

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 26th January, 2018



Young Voices Review! by Naomi, Mia and Lola

"On Monday 15th January, Talbot Primary School choir went to Young Voices. It was an amazing day and we wish we could do it all over again. When we got there, we rehearsed for 5 hours and then had dinner. After dinner, parents and carers and family and friends started arriving and the nerves started to kick in. The arena was so full of people that you couldn't even see the floor. It was packed as tight as a whale in a mouse hole. It was so dark we couldn't even see the audience. It started at approximately 7:00 and we were screaming with excitement. The special guests were: Natalie Williams, the M4gnets, Alfie Sheard, Gigi Morley and the Urban Striders. Our nerves started to fade away as the lights turned off and the first song played. It was about to begin. We sang songs for hours until we had no breath left. Whilst we were singing the songs, the Urban Striders danced to the songs and Alfie Sheard and the M4gnets sang some of the songs".

On behalf of the children I would like to say thank you to Mrs Liddington for her passionate commitment to Young Voices this year and Mrs Manota in the Office for being her trusty side-kick in ensuring the organisation for the event was as smooth as possible. To parents and carers who joined the team for the event – thank you. I hope you have recovered and are getting ready for next year!

Despite the snow, wind, hail and frost the children have come back from the Christmas holidays in smart uniform and black shoes; the vast majority of children are also in black or grey socks or tights. Setting a high standard in our uniform is an important start to each day so thank you for supporting the school in this matter.

Whole school attendance is currently 96.5%. It is pleasing that so many of you do not take your child out of school in term time and support our attendance policy. In line with this policy, and DfE regulations, we are unable to authorise leave for travelling overseas to visit relatives, attending weddings or visiting sick relatives. We are also now required to monitor and consider legal proceedings regarding attendance through the Local Authority for children who have no serious medical issues and whose attendance remains persistently below 90%. Miss Price, our Learning Mentor, will be writing to the parents of all children who fall into this category, as well those whose attendance is below 95%. Together, I hope we can continue to improve attendance. This also includes ensuring children arrive to school on time, as late starts to the day significantly impact on learning time for your child. Five minutes late each day for example, equates to three days of lost learning in a year.

In school, we are also busy preparing for 'Safer Internet Week' beginning Monday 5th February. We will also be running a special **Online Safety Briefing for Parents and Carers on Tuesday 30th January at 2.45pm (in the Upper KS2 Group Room) and 6.30pm (in the KS1 Hall)**. Led by Miss Ambler, the briefing is essential in helping us all to understand the challenges of securing online safety, as well as ensuring we know how to take some simple safeguarding measures to help our children who go online at home. Please do take five minutes to watch this article recently posted on the BBC News website identifying the challenges that both schools, children and parents face in our technology-fuelled world. To access the article please [click here](#). The information session will also share additional key NSPCC advice on how to safeguard children at home. I look forward to seeing you at the sessions.

I hope that your child(ren) are enjoying attending the variety of lunchtime and after school clubs which began last week. We take pride in being able to offer 20 clubs in any given week this term. These go a long way in ensuring we increase children's participation rates in sports and crafts. **Please note that confirmation of places in an after-school club are sent out via Parent Mail and Parent Text and we would appreciate it if you could check both these facilities before contacting the office.** If you have any difficulties accessing Parent Mail or Parent Text please do get in touch with the office – they will be more than happy to assist you.

Regards

Mrs Parm Gill
Headteacher

Additional Information



The PSCO Pays Us A Visit

Many of you may have seen the PSCO patrolling the streets around the school in past few weeks. He could see from his patrols that the vast majority of parents and carers are parking responsibly and taking due care in the roads around the school. He has however observed some parents and carers who park:

- in disabled bays without displaying their badge
- across the emergency zig-zag lines to pick up children
- on the junction between two roads, thereby obscuring viewpoints and causing potential hazards
- across driveways blocking access for local residents.

He agreed that the school policy of requesting parents and carers to move their cars was reasonable in the interest of Health and Safety and agreed with the school policy of passing the car registration details of any repeat offenders to him. The PSCO also appreciated that the school's capacity to monitor parking outside school was limited and urged against direct intervention.

As a school we will continue to do our best, however the best possible direction for change in this matter will of course be your decisions to park responsibly and safely at all times.

What's Happening in the Community



In aid of the Spider Ede Appeal

Saturday 27th January 2018, 3pm – 5pm

**Lidgett Lane Community Centre
(Next to Moor Allerton Hall Primary School)**

You can find out more about Edie's appeal at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thespideredeappeal/>



For KS2 children only!

Following the success of our first club, Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends are returning to Talbot Primary School!

Full of ALL NEW ACTIVITIES for both returning and first-time pupils, Magical Maths is a fun and exciting after school maths club.

The club will run every Wednesday for 6 weeks, from 21st February to 28th March.

For more information and to book your child a place, please go to:

www.magicalmathsclub.com

or call

0113 834 3949

This is maths.....but not as you know it!!



**Get Crafty at
Temple Newsam House!**

Saturday 27th January

11:00 to 12:30 am

Fabulous Frames



Children: £3.00

accompanying adults are free.

Please ask at Temple Newsam Shop for details and tickets.