

3rd May 2024

Music of the Week: Wedding day at Trolldhaugen

Dear Parents/Carers

May has crept around the corner bringing some much warmer weather. Let's hope it lasts through the bank holiday weekend!

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

	Talbot	St. Peter's
Monday 6 th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Wednesday 8 th May	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Thursday 9 th May	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Friday 10 th May	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE

Key dates for your diary:

	Talbot	St. Peter's
14 th May	Tempest class photographs	
15 th May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	WHITEMOOR LAKES
16 th May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	ASM Sport Enrichment Day
17 th May	WHITEMOOR LAKES ASM Sport Enrichment Day	WHITEMOOR LAKES
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

W/c 3 rd June	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4
7 th June		Tempest class photographs
6 th June	D Day Celebration!	D Day Celebration!
W/c 10 th June	Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING	Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING
20 th June	Summer Solstice Sounds	Summer Solstice Sounds
21 st June	TSA sponsored walk ASM Sport Enrichment Day	
24 th June		ASM Sport Enrichment Day
3 rd July	YEAR 4 transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3	Year 4 Transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3
5 th July	REPORTS sent home	REPORTS sent home
12 th July	Leaver's assembly at 9.15am	Leaver's Assembly at 2pm
19 th July	END OF TERM	END OF 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 Miss Beynon 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. Just a reminder that no messages will be read outside of these hours. **Please also email the OFFICE EMAIL for WAC bookings and emergencies and not Dojo as the office email is**

the only place that both Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Delaney-Lewis can access the same message

There are still some places available at St. Peter's for Reception 2024. A lot of people don't know that our lovely school exists so don't forget to SPREAD THE WORD!

- There were no music lessons at TALBOT today as Georgina was unwell. Today's lesson will be credited to next half term so that you will only be charged for 6 lessons not 7. Please note:

St. Peter's

Music lessons for Years 3 & 4 who will be going on the Inspire Trip will be on Thursday 23rd May instead to ensure children don't miss a lesson. Please send your child with their music books on the Thursday.

Reception, Year 1 and 2's music lessons will be on the Tuesday as normal.

Talbot

Due to the trip to Whitemoor Lakes, music lessons will take place on Monday 13th May instead of Friday. Please send your child with their music books on the Monday.

- Please remember that we are a health promoting school and therefore playtime snacks must be **a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable**. Other snack items can be included as part of a packed lunch but not eaten on the yard at playtime. Children understandably become upset when they are challenged about their playtime snack. We have talked to the children about the fact that when a group of people work together, there has to be an agreed set of rules and that we all must work within these boundaries in order to work effectively and fairly with each other. Please support your child by sending a piece of fruit or vegetable for playtime.
- I have had a lengthy meeting with the new Catering Manager of *Edwards and Ward* today. During the last few weeks, the company has been seriously affected by staff absence and this has resulted in the quality of service falling below the expected standard. I have been assured today that the expected level of service has now been resumed and we have certainly noticed a great improvement this week!
- A reminder for all YEAR 4 Parents that the residential trip to WHITEMOOR LAKES will be taking place the week after next. Please look out for next week's

newsletter which will include details about suitable clothing (depending on the weather forecast), along with other last minute checks! **Any medications the children are taking (which are not already kept in school) such as antihistamines need to be brought into school by Friday 10th May in a box with the child's name and written instructions about dosage.**

- The Talbot SCHOOL LIBRARY is looking incredibly organised thanks to Miss Allen, Ellie, Lola, Rubie, Hollie, Molly and Miya. A massive THANK YOU to you all for all your hard work and for giving your time freely to help out with this. Enjoy your hard-earned HEAD TEACHER AWARDS!
- The second round of RAFFLE TICKETS has gone into our grand draw today for any child who has read at home at least THREE times this week! Well done to all those children. If you didn't get a ticket this week, make sure that you read at home at least 3 times this coming week. You also need to make sure that your reading diary goes home every day so that any reading at home can be recorded. Some children are missing out on a ticket because although they have read at least 3 times at home, it is not recorded in their diary. **Please note that reading at home diary entries must be initialled by an adult in order to qualify.** Don't forget - At the end of each term, a winning ticket will be drawn for each class. The winner will receive a £10 book voucher to spend as they wish. **REMEMBER - YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

This week, the following number of children have read at least three times this week:

WILLOW	4
MAPLE	13
ASH	8
BIRCH	20

This is a significant increase on last week's numbers!

- The weather is very changeable at the moment and many children were caught out today because following the warm day yesterday, they came to school without a coat. At this time of the year, please be prepared for all weather and make sure that your child has a coat in school.
- In the case of sunny weather, don't forget that sun cream should be applied in the first instance at home in the morning. Most of our children - and with our usual

weather - will not need repeated reapplications at break and lunchtime. There is an 8-hour sun cream especially for children that can now be purchased, so as not to lose valuable lesson and play time! **Take care when choosing sun protection for several brands of sun cream use nut oil (particularly almond oil) and this can trigger nut allergies.** Please remember that we can supervise the application of suncream but for SAFEGUARDING REASONS we are not allowed to apply sun protection.

