

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th November 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

It's been another rather busy but rather wonderful week at C of E. Although it's been quite wet, we don't let the rain stop us and it's been great to see the children pop their wellies on and continue to explore some of the different areas available to them during our OPAL play. What's so great about OPAL is the children really get to enjoy the different seasons that Britain has to offer, from the wet, muddy puddles, to glistening dew-covered fields, there's so much for them to look at and enjoy. There has also been lots to enjoy in school too, with the children experiencing lots of exciting activities during their REAL curriculum sessions. Throughout the week, I've seen artists, historians and musicians to name a few roles.



Remembrance Day Service

Our wonderful Year 6's delivered a very touching Remembrance service to the rest of the school, to remember the many people who fought in conflicts to protect us. We saw video montages, heard some poetry and listened to them sing 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' which sounded incredible. We thought that it would be nice to film their rehearsal, for you to enjoy. Please click on the link to watch and listen to it yourselves.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-TTIRwVBDkr4BqAvsbfZ7qr27c8s8wXW/view?usp=sharing>

After the Remembrance Service, our Pre-school and Reception children, along with the School Council Reps, then laid poppies by our flag pole, as a mark of respect. Thank you to Stephen Walker, who joined us for the service and led the prayers and Mr Shaw who played The Last Post on his Trumpet.

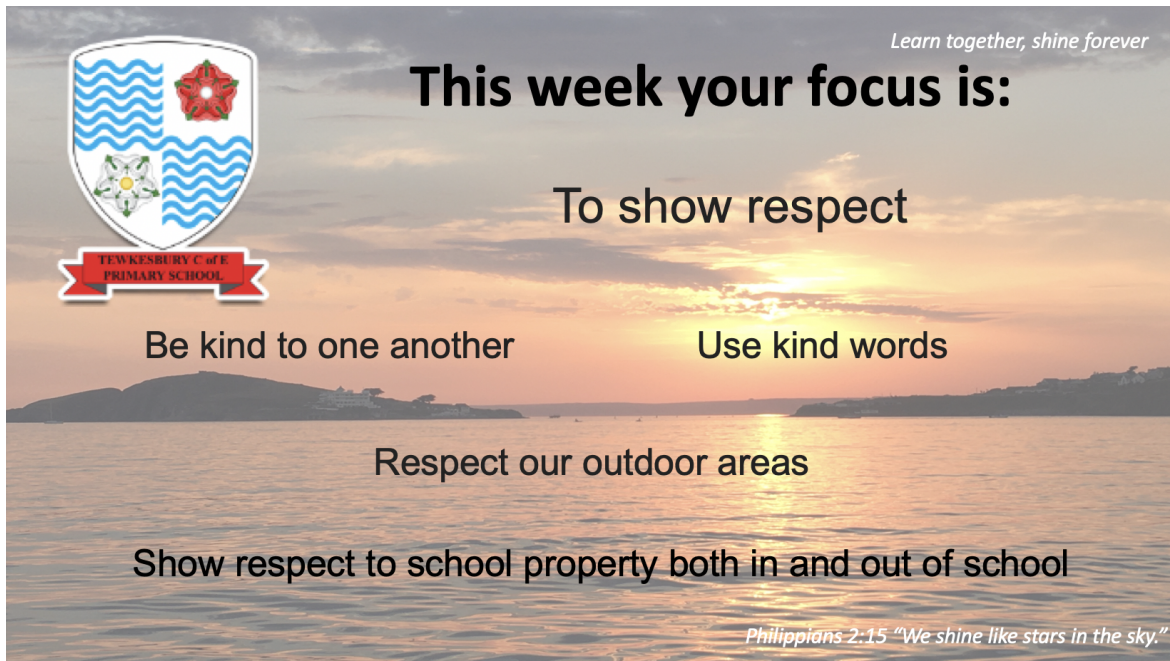


Parents Evening

We will be holding our parents evening between Tuesday 22nd November and Thursday 24th November. To book your 10 minute slot to meet your child's class teacher, please log in to the Gateway. The booking form opens at 6pm tonight and will close on Monday 21st November at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Focus of the Week

This week we have been showing respect both inside and outside of the school. The children have really worked hard to make sure that they are being respectful throughout the day, and it has been lovely to see them opening doors for each other, using kind words and generally being really lovely to one another. They also showed great respect by carrying out the 2 minute silence, for Remembrance, so well.



Harvest Festival Food Donation

Following our Harvest festival last term, where many of you kindly donated food to the school, we received this lovely email from Sue Waldron.

Dear Mr Rylatt, Staff and Pupils,

I am emailing on behalf of the Foodbank to thank you for your Harvest Festival donation of food which equated to 57.4 Kg. We are very grateful for your help and contribution to the Foodbank. This added to our Harvest Festival donations, which enabled us to continue helping our community. Many clients are finding life financially difficult at the moment, as you can imagine, so thanks to the Tewkesbury Schools and Churches and their donations from Harvest Festivals, our stocks have been replenished, to enable us to continue our work in the town.

As you can also imagine we have had an increase in clients over the past year, so please thank all who gave a donation to your Harvest Festival to help the Foodbank.

Many thanks once again,

From Sue Waldron on behalf of the Tewkesbury Food Bank Team.

School Council Updates

Children in Need

A quick reminder to say that 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

Apologies for getting my dates mixed up but Anti-bullying week is actually next week. Throughout the week, the children will be doing lots of activities in school to support them with this concept. **On Monday 14th November, to kick this off, we will be holding an odd socks day, where we have asked the children to come to school wearing odd socks.** The message behind this is to celebrate that everybody is different and unique. Again, we'd like to say a big thank you to the school council for all of their hard work on arranging these events.

Photos

This week the children had their individual school photos taken by Tempest. The children would have come home with an order form for you to place your order via their website. To qualify for free delivery to school, orders need to be placed by **Friday 18th November**. Orders will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Parent Readers

Another little reminder to say that 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

New Starters for 2023

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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Next week's diary

Day	The School Day Anti Bullying Week	After School Activities	Lunch Menu Week 1
Monday	Odd Sock Day	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Table Tennis Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Christmas Crafts (Y5 & Y6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Goujons Quorn Dippers
Tuesday	Girls Football Tournament	Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Harry Potter Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Sausages Veggie Burger
Wednesday		Tag Rugby Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Roast Chicken Quorn Sausage
Thursday		Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Friday	Children In Need Open Morning Prospective Parents Reception 2023	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00pm	Star Fish Vegetable Ravioli

Other Key dates

w/b - 21st November - Parent's Evening

Thursday 1st December - Christmas School Disco (PTFA event)

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Shopping Night (PTFA event)

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Film night (PTFA event)

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

Monday 12th December - KS1 Nativity (open to parents) at 9:30am

Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Grotto (PTFA Event)

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December - KS2 Celebration Assembly (open to parents) at 2pm