

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Thursday 20th October 2016



A bumper collection for PAFRAS



Dr Rosemary Darwood



Pack lunch table in KS2



Dear Parents/Carers

I have thoroughly enjoyed the first half term, although it has been a whirlwind of activity. On a daily basis, I am reminded of how lucky I am to work at a school with such brilliant children, dedicated staff and supportive parents.

Throughout school, the children have settled into good routines and are producing some impressive work. As always, school has participated in many enrichment activities: our Elizabethan friend, Sir William Petty, visited Year 2; Year 6 had a Brazilian samba workshop; Key Stage 2 were visited by Doctor Rosemary Darwood from Inspiring Lives (see overleaf) and the whole school celebrated Harvest with Beverly Gilbert from St Andrew's Church. The Harvest donations were sent to PAFRAS (Positive Action For Refugees and Asylum Seekers), which is an excellent charity. You can read more about this on the school website under Latest News. We were also very pleased to welcome around twenty parents who kindly volunteered to take part in our Talk Matters event; sharing stories and objects with their children's classes. Thank you for giving up your time.

We continue to share as much information as possible with parents and carers. This month, we held a Phonics Briefing for parents/carers in Reception and another in Year 1; the presentations are available on the school website in the Parent/Carer Zone. Our first parent/carers consultations of the year were held this week.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Jude Rivers (Acting Headteacher)

You Said – We Did!

We work very hard to try and get everything right first time but in such a large and complex organisation there are always things we can do better.

1. Talbot was asked to reintroduce fold out tables for packed lunches in the KS2 hall. We now have two tables which some children like to use each day.
2. Some parents requested more information about our online resources. A hand-out was put together and distributed at our parent/carers evenings.
3. A problem was identified with the organisation of paid instrumental lessons. We have overhauled the system to prevent it from happening again.

If you completed a questionnaire at the parent/carers evenings, we will soon be looking at the results to see what else we can improve on.

Additional Information

PTA

Events

Discos are planned as follows:

4th November 2016 – Reception, 3.30 - 5.00pm

11th November 2016 – Key Stage 1, 6.00 - 7.00pm
- Key Stage 2, 7.15 – 8.30pm

More information will follow after half-term.

Talbotto & 100 Club

Talbotto

July – CA Welburn

August – AE Jones

100 Club

August – 1st Prize A & M Grant

2nd Prize Sian Roberts

Inspire!

In October, we were lucky enough to have Rosie Darwood, a consultant surgeon from a Leeds Teaching Hospital, come into school. She talked to the children in Key Stage 2 about her job and the journey she had taken, to get to her current position.

The children really enjoyed the assembly, especially the energetic quiz about health and the different jobs within the field of medicine. Rosie was impressed by the children's knowledge and their enthusiasm. A very inspiring assembly all round!

Kate Liddington (Assistant Headteacher)

REMINDERS

Chats Through the Fence

Quite understandably, many parents and carers like to talk to their children through the school fence and even pass things through to them as they go by. Unfortunately, with 530 children on site and so many relatives, it is impossible for us to safely manage who might be speaking to whom.

Therefore, we must ask you not to do this. This needs to happen even if we know you and your relationship with a child, because it sends mixed messages to other children.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Punctuality

This is a really important issue; so please do aim to arrive at school five minutes before the bell goes – or from 8.40am if you like to dance with Wake Up, Shake Up in the KS2 hall!

Arriving on time means your child will start the day in a calm, organised and happy way. When they are late, they come to school feeling anxious. Furthermore, it disrupts the start of the day for the rest of the class, as registers, dinner choices and other administrative tasks have to be redone. If your child arrives after the doors are closed, you need to take them to the main office to sign in – this is important for our absence checking and fire procedures.

Before and After School

We would like to remind parents/carers that children should not be left unsupervised by an adult on the grounds before the start of the school day.

We would also like to request that you be extremely mindful of allowing children to use school climbing equipment without your direct supervision after school in order to avoid any unforeseen accidents.

Lastly, it is important to ensure children do not play ball games before or after school as the gates are open at this time.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter with a view to securing the health and safety of the children at all times.