

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017



## Low Mill ....New heights for Year 5!

Last week, Year 5 had a fantastic time, experiencing the residential at Low Mill in the Yorkshire Dales. When we arrived everybody at Low Mill was very helpful and friendly. The instructors introduced themselves to us and we were put into groups.

When we were there we got to have a go at three main activities. These were: caving, gorge walking and abseiling. Everyone was excited to try the activities because they hadn't done them before. Most people enjoyed caving and abseiling the most, but this is probably because everyone got wet and cold in gorge walking. Even though gorge walking was perhaps the least favourite, everyone still enjoyed it and had good fun

Every morning we could choose from different cereals and also had a full English breakfast. It was delicious! At lunchtime and in the evening we also had a hot meal and got to have pudding. After every meal each group took turns to do the washing up and resetting the tables ready for the next meal. Surprisingly it was extremely fun. After that, we sometimes did team games inside the centre, and on one night we went on a night walk. We could also spend time with our friends in the lounge. In the evening before we went to bed, we had a story and some tasty hot chocolate.

We really enjoyed it and we really recommend other people to go, you will have a fantastic time with your friends. We wish we could go back!

**Ella and Victoria, Year 5**

As the term draws to a close, Easter provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon what has gone before. Beverley Gilbert, from St. Andrew's Church joined us this week for what has become the traditional Talbot Easter Assembly, and reminded us of the true value of friendship, forgiveness and new life. Thank you to those parents and carers who managed to join us on Wednesday to share in the Easter story.

Parent and carer consultations have drawn to a close this week. I have felt very proud of how well the children have provided a commentary of their learning when looking through their books with you this week. Seeing how well they explain their learning, and, how they have extended themselves demonstrates a real level of engagement and a desire to improve further. Very encouraging! Thank you to those of you who also took the opportunity to fill in our questionnaire on how to refresh our programme of parent, carer briefings for next year. Questionnaires and simple chats on the playground have all been helpful in moving our programme forward. I will of course share the full outcomes of the questionnaire after the break alongside a suggested strategy for next year.

I couldn't continue the newsletter without a special mention for Comic Relief last Friday. The School Council, supported by Miss Wood, did a phenomenal job in ensuring that not only did we wear red for the day, but also run a very well organised cake sale and game stall. This is no mean feat amongst children! The final total has now been counted from Nursery to Year Six and we have raised a staggering **£677.58!** Thank you on behalf of Comic Relief.

As you may have seen in the last newsletter, we have instigated some additional measures to support high attendance across the school. Starting this term, children who have attended every day for a term will receive a certificate in Assembly in recognition of their achievement. It is hoped that by providing termly recognition we will be able to secure better attendance all year round and have more children who reach the end of the school year with 100% attendance. Currently whole school attendance is at 96.9%; however we think we can do even better! In the interim, please look out for the certificate in your child's book bag.

The Parent Governor elections have concluded and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Louisa Smedley and Mrs Esther Davy have been elected as Parent Governors. I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Mark Rowlinson and Mr Amritpal Bambrah for the thought and time taken to put themselves forward for election.

*Just a final reminder that the next school training day is scheduled for **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. School will be closed for children on this day.*

Regards  
Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

# Additional Information

## Year One Egg-Stravaganza

In Year One, children have been having an '*egg-stremely, egg-citing*' time hatching eggs and looking after chicks, as part of their Creative Curriculum topic: 'UP.' Children and their families also took part in the challenge of designing and making wonderful creations using egg cartons at home.

Children and parents all enjoyed looking at the wide array of carton creations on show, in our showcase after school.



## Clubs Update

The following after-school clubs have now ended:

Multi-skills (Year 1), Tennis (Year 3), Film (Years 3 & 4) Dodgeball (Year 4), Drawing (Years 5 & 6) and Gymnastics (Year 6). Parents have been informed of this via Parentmail.

There will be no school-run clubs after school during the first week back after the Easter break, with the exception of the Year 6 Revision club, which *will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.*

All other clubs will resume **from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.** Clubs that will continue are:

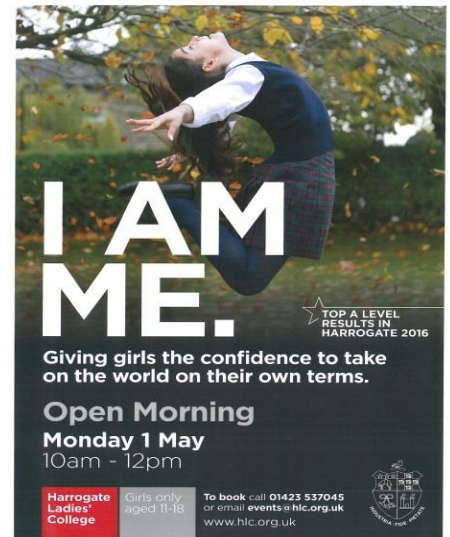
Film (Year 2), Homework clubs (Years 3-6), Minecraft (Years 3 & 4), Spanish (now for Years 3 & 4), Coding (now for Year 4), Dodgeball (Years 5 & 6, Group 3), Film (Years 5 & 6) and Drawing (now across KS2).

**New clubs starting** after Easter are:

Football (Year 2), Ultimate Frisbee (Year 3), Rounders (Years 3 & 4), Mini-golf (Year 4), Netball (Years 5 & 6), Volleyball (Years 5 & 6) and Bronze Arts Award (from 27<sup>th</sup> April for Year 6).

Hoggs Drama Academy and Taekwondo will continue as usual.

There are spare year group letters in the school office, if interested. Many thanks.



## EASTER CRAFTS

St Edmunds Church, Roundhay  
Come and enjoy lots of lovely creative Easter activities with your children.

10am to 12 noon  
Thursday 6th April

Suggested contribution £1.50 per child  
Refreshments served

Profits will go to help fund young people from our church participating in 'Camps International' projects in Morocco and Tanzania