

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th October 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Thursday 5th October was world poetry day, so to commemorate this, we would like to share with you one of our favourite poems called 'Children learn what they live' and was written by Dorothy Law Nolte.

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

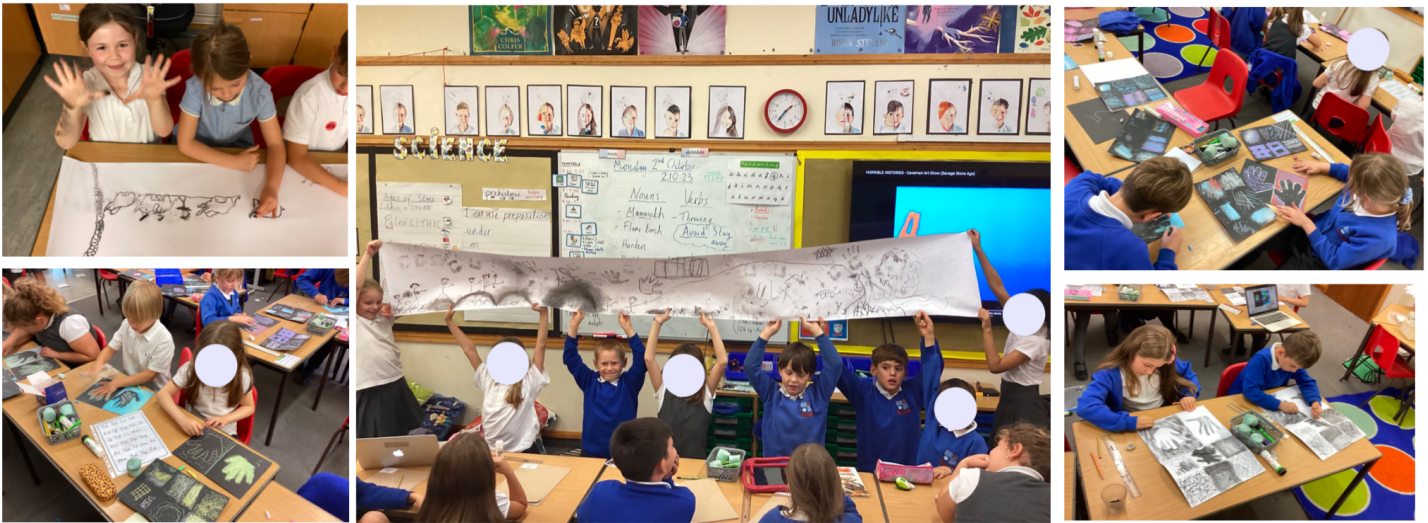
Pre-school



This week, Pre-school have been looking at how special and unique they all are, creating their own portraits with paint and loose parts. They have also been talking about, and drawing, things that are special to them. The Pre-school team are all so proud of their efforts.

We are artists - Year 3

Year 3 has been busy as Stone Age artists this week, using different techniques with charcoal and chalk to create varying effects with handprints and prehistoric hunting scenes.



Parent Governors

We have sent the children home with a letter inviting applications to be parent governors, and we have also attached a copy to this newsletter. We have two vacancies arising as the terms of James Blockley and Vicki Wagstaffe have come to an end.

We'd like to thank James and Vicki for all that they have done for the school in the last four years. As chair of governors, James helped oversee the introduction of OPAL play, which has been the source of much delight for our children. Vicki has been a wonderful support to music and the arts within the school, and we know she will be very pleased with our growing choir and drama club.

You don't need an educational background, nor any special qualifications to be a governor: the best governing boards have people from different backgrounds with a mix of skills and experience, all sharing a desire to work together to help our children have the best possible education. If you share this desire, and think you would be able to help, then please nominate yourself.

If you want to find out more about what's involved, then please contact our current Chair of Governors, John Holmes, via the school office.

Harvest Festival - Thursday 12th October

To support us with the Harvest Festival on Thursday 12th October, we are asking families to donate some food or drink items, such as canned goods, pasta, sauces, soups and other long dated foods, so we can donate them to the Tewkesbury Food Bank on behalf of Tewkesbury C of E. Please can any donations be brought into school on either Monday 9th October or Tuesday 10th October. Your kindness will be much appreciated!