You will see from the key dates that we will all be celebrating D-Day on 6th June. We are hoping that everyone will dress up and really get into the spirit of the day. Whether fighting for freedom or keeping the home fires burning, Land girl or Officer, we CANNOT wait to see what you come up with! There are lots of ideas out there and a whole range of costumes available if you're short of time and are looking for a quick fix!

- We have still had a lot of children coming to school this week without their WATER BOTTLES. Water bottles are placed in the classroom and are freely available for the children. It is a proven fact that WATER BOOSTS LEARNING. When we are thirsty, mental performance including memory, attention and concentration can DECREASE by about 10%. Please remember to send your child into school with their bottle. Don't forget that we are a health promoting school and so bottle should only contain WATER.
- This next week's HOMEWORK has been set and is being sent home today (with an extra day at home to complete it!) Don't forget that it is due back by next Friday at the latest but please send it in earlier if it is already completed.
- Last night, the school hall at TALBOT was packed out with children who stayed after school to enjoy the FILM NIGHT. A huge THANK YOU to the TSA for organising this event. There were certainly LOTS of giggles heard coming from the hall!
- Don't forget that our TALBOT TODDLERS runs every Wednesday morning in the school hall. Come along for a cuppa and a chat while the little ones have fun playing together!



- Our BREAKFAST and TEA offer is working really well with more and more parents choosing to book extended hours in our WRAP AROUND CARE! Don't forget - the menu for this half of the summer term is as follows:

SUMMER TERM 2024 WAC MENU			
	Breakfast	Snacks	Light Tea
Monday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Tuesday	Cheese Oatcakes & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Beans on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Wednesday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Scrambled Egg on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Thursday	Beans/Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Jacket Potato with cheese/beans Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake

			Juice
Friday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice

Children who are booked into WAC beyond 4.30pm will be asked on that morning, what they would like for their tea on that day. Tea will be served from 4.30pm onwards.

We hope that you will find this extended service useful and helpful.

- Please note that APRIL CHARGES will be added on to your ParentPay account next week. If you have an outstanding debt and have agreed a payment plan in principle but have not signed and returned the plan, **please do so by next Tuesday 7th May**. In the absence of a signed payment plan, you are at risk of having your services suspended. Where this is the case, no further bookings will be accepted for Wrap Around Care and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch if your child is in Years 3 or 4. We are here to support you and will always want to work with you when things financially are running tight or have got out of control. Please remember that if your child is in YEAR 4 and you are working with us to clear any outstanding monies owed to the school, the debt will need to be cleared by the end of the summer term. There will be no provision to continue with a payment plan after July 19th when your child leaves us. Any money that is still outstanding after this point will have to be referred to our DEBT COLLECTION service.
- You will see from the key dates that the **Year 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK** will take place in week commencing 3rd June and the **Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST** will take place in the week commencing 10th June. There are lots of on line resources available for you to use at home to help your child to meet the required standard. If you would like more information about how you can help your child to prepare for these milestone tests, please ask your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to advise you.

- Please ensure that your child's summer uniform is in line with our uniform guidance on the school website **and that all items of uniform are clearly named** - this is the time of year when jumpers and cardigans start to come off and can easily become lost if the item isn't named. It is very difficult for us to find a lost item or for you to identify your child's lost item if uniform is not named.

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 with the exception of PLAIN STUD earrings.**

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

<u>The Woodlands Federation Certificate Winners</u>				
Certificate:	Talbot:		St Peter's:	
Pen Licence			Lucia (Y2)	
Presentation Award	Willow:	Harry	Ash:	

	Maple:	Annabel, Mia, Summer, Leo, Elijah	Birch:	Georgia, Sam, Florence E, Lucia, Harriet, Ava, Alfie,
Maths Award:	Willow:	Ivy	Ash:	Eva
	Maple:	Hollie	Birch:	Elsie H
English Award:	Willow:	Poppy	Ash:	Lucy (1), Raija
	Maple:	Rubie	Birch:	Sam
Star of the week:	Willow:	Evie	Ash:	Albie, Niamh R
	Maple:	Lola	Birch:	Annie
Golden rules/value award:	Willow:	Arthur	Ash:	
	Maple:	Mia	Birch:	Florence O
Headteacher award:	Willow:		Ash:	Cooper, Jenson
	Maple:	Ellie, Lola, Rubie, Hollie, Molly, Miya, Miss Allen	Birch:	
Out of School Achievements:				
Talbot:		St Peter's:		
Noah - Rainbow 20m Swimming Award Pippa Dance Award for Improver Starter Star in Tap		Cal - Beavers certificate of investiture Jenson - football medal for penalty Hugo - horse riding rosette Elsie H - football trophy Eliza -Swimathon medal (her team beat their target of swimming over 7000 lengths, of which Eliza did 68).		

WELL DONE to all these children!

ATTENDANCE: Attendance was FABULOUS last week - Look at all this GREEN!

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 100% 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: 97.7% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!	Whole School attendance this last week: 97.2% 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.	

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.

I hope that you all enjoy an enjoyable long weekend. It is just 3 weeks left until half term - the time is just flying by!

W.J. Farrington