

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

23th September 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

It's been another great week at C of E with so much to celebrate. We were really happy to welcome our new Reception children into school for the mornings, they even sat through their first assembly and would have been blown away by the amazing singing from all of the children.

Our R.E.A.L curriculum is well and truly alive again as you can see from the photos of some of our Year 6's. They began by digging up the potatoes and carrots that were planted by last year's Year 6's, they then had to wash, prep and cook them up to create a delicious WW2 meal to go with the bread they baked. Finally, they will be finishing the meal off with scrumptious apple cake, yum!



Our Year 1s and 2s also had an exciting experience as they visited Holy Trinity Church this week to learn more about their topic of belonging. Throughout the visit, they took part in scavenger hunts and role play activities and had a fantastic time.

Focus of the week

At the beginning of each week, we share with the children what we want all of us to focus on together as a school. We then celebrate our successes during Friday's Shine Awards. We thought it'd be nice to share our weekly focus with you all too, in the hope that the children will continue to show it over the weekend. If they do, please feel free to let your teachers know!



A message from John Holmes (our new Chair of Governors)

Dear parents and carers,

Last week, James Blockley wrote to let you know that he has stepped down as Chair of Governors. I wanted to write, this week, to let you know that I have taken over this role and to introduce myself. My name is John, I'm a parent governor, and I have two children in the school, in years 3 and 5. I've really enjoyed my time as governor, getting to see just how dedicated and caring our teachers are, and I'm looking forward to being Chair. I wanted to take this chance to thank James for everything he has done over the last two years. James worked very hard, normally behind the scenes, to support the school community through the pandemic, and he made an enormous contribution. I hope to carry on this work, helping the school however I can.

Parent View Survey

At Tewkesbury Church of England Primary School we are interested in the views of our parents and carers, and so we would like to ask you to participate in our Parent View Survey. We know that the relationship between a school and the families of its pupils is critical to student success. By taking part, you will be helping us to better understand your point of view. This information will be used to guide future development work at the school across the remainder of this year.

The survey will be open from Friday 23rd September to Friday 30th 2022.

Participation is voluntary and all responses are collected anonymously. The survey is available online and can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/Kov3JDKp2f4oGdzx8>

Thank you for your support.

A notice to all parents, carers and school staff from the School Streets Scheme

The School Streets Scheme on Rope Walk became permanent on 2nd May 2022. This means that, unless you have a School Streets blue permit or a Blue Badge (for a disabled person) you are not allowed to drive along Rope Walk between 8.15 and 9.00am and 2.45-3.00pm. This is to enable families to walk, scoot or cycle at the beginning and end of the school day to create a safer and healthier environment for all, but especially for school pupils. This has been very well received throughout the trial last year with the scheme operating smoothly and successfully.

Volunteer stewards will be manning the road closure on a regular basis but there is also signage in place giving the Prohibition of Driving at the above times every school day. We will be asking PCSOs and Parking Enforcement to also attend and fines can be issued for any infringement of the scheme.

Please speak to the school office about having a car park pass for Spring Gardens Carpark.

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities	Lunch Menu Week 1
Monday	New Reception Children 8.50am until 12 noon	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Table Tennis Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Chicken Goujons Quorn Goujons
Tuesday	New Reception Children 8.50am until 12 noon Y4 Pioneer Residential Meeting 3.30pm PTFA Welcome Meeting 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Harry Potter Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Sausages Veggie Burger
Wednesday	New Reception Children 8.50am until 12 noon Virtual Book Fayre (more info to follow)	Tag Rugby Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Roast Chicken Quorn Sausages
Thursday	New Reception Children 8.50am until 1.30pm (Stay for Lunch) Virtual Book Fayre (more info to follow)	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Friday	New Reception Children 8.50am until 3.05pm Virtual Book Fayre (more info to follow)	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00pm	Starfish Vegetable Ravioli

Other Key dates

Wednesday 28th September - Friday 30th September - Virtual Book Fayre (more information to follow)

Tuesday 11th October - Whole school athletics event (more information to follow)

Thursday 13th October - Harvest festival at Holy Trinity Church (2pm)

Thursday 20th October - Year 6 trip to Winchcombe Steam

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Half term

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