

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th November 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely half term, full of fun, rest and relaxation... or, if you're like me with young children at home, a half term full of early mornings, lots of snack eating (by them) and saying the phrase "we need to get them outside" over and over again!

It has been great to welcome the children back to school and we've had a fantastic week picking up from where we left off last term. The children have all been busy getting stuck into their learning again, our Year 3's have been on a wonderful trip to Bishop's Wood and our Receptions got to enjoy their first welly boot session today. It was so nice to see the beaming smiles on their faces as they ventured out to the woodland area!



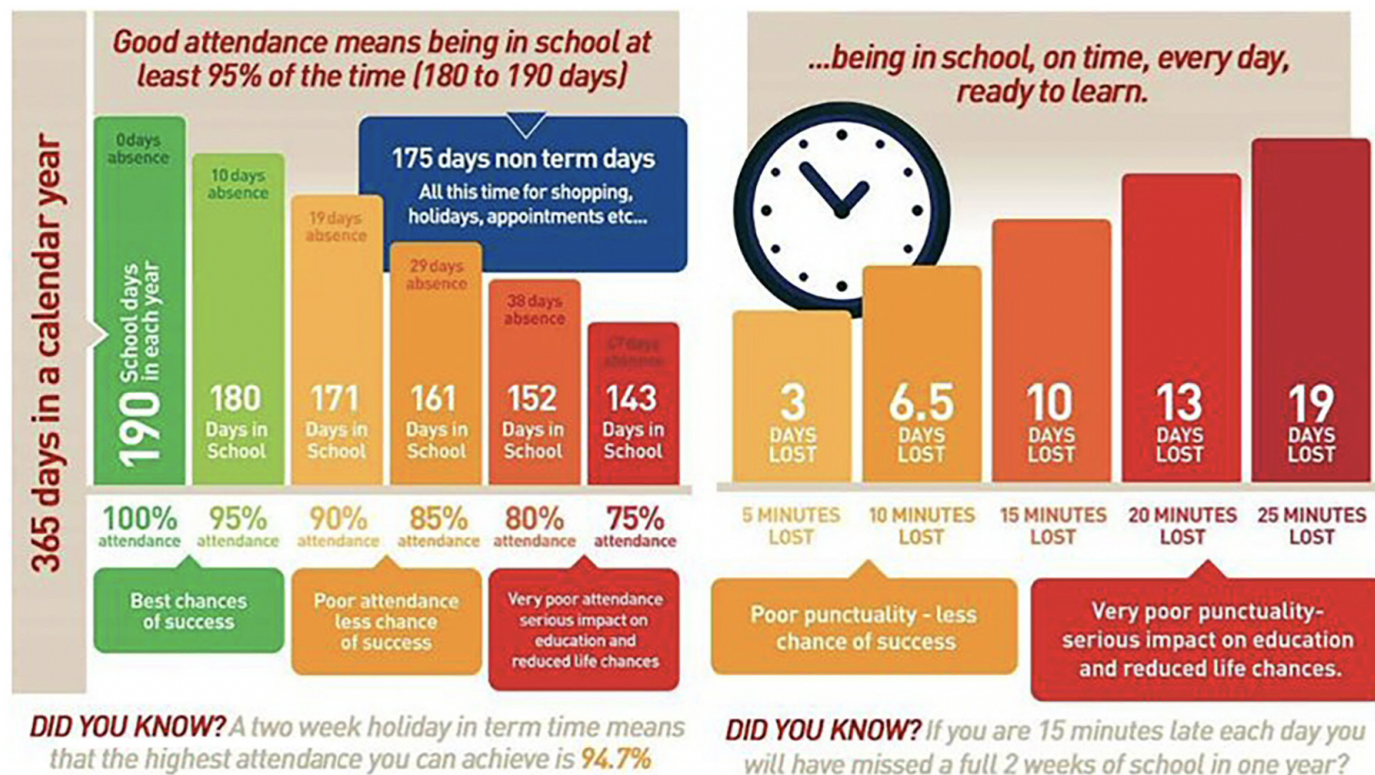
Year 3's trip to Bishop Wood

Year 3 had an excellent time at Bishop Wood, where they learnt and experienced how to live a day in the life of a Neolithic hunter gatherer. Throughout the day they got to; make shelters, use spears, build stretchers to carry their belongings, make fishing nets, weave willow fences, forage for food in the forest, make flour, start fires and make cave drawings using chalk, clay and charcoal. It was a brilliant day and the children were amazing, as usual. Thank you also to the parents who helped on the trip, we greatly appreciate your support.

