, it says: "£2 per session: includes squash and snack for children plus tea/coffee and biscuits for adults". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "For more information please contact: Jordanne - 07940252543 or Talbot First School - 01889 500273". A small school crest is visible in the bottom right corner.

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

The Woodlands Federation Certificate Winners

Certificate:	Talbot:		St Peter's:	
Pen Licence				
Presentation Award	Willow:		Ash:	
	Maple:		Birch:	Elsie P
Maths Award:	Willow:	Noah	Ash:	George
	Maple:	Molly	Birch:	Teddy
English Award:	Willow:	Ivy	Ash:	Lauren S
	Maple:	Jasper	Birch:	William
Star of the week:	Willow:	Arthur	Ash:	Oliver B, Lyla
	Maple:	Annabel	Birch:	Sam B
Golden rules/value award:	Willow:	Tegan	Ash:	Jenson
	Maple:	Ruby	Birch:	Olivia,
Headteacher award:	Willow:		Ash:	
	Maple:		Birch:	Florence O, Elsie H, Harriet M, Lucia F.
Out of School Achievements:				
Talbot:			St Peter's:	

WELL DONE to all these children!

ATTENDANCE THIS LAST WEEK:

Attendance at both sites last week was **EXCELLENT!** A massive **WELL DONE** to everyone!

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: Joint winners - both classes with 100% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! You get to share Tiny Ted this next week!
Whole School attendance this last week: 99.6% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!	Whole School attendance this last week: 100% 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. Please remember - because we are small schools, a week's holiday from one child is sufficient to take the school below national expectation. Where unapproved holidays are taken during term time, it is likely that a PENALTY NOTICE will now be issued.	

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend - Let's hope for some spring sunshine!

W.J. Farrington