

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 21st December, 2018



Playground Plans....

With the final snagging issues resolved for the Library projects, we can now turn our attention towards ensuring the remaining PTA donation of £16,000 is used to begin the renovation of the school playground area. The programme of improvement will take place over the next year, taking into account both the significance and amount of the donation and of course, the rather inclement and unpredictable British weather!

Part one of the programme will include a:

- refresh and re-paint of the playground markings
- re-paint and refresh of the decking and play installations

Phase two of the programme will include:

- introducing two zoned areas on the Key Stage One and Lower Key Stage Two playgrounds, with additional fencing to facilitate cosier areas on the playground
- replacing the scooter stands
- re-seeding the grass on the school field to support access in 2019

If there is any surplus in these allocated funds after the programme of improvement, we will look to the longer term goal of replacing the grass with high quality astro-turf.

None of this is of course possible without the PTA and your donations – thank you!

This Month's Message From Our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 Children Supporting Better Online Safety Practice):

'Don't feel pressured to reply immediately in chats. If people are your friends, they will wait for you to reply.'

The Autumn term came to its traditional conclusion today with our annual visit to St. Andrew's Church. This one opportunity for all of our children, from Reception to Year Six, to enjoy an assembly together, is a highlight for all those associated with the school. Although walking over 450 children through the local streets is by no means an enviable task, it was made all the more possible due to the number of parent/carer helpers who ensured our safe arrival and return. Thank you for taking time out to support the school.

The service followed on from the various festive performances which took place last week. Not only were we wowed by Nursery and Reception's first joint performance of the 'Wriggly Nativity', but we were also left impressed by the efforts of all the children in the Key Stage One, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 performances. The jokes however, may need a little more work! Thank you for your kind words about the performances – these have all been passed onto the Talbot team, and are much appreciated.

This year your donations successfully raised an amazing **£874.22** for St. Gemma's Hospice, a very worthy cause – thank you.

We must also extend our thanks for the extremely generous donations received as part of the **Reverse Advent Calendar**, organised by Mrs Liddington. We have all been so impressed by the diligent and unassuming way in which children have generously donated an item, however big or small, every day for the local food bank. These small acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed.

Yesterday morning, the children also enjoyed their first '**class buddy**' event of the year. Reception joined forces with Year 6, Year 1 with Year 4, Year 2 with Year 5 and Nursery with Year 3, to enjoy a morning of craft, model-making and collaboration. The sense of excitement was palpable and a real highlight to end the year for the children.

As you will see overleaf, Miss Ward and Miss Gilbert have provided a summary of our sporting progress since last half term. There is also an additional reminder with regards to the **correct PE kit** for all children. Please do take a few minutes to refresh yourself as to the school-based expectations for PE kit, as this is designed to maintain the school's high standards, as well as ensure children are well equipped for PE...whatever the weather.

Finally, the school website is always good to look at to gain a flavor of the many other highlights in school since the last newsletter; these include: Fabian Hamilton, MP's visit to Key Stage Two children, Year 2's 'Great Fire of London' exhibition, Year 3's 'Cave School', Year 4's 'volcanic eruptions' and Year 6's 'Great Cooking Showdown'. I am very pleased to say that we will shortly be transferring to a new Talbot Primary website – so watch this space for an update after the break!

Please accept my best wishes for the holiday period and the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 8th January 2019.**

Regards,
Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

Sports Summary Report

Welcome to the half-termly Sports summary reports from Miss Ward and Miss Gilbert. We hope this provides an ongoing overview of our sporting achievements in school and in inter-school competitions.

This half term we have launched our own 'Sports Ambassadors' programme. Children from Year 6 were asked to apply for the role with six then selected with specialisms in different areas of sport. The children have been running lunchtime activities for Key Stage One on the playground, and lunchtime clubs on Fridays for Key Stage Two. It has been fantastic to see so many children in school being involved in sport at lunchtimes, led by their peers.

A group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Cross Country competition against other schools in North East Leeds. The children were fantastic and all gave 100% on what was a hard event on a cold day! A special well done to Emma (Year 6), Billy (Year 4) and Rafael (Year 4) for qualifying to represent Talbot at the Leeds Cross Country Final.

A group of Year 6 boys went to a football competition led by Leeds United. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for the next round, however the boys played really well as a team and showed true sportsmanship. We are really proud of their efforts.

An important reminder that children should have appropriate PE kit for outdoor PE (jumper, tracksuit bottoms and trainers) especially as the weather is getting much colder. Please see the uniform policy for more information about what they need.
<http://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk/files/school-uniform-may-18---may-21.pdf>

A Reminder Please...

When sending cash into school to pay for visits, dinner money, etc., please send it in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, the reason (and the amount, where possible) written on it. This will be of great help to the office team. Many thanks.

Junior Librarians

From January we will be using our Key Stage Two Library in earnest.

Children in Year 6 have received training to scan books so children can exchange them during morning playtime.

The sessions will be as follows:
Mondays and Wednesdays, Years 3 & 4
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Years 5 & 6

After-School Clubs Update

Clubs will resume week commencing 14th January 2019 with Group 2's starting their sessions. Places will be confirmed via text.

Allerton Grange Reading Volunteers

For the second year running we have hosted volunteer readers from Allerton Grange High School, some of whom are former Talbot students.

This term, three second year GCSE students came in once a week for a half hour to work one-to-one with our Year 6 pupils. We thank them. This is a wonderful example of giving something back to the community.



Just some of the donations received for the Reverse Advent Calendar

Talbot School Choir

Under the guidance of Mrs Liddington, our school choir has been displaying their talents in recent performances at the PTA Festive Fair and also at the St. Andrew's Church Community Concert last Sunday.

Thank you to the children and Mrs Liddington for their dedication, for giving up their Sunday evening, and to the parents and carers for their support. The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school.