Attendance

Research shows that pupils with good school attendance records generally achieve better and enjoy school more. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life and having regular school attendance patterns can also encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour including independence and life skills. Furthermore, a child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work and will miss essential learning which helps to build their knowledge and skills. So, the more a pupil misses school, the lower their academic outcomes will be which can then lead to them wanting to be in school even less.

With this in mind, we have been working hard to develop our school's attendance procedures to allow the children to have the best possible start in life. This means that over the coming days if your child's attendance is below 95%, you may receive a phone call from your child's class teacher or, if below 90%, a letter from the school, looking at ways that we can support you and your child to attend school more.



Focus of the Week

This week we have been finding our inner peace by showing calmness in and around the school. The children have achieved this with flying colours, which has made us all very proud.



School Council Updates

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be supporting Children in Need with a 'spotacular' Pyjama day (PJs or spots or both!) The school council will also be running a 'spotacular doodle' competition where the children can enter a piece of art work which includes spots! Just let their imaginations go wild! For more information keep looking at the school council display board in the hall.



Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying week, which has been planned by our school council. The children will be doing lots of activities in school to support them with this. We'd like to say a big thank you to the school council for all of their hard work on arranging these events.

PTFA Update

We're excited to tell you that our wonderful PTFA will be launching their own newsletter, detailing upcoming events, how much money has been raised so far and what the money raised has gone towards. Please watch this space for further information.

Parent Readers

We would also love to hear from you if you would be willing to come into school in the afternoons, to listen to our wonderful children read. If you are happy to come in, please speak to your child's class teacher, who would love to hear from you. Equally, if you are available to come in and read with another class, that would be great too, in that case, please come and speak with myself (Mr Rylatt).

Safer Streets

Over the past year, we have been working with the County Council to make sure our streets are safe for all of the children (and yourselves) to come in and out of school. We are continually looking for volunteers who would be happy to support us with this. Please see below, what the volunteering would entail. It is important to note that if you were happy to volunteer, then you would be able to drop your child off into our breakfast/after school club, free of charge on the day that you have volunteered, as a thank you for your support, this would then free you up to support the scheme.

Volunteering Opportunities

Risk assessed and fully supported with training by



To continue the success of the School Streets scheme we now need a community presence on the street. Can you spare 45 minutes of your time, once a week or perhaps just once a month?

We need you to be involved to:

- Show your support
- Be part of a community initiative to promote safety, health and the well-being of children
- Be a welcoming presence at the end of the street to encourage more walkers, cyclists and scooter riders

How often and for how long?

Just 45 minutes during the peak periods one to four times a month.

Do I have to enforce the restrictions?

Absolutely not! You would simply, put out a road cone/barrier and our 'Parking Buddies' and be there as an advocate for the scheme. Full training and support provided.

For more information:

Contact the school office or Sarah Laming on
sarah.laming@gloucestershire.gov.uk

We have one more open day left this year, so if you have a child starting school in September 2023, we would love to invite you in so you can see for yourself how Tewkesbury C of E will allow your child to shine. If this final date is not suitable, please feel free to let the office know, where we will be happy to arrange an alternative date.



We learn together - shine forever



Tewkesbury C of E Primary School would like to invite you to visit our amazing school, where everyone is encouraged to shine!



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023? The team at Tewkesbury C of E would be delighted to show you around our fantastic school, so you can see for yourselves why this is the right place for your child to shine.

Dates

Friday 14th October at 10am

Friday 4th November at 10am

Friday 18th November at 10am

Pre-booking is advisable but not essential. If you would like to make a booking, then please speak to reception who will be more than happy to help. If you are not available for any of the dates listed, please contact the school and we'd be happy to find an alternative date for you.

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SCAN ME

**50% of any money made will be split
between Dementia UK and
British Heart Foundation**

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities	Lunch Menu Week 3
Monday		Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Table Tennis Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Beefburger Quorn Dippers
Tuesday		Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Harry Potter Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Cauliflower Cheese & Bacon Veggie Burgers
Wednesday	Individual School Photos	Tag Rugby Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Fillet Quorn Fillet
Thursday		Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Vegetable Curry Vegetable Sausages
Friday		Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00pm	Fish Fillet Burger Vegetable Ravioli

Other Key dates

Wednesday 9th November - Individual Student Photos

w/b - 21st November - Parent's Evening (more information to follow)

Friday 9th December - Abbey Carol Service (2pm)
