

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 29th September, 2017



A Visit From Andy, The Guide Dog

Year One were very fortunate last week as they received a visit from Andy, the Guide Dog. Andy was accompanied by Theo, his Dad and Grandmother. It was very touching to see how considerate our Year One children were in meeting Andy. The children really enjoyed listening to how Andy helps Theo's Grandmother on a daily basis, from popping out to shops to navigating the busy streets safely. Thank you.

NB: If you think you could help deliver one of our assemblies, please do get in touch with the office at:

admin@talbotprimary.net



Taking The BBC One Show Appearance In Their Stride!

Well done to Sam, William and Charlie for making it big on the BBC's One Show during the Summer holiday. The boys were selected to test the 'strength and durability' of school uniform and were naturals on the screen. We were very proud to see you on television. Remember us when you are famous boys!

Wow, what a start to the term! As always, the Talbot team has been ever industrious in ensuring the children have had a settled and secure start to the term. The Reception team have been quite giddy with excitement as phase two of our building works programmes saw the link between our Reception classes completed over the break. We now have a perfect environment in which to welcome our new Reception children! Despite some challenges, renovation programmes across the school have also progressed smoothly, ensuring that the children and staff can now benefit from improved classroom environments, lighting and interactive whiteboard facilities across the school. We are also pleased to report that building works to replace the Nursery roof are progressing according to schedule. Thank you to Nursery parents (and children), for being supportive throughout the period of relocation to our modular builds – it is much appreciated.

Thank you to those parents and carers who joined myself, Mr Rivers, Mrs Liddington, Miss Marsden and Miss Price last week at our **Well-being and Pastoral Support Programme briefing**. The evening focused on we support well-being as well as develop bespoke pastoral support for our children. Important approaches to Personal, Health and Social Education (PHSE) were discussed at the meeting alongside our anti-bullying policy and our commitment to developing mindfulness for our children. A copy of the presentation can be accessed via the school website, or alternatively, by [clicking here](#).

Please do take the opportunity to talk to your child(ren) about our new and improved **Growth Mindset Learning Heroes**. Designed by the children, the new heroes epitomise key characteristics required for effective learning behaviours, i.e. 'Trying Troll', 'Captain Courageous', 'Sir Focus', 'Pencil Perseverance', 'Independabot' and 'Resili-rhino'. Our learning mountains have also been replaced by Snakes and Ladders as the main image to support the power of Growth Mindset and 'not yet'. We will continue to refresh and evolve children's understanding of themselves as learners throughout the year, and look forward to welcoming you into school to share these experiences. Dates of forthcoming events are signposted in the annual calendar previously sent out and can be located on the school website, or by [clicking here](#).

I must end the newsletter by mentioning Year 5's recent residential visit to Low Mill. The whole year group were a credit to the school and themselves. Not only was the spirit of Growth Mindsets evident as children tried new activities for the first time with determination, but they also supported each other throughout. Well done Year 5! Take a look at the DB class pages and Low Mill's Facebook page for more images of their great adventure.

Regards

Mrs Parm Gill
Headteacher

Additional Information

PTA AGM – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Annual PTA AGM will be held in the Key Stage Two Hall on **Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm**. The PTA are looking forward to welcoming back parents as well as those new to the school. Hopefully see you then!

School Meals

Dinner money for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is now £2.40 per meal and is payable in advance each week, on Mondays (you can also pay further in advance if you wish to). Our kitchen requires one full week's notice for a child to change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa.

There is lots of information about the meals service we offer on our website (in the School Office area). If you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Manota in the school office. Our kitchen supervisor Mrs Buckby is more than happy to meet with parents to discuss special diets – she can be contacted via the office.

REMINDERS

Prompt Collection from Clubs

After-school clubs have now started with the majority running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy runs on Thursdays, 3.30-5.30pm, and Taekwondo on Fridays, 3.30-4.45pm.

Please ensure that you are on time to collect your children when the clubs finish. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind you that the average attendance figure at Talbot is 97%. Missing days has an impact on your child's learning. Similarly, lateness means pupils do not start the day feeling settled and it is disruptive for the rest of their class. We suggest families try to arrive five minutes before the bell goes ... or even earlier, if they like Waking Up and Shaking Up!

Parking and Dropping Off

We would like to remind parents and carers not to park in the restricted zones outside school, even for a minute, to drop off their children. This is an important safety issue and could cause a serious accident.

On a similar note, please do not park in front of the drives of our neighbours.

Keeping Safe in the Playground Before and After School:

School is busiest at the start and the end of the day. Help us keep everyone safe by following these simple rules; please help your children keep to them too:

1. Dogs are not allowed on the playground, in case of biting or fouling.
2. We ask people not to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards on the playground, in case someone is knocked down.
3. Ball games are not permitted on the playground, as balls can go out on the streets and children might run out onto the road. Even if your child has good road sense, a younger child might copy them.