

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018



## Sustainable Travel By Mr Rivers

We are committed to promoting sustainable travel; therefore, we encourage pupils, parents and staff to travel to school by foot, scooter, bike or bus. This approach reduces congestion, making the roads around school safer, and increases the health benefits provided by regular exercise and reduced pollution. Where car journeys are necessary, we encourage families to consider either park or stride or car sharing. Please reflect on your family's travel arrangements to see if you can make the shift to greener travel.

Each year, we undertake a range of activities to educate the pupils about sustainable travel and promote this positive lifestyle choice. This includes education (e.g., teaching pupils 'The Green Cross Code'), sharing information (e.g., the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' Campaign in Winter), participating in focus weeks (e.g., 'Scoot the Route' and 'Big Pedal'), developing our infrastructure (e.g., putting in cycle racks) and sharing messages with parents/carers (e.g., safe and considerate parking reminders).

Talbot Primary School has been recognised for the work we have completed on sustainable travel, and have just received our Mode Shifts: Silver Award through a nationally recognised accreditation body! Great news!

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

**'Don't post photos that contain your personal information, e.g. showing your school uniform, full name, house number.'**  
*(please see overleaf to meet our new Digital Ambassadors)*

November has been a real month to develop and showcase many aspects of the school's broader curriculum and provision. In response to feedback in the annual parental questionnaire, Miss Marsden, Mr Rivers, Mrs Liddington and myself led the **PHSE 'market event'** in November, with a view to sharing how we support the emotional well-being of our children. Important discussions on the role of the curriculum were held, as was how we access support from other agencies, such as the NHS MindMate provision, to support our children. This event coincided very well with Anti-Bullying Week, which commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, and focused on the key theme of 'Choosing Respect' and friendship. As a school team we regularly ensure all children can name at least five adults they can go to if they are upset or worried about something. This works well for us a school, with your role critical to its success. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or phase leader if required.

Last week, as part of **Road Safety Week**, we were also able to invite PC Nigel Brown, the Safer Schools Officer based at Allerton Grange, to lead an assembly for Key Stage Two. The message on road safety was clear along with the key ways in which children can stay safe on the roads. As members of the Red Kite Alliance, we were also pleased to share free fluorescent bands for all of the children in Key Stage Two to ensure they stayed visible to and from school. PC Brown also spent some time out on Talbot Road with some of our children, monitoring the speed of cars on a morning. The vast majority of drivers observed the '20 is plenty' principle on the roads around the school, and observed the 20mph limit in the area. I would like to remind parents that it is imperative that this principle is abided by as the roads immediately around the school have been designated as 20mph zones. By keeping to this very simple principle we can save lives.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to celebrate all things **Purple Mash** on our 'mash up' day after the half-term break. The children are very enthused about the new learning platform which has additional activities which can be accessed at home. Log-in details are the same as those used to gain access to DB Primary, but please do see your child's class teacher if you are not sure.

The School Council did a superb job in bringing to together events for **Children in Need** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. By leading the assemblies across the school on the day, they were able to get across the messages about this 'British institution' and raise over **£490.00** for this fantastic charity. As we prepare for the Christmas festivities ahead, I would also like to draw your attention to the **Reverse Advent Calendar** programme. Co-ordinated by Mrs Liddington, the programme aims to gather many essential items for our local foodbank in Chapel Allerton. I hope you will be able to donate an item to this very worthy cause.

Regards,  
Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

# Additional Information



**Our New Year Five Digital Ambassadors!**

## Who are the Digital Ambassadors?

The Year Six team of Oliver, Rory, Aina and Alysia have recently been joined by our new Year Five Digital Ambassadors: Ellivia, Anoop, Swati and Mia.

## What is a Digital Ambassador?

We have a very important job in school. Our role is to help others stay safe online. We help to keep children safe on the internet, as it can be a fun but dangerous place.

We are here to give advice and offer our computing skills and knowledge to help others. We help in lunchtime clubs in the computing suite, making sure that the children are doing safe searches and using the internet safely. We also meet up regularly to discuss how we can help other pupils in school.

Currently in our meetings, the Year Six Ambassadors are supporting the Year Five's in their training - they are looking forward to earning their Digital Ambassador badges!

We also help to run whole school competitions and assemblies to raise awareness of online safety around school. We are really proud of our role in school and look forward to helping others throughout the year.

## School Calendar Academic Year 2019-2020

Holiday	Schools Close		Schools open	
Summer break			Monday 2nd September	2019
Autumn mid-term	Friday 25th October	2019	Monday 4th November	2019
Christmas break	Friday 20th December	2019	Monday 6th January	2020
Spring mid-term	Friday 14th February	2020	Monday 24th February	2020
Easter break	Friday 3rd April	2020	Monday 20th April	2020
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1st May	2020	Tuesday 5th May	2020
Summer mid-term	Friday 22nd May	2020	Monday 1st June	2020
Summer break	Monday 20th July	2020		

### Term Length

### Bank Holidays include

Autumn	75 days	Christmas	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> December	2019
Spring	60 days	New Year's Day	1st January	2020
Summer	60 days	Good Friday	10th April	2020
		Easter Monday	13th April	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days</b>	May Day	4th May	2020
		Spring Bank	25th May	2020
		August	31st August	2020

### Training Days (school closed to children)

Monday 2nd September	2019
Tuesday 3rd September	2019
Monday 6th January	2020
Thursday 7th May, ONLY NURSERY CLOSED – Polling Day TBC	2020
Friday 22nd May, Reception to Year 6 (Nursery will be open)	2020
Monday 20th July	2019

## What's Happening in the Community

### **St Edmund's Parish Church**

Nativity Sheep are planning a breakout on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. More information at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Edmunds-Roundhay-36576810120360>

### **St Andrew's Church**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 5-7pm  
Collection in aid of St George's Crypt  
For further details email: [marstonvictoria@hotmail.com](mailto:marstonvictoria@hotmail.com)

### **"The Lost Present"**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December along Leeds' Christmas Light Trail. Visit: [www.theriptide.co.uk](http://www.theriptide.co.uk) for further information