

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th November 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

As the autumn leaves paint a vibrant scene outside, the school halls echo once again with laughter and the classrooms are a buzz with the positive energy that the children's return has brought. It's evident that the rest and adventures of the half term break have filled each of them with renewed energy and enthusiasm. During the break, our school has continued to flourish, our outside space now boast more OPAL equipment, including some delightful new see-saws that promise endless moments of laughter and fun for the children and the library, a haven of knowledge and imagination, has also undergone some exciting developments that we can't wait for your child to explore.

Remembrance Assembly



Thank you to Year 6 who led a touching tribute for our Remembrance service. Their heartfelt rendition of "Keep the Home Fires Burning" resonated with emotion, accompanied by emotive poetry readings that beautifully captured the essence of remembrance. The two-minute silence, observed in honour of the fallen soldiers, created a powerful and sincere moment, fostering a sense of unity and gratitude among all in attendance.

A message from Stephen Walker, vicar of Holy Trinity Church



'Give Peace a Chance'

The value we are focussing on this term is: PEACE. As the children approach Remembrance Sunday this weekend, we remember those who have lived and died that we might live in peace. In a week when the Beatles have released their final song, the words of John Lennon provide a pause for thought:

'Peace is not something you wish for,
It is something you make,
something you do,
something you are
and something you give away.'

End of Term Celebration Assemblies and Reception Nativity

At the end of term, we will be holding 2 celebration assemblies and a Reception Nativity, where we would love for you to join us. This will be an opportunity for the children to showcase some of the wonderful things that they have done throughout the term, with some festive songs thrown into the mix. The dates for these are as follows:

Monday 18th December, Year 1 - 3 at 2pm

Tuesday 19th December Year 4 - 6 at 2pm

In addition to these assemblies, our Reception Nativity will take place on **Thursday 21st December at 9:30am**. The Nativity will be open to Reception parents/family members to join us. Following the Nativity performance, you will be able to join your child for a stay and play session within the classroom.

Next stage of the library renovation



Over the half term break, some of the staff members continued with the hard work of renovating the school library. We now have a new Non-Fiction section, with lots of brand new books, courtesy of Bugs for Books and our PTFA. We must say a huge thank you to Miss Davis and Miss Cheal, for all of your hard work in getting this section looking so great.

ESFA Football Cup



Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the ESFA cup competition at Tewkesbury academy on Tuesday evening. We were so impressed with the character and teamwork shown by all of the children involved. They played 3 games in total and ended the competition with a 4-0 win, a 0-0 draw and 0-1 loss, however they played really well and showed all the qualities that you would want to see from any top sports person. One of the highlights of the tournament was a remarkable triple save from our goalkeeper, Elijah, who received rapturous applause for his efforts.

Parents' Evening information

We will be holding our parents evening during the week beginning 27th November, where your child's class teacher will be offering at least two dates for you to sign up. To book your 10 minute slot to meet your child's class teacher you will need to follow the link that will be shared in next week's newsletter. The booking form will open at 6pm on Friday 17th November and will close on Friday 24th November at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Anti-Bullying Week



On Monday we would like the children to come to school wearing odd socks in support of anti-bullying week. This is an opportunity to celebrate differences and think about how we should treat others. The school council will launch the week with an assembly which focuses on this year's theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying!'

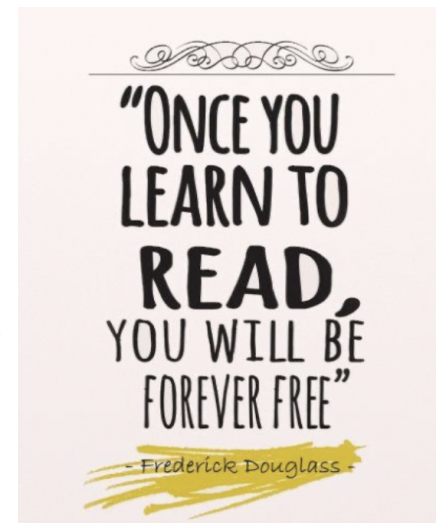
iSingPop

We are really excited to be linking up with iSingPop again this term to support them in getting some music recordings for when they visit other schools. They will be in next week (Tuesday 14th November) to work with the children in KS2, who will be learning some new Christmas songs. We are hoping to then put on a performance for parents to watch over the coming weeks and we will let you know more details nearer the time.