Chess club

A big thank you to Gloucester Chess Club who have kindly donated a number of chess sets to the school. Our relaunch of C of E's chess club has been a popular one and with new boards we'll be able to offer even more spaces in the future.

Change of Inset Day

We just wanted to inform you that we have changed the inset day from **Monday 8th April to Monday 4th March 2024**. This is due to an exciting training session that we have managed to secure. Jason Bangbala, a trainer in high demand, will be joining us for the day to deliver a training session for the whole staff, which we're very excited about! We apologise if this causes any inconvenience but it was an opportunity we really couldn't afford to miss.

PTFA

Firstly, a BIG thank you for supporting the PTFA. Since being re-established in June 2022, we have fundraised over £5000 - a phenomenal amount! This year, the PTFA have decided to focus on three large projects:

1. To invest money and resources into our school library renovation.

The school will be undertaking a complete renovation of the library and the PTFA will be funding this, buying new up-to-date literature and more inviting furniture as access to reading is incredibly important in our school.

2. To invest money and resources into the Early Years Provision (focusing on the Welly Boot area)

Supporting the school, the PTFA will provide funds to enhance our provision. We know that the early development of children's creativity and imagination is so incredibly important. Once the Welly Boot area is fully established, other year groups will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy this too!

3. Supporting our pupils with SEND

The PTFA acknowledges that pupils all learn differently and some pupils need adapted resources to access the curriculum like their peers. This year, we will be purchasing resources to support this.

The PTFA would be hugely grateful to any parents/carers who are able to complete our PTFA survey:

<https://forms.gle/KYQJobVs7BvU2GX58>

This will allow us to identify events of interest and ensure our PTFA meetings are on a day/time that suit as many people as possible.

500 Words is back



On Monday, Miss Davis introduced the children to the 500 Words Competition during assembly. This annual, nationwide event encourages pupils aged 5-11 years old to draw upon their imagination and write their very own story (which can be no longer than 500 words).

There are two age categories (5-7 years and 8-11 years) and some fantastic prizes that could be won including: a visit to Buckingham Palace; the opportunity to have their story read on The One Show on World Book Day and winning plenty of books! Further information about the competition, including the rules, can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The deadline for submitting any stories is Friday 10th November 2023 at 8pm. For further guidance on submitting any stories, visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/how-to-submit/zqc8mbk>

We will also be running a 500 Words competition at Tewkesbury C of E! The children can submit the same story as they wrote for the national competition. This will need to be handed into their teacher by Friday 10th November too. There will be a winner in each year group and an overall winner in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2- there are some fantastic prizes to be won!

This week's diary

Day	The School Day	After school		Lunch Menu Week 3
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm			Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie burger in a bun
Tues	Winchcombe Steam trip Year 6	Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Homemade Cheese Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread Vegetable Fajitas
	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm			
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 Sausage Hotpot Quorn Sausage Hotpot
Thur	PC Pete visiting Y6	Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Cross country - Race 3 (Y4 - Y6) 3:15 - 5pm	Chicken in Soya Sauce with Noodles Quorn Pieces in Soya Sauce with Noodles
	Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church 2pm			
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Fishcake with chips Vegetable Pizza with chips

Important Dates

Monday 9th October 2023 - Nasal Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 10th October 2023 - Year 6 visit to Winchcombe Station

Thursday 12th October 2023 - Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church (2pm start, all welcome to join)

Friday 27th October - PTFA Break the rules day

Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 3rd November - Half term holidays

Monday 6th November 2023 - Start of the new school term

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - Open morning new Reception Starters in 2024

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

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

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (more information to follow, but all welcome to join)

Monday 4th March (New inset day) - Monday 8th April will no longer be an Inset day.



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 24 July 2023
- Monday 7 August 2023
- Monday 21 August 2023
- Monday 4 September 2023
- Monday 18 September 2023
- Monday 2 October 2023
- Monday 16 October 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea and coffee, activities for children
4:45 warm freshly cooked meal
6:30 end

