

19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that two weeks have slipped by already!

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

	Talbot	St. Peter's
Monday 22nd April	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Tuesday 23rd April	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Wednesday 24th April	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE
Thursday 25th April	YEAR 4 transition to OLDFIELDS for the day WRAP AROUND CARE	YEAR 4 transition to OLDFIELDS for the day WRAP AROUND CARE
Friday 26th April	WRAP AROUND CARE	WRAP AROUND CARE

Key dates for your diary:

	Talbot	St. Peter's
2 nd May	TSA Film Evening	
6 th May	MAY DAY	MAY DAY
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!

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 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. 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**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

On Monday, we reviewed our HOMEWORK POLICY to ensure that homework is manageable, purposeful and supports our curriculum. As from next Friday 26th March, the following homework will be set:

Reception	Spellings, Word Wall for tricky words, Maths/English (on alternate weeks), reading book
Year 1	Spellings, reading book, Maths/English (on alternate weeks), handwriting
Year 2	Spellings, Maths, Reading comprehension (60 second read), reading book, handwriting
Year 3	Spellings, Maths, Reading Comprehension, reading book, handwriting
Year 4	Spellings, Maths, Reading Comprehension, reading book, handwriting

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be collected in on the following Friday to allow maximum time for completion.

EXCITING NEWS!

READING AT HOME is really important and we have set a target for the children to read at home AT LEAST three times a week. This can take any form of reading - books, comics, newspapers, on-line etc. Reading diaries are monitored on a Friday. From next Monday, 22nd March, each child who has read three times at home that week will get a raffle ticket to enter the PRIZE DRAW. Each week, each child will earn a further raffle ticket if they have read at least three times at home. 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. **Please note that reading at home diary entries must be initialled by an adult in order to qualify.**

- A huge THANK YOU to everyone who managed to attend the FOMS EGM today. Your time to attend and contribution to the meeting was very much appreciated.

- We are still hoping to find two new Play Leaders to run our TALBOT TODDLER group from this term onwards. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find two volunteers who have 2 hours to spare on a Wednesday morning, the group will have to close. 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!
- Our Peter Pan playgroup are looking for donations of any unwanted toys suitable for children age 1 to 3 years and also any storage solutions! Please pass any donations on to Stacey (Cooper's mum) or Claire (Hattie's mum). Thank you!

Don't forget the changes that we have implemented in our Wrap Around Care clubs begin next Monday 22nd April. TALBOT WAC Club will be extending their hours as follows:

Monday to Friday

7.30am - 9am

3.30pm - 6pm.

At both sites, the Breakfast Club will include a range of breakfasts that are available should you wish your child to get to school and then enjoy their breakfast. In the After School Club, all children will be offered a light snack at around 3.30pm each day. For children who are booked in after 4.30pm, there will be tea available to them. I am including a sample menu for the summer term:

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.

WE HAVE CELEBRATED THE FOLLOWING BIRTHDAYS THIS LAST WEEK

William B, Mr.Farrington

We hope that you really enjoyed your birthdays!

- THANK YOU to everyone who is working with us to clear any outstanding money owed to the school. 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 note that the Wrap Around charges for March **have not yet been added** to your account but will be updated next week. Also, 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.

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.

- You will see from the key dates that the Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST and the Year 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK dates are getting closer. 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.
- The after school club activities at Talbot for this next half term will be as follows:

Monday	Gardening
Tuesday	Choir
Wednesday	Multi Sports
Thursday	Gardening
Friday	Open play

- The after school club activities at St. Peter's for this next half term will be as follows:

Monday	Computer club
Tuesday	Multi Sports
Wednesday	Craft Club
Thursday	Forest School
Friday	Open play

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.**

- 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!

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				
Presentation Award	Willow:	Harry	Ash:	
	Maple:	Harry, Rubie, Hollie, Ellie, Miya, Lola, Molly, Jack, Max, Annabel, Pippa, Xander	Birch:	Lucia

Maths Award:	Willow:	Lottie	Ash:	Eva
	Maple:	Pippa	Birch:	Alfie
English Award:	Willow:	Tegan	Ash:	Toby
	Maple:	Summer	Birch:	Aimee
Star of the week:	Willow:	Harry	Ash:	Lauren B
	Maple:	Alex	Birch:	Sam
Golden rules/value award:	Willow:	Olivia	Ash:	Bonnie
	Maple:		Birch:	Whole Class
Headteacher award:	Willow:		Ash:	
	Maple:	Harry, Jasper	Birch:	
Out of School Achievements:				
Talbot:		St Peter's:		
Jasper - Uttoxeter Under 9s Player of the Match!		Jenson - Football medal Lauren S. - rainbows badge for Saving the Planet Elsie P - Horse riding rosettes Nancy - Football trophy Lucia, Harriet, Olivia - Gymnast of the Week Award		

WELL DONE to all these children!

ATTENDANCE: Attendance was really low at Talbot last week in Maple Class due to a very nasty bug which they all shared!

Talbot	St. Peter's
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<p>Class with best attendance: Miss Davies' class with 97.9%</p> <p>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</p>	<p>Class with best attendance: - Miss Beynon's class with 100%</p> <p>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</p> <p>You get to share Tiny Ted this next week!</p>
<p>Whole School attendance this last week: 92.6%</p> <p>This falls short of our school target and does not meet national expectations.</p>	<p>Whole School attendance this last week: 96.9%</p> <p>WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!</p>
<p>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.</p>	

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 weekend.

W.J. Farrington