C of E's reading wish list

Reading continues to be a priority of the school and we have many more exciting developments to come. As mentioned previously, our fantastic PTFA are kindly donating funds to renovate our school library with new furniture and books, to make it a warm and welcoming place for children to ... into their books. We have also identified some amazing books for each of the year groups and we wondered whether you could help us. We would love to get as many books from each list as possible, so if you were browsing a shop and happened to come across one (and you didn't mind buying it) or if you are having a clear out of books and you find one on the list, we would love it if you were happy to donate it. We want our children to have the very best quality literature, as it makes all the difference to their interest and enthusiasm for reading.

Any books should make their way to either the office, Miss Davis or Mr Shaw so we can then label them up.



[Recommended Reads - Reception](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 1](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 2](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 3](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 4](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 5](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 6](#)

Children in Need

In preparation for children in need on **Friday 17th of November** (where the children will be able to come to school dressed up in colourful clothes) the school council would like to run a competition to raise funds for the Children in need charity. They decided that it would be fun for the children to make a 'spotacular' outfit for one of their own teddies. This should be made from any material, such as paper or card and the children can create a design on to this. **Please can the named teddies be brought into school, wearing their new creation, by Wednesday 15th November**, to be judged by the school council who will then award prizes on the Friday. To enter we ask for a small donation to the Children in Need cause.



SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITION

**CAN YOU MAKE A SPOTACULAR
OUTFIT FOR YOUR TEDDY BEAR?**

YOUR BEAR'S OUTFIT CAN BE MADE OUT OF ANY TYPE OF PAPER OR CARD.

BRING YOUR TEDDY BEAR
IN THEIR OUTFIT (PLUS DONATION) TO BE
JUDGED BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER.

WINNERS AND PRIZES WILL BE REVEALED ON
CHILDREN IN NEED (17TH NOVEMBER)

**PLEASE MAKE
A DONATION
TO ENTER!**

School diary week beginning 13th November 2023

Day	The School Day	After school		Lunch Menu Week 1
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm			Hotdog in a roll with chips Quorn Hotdog in a roll with chips
Tues	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Chicken Goujons with Rice Veggie Burger in a Bun
Wed	Mindfulness club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm	Recorder club (Rec - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Tag rugby club (Y5 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm	Homemade Cottage Pie
		Fencing club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.10pm		Homemade Quorn Cottage Pie
Thur		Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Homemade Lemon Chicken Pasta Bake Homemade Lemon Quorn Pasta Bake
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Cod Fillet with chips Vegetable Fajitas

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 15th November 2023 - ESFA Year 5 - 6 Girls football competition (at Tewkesbury Academy)

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Year 3 - 4 Football League (at Tewkesbury Academy)

w/b 27th November 2023 - Parents evenings (more info to follow)

Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Open morning New Reception Starters in 2024

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (family and friends welcome)

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 1 trip to the Panto (Beauty and the Beast)

Monday 18th December Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly (family and friends welcome)

Tuesday 19th December Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly (family and friends welcome)

Thursday 21st December Reception Nativity and Stay and Play (Receptions family and friends)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)

Pre loved Christmas jumper sale



This week's focus

Learn together, shine forever



This week your focus is:
To create a positive and harmonious school

Be calm in and around school

Work together to resolve issues

Share with others

Include others in your games

Philippians 2:15 "We shine like stars in the sky."

As this term's value is Peace, we have looked at how together, we can continue to build a positive and harmonious school. It has been so lovely to walk around the corridors and pop into classrooms throughout the week and see what a friendly and calm school we have.

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Productions

 **Holy Trinity**
TEWKESBURY
MEET GOD • FIND LIFE • MAKE FRIENDS

Presents
Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol

Friday 17th November 7:30

Saturday 18th November 7:30

Tickets £5 per person

Suitable for ages 8 +

50% of any monies made will go to
support a local charity



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holy-trinity-tewkesbury/t-pqypxqq>



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 2024? 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

Wednesday 8th November at 10am

Wednesday 22nd November at 10am

Wednesday 6th December 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.

In the mean time, please check out our website: <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk>

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You're invited

The Welcome Table

A space to come together with others in the local community. Come in just for a tea or coffee, or enjoy a freshly cooked meal too. Bring your whole family, your friends, a neighbour, or just yourself! Everyone is welcome, it's free of charge and no booking is required.

every other Monday
doors open 3:15
food served 4:45

next dates

- Monday 2 October
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 30 October
- Monday 13 November
- Monday 27 November
- Monday 11 December
- CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end



The Welcome
Table

Find us on
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