

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th March 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

The sun has finally come out and it's beginning to feel like Spring has sprung. The children have burst into life this week too, as we welcomed Sandy from the iSingPop team. Throughout the week, Sandy has enthused us with his brilliant storytelling and taught us some fab new songs and dances - the children (and adults) really did have a blast! Two of our children represented C of E in the 'Look Who's Talking' finals and we celebrated the performance of some of our Cross Country Runners, who had competed in the Gloucestershire County Finals. We also welcomed special guests into Year 5 who told the children stories about Tewkesbury in the past, during a special tea party. With only a week to go until the Easter holidays, it really is amazing how many exciting experiences the staff have managed to pack into this term for our children to enjoy and for that, we'd like to say a huge thank you to them!

iSingPop



This week we welcomed Sandy, from the iSingPop team, who worked with the children to learn lots of fantastic songs as well as some really important life lessons. We have to say that Sandy was amazing with the children, he was fun and engaging throughout his time with us and the laughter from the children was wonderful to see. The children cannot wait to share the songs (and dance moves) with you at next week's concerts - we can't either. Don't forget, there will be two shows, one at 2pm (with a normal school pick up afterwards) with the other at 6pm. We would love it if we could see as many of you (and children) as possible for the 6pm concert, it would really make it something special. If the children could arrive at 5:40pm for the evening performance, that would be great. The children should wear a bright t-shirt to the 6pm performance! Once again, here is the attendance form to complete, if you are planning to attend [iSing POP attendance form](#).

County Cross Country Finals



Last weekend was the Gloucestershire County Cross Country Finals, where the best runners from across the county competed against each other on a rather gruelling course in Newent. Even to make the finals is a remarkable achievement and we are incredibly proud to say that we had 3 members of C of E present. Daisy McMahon, Izzy Fry and Edward Clarkson (all from Year 6) ran superbly, on the very challenging course. With Izzy and Daisy coming 51st and 52nd in the girls race and Edward coming 55th in the boys. This is a fantastic achievement and the children should be very proud of themselves!

Look Who's Talking Finals

This week, the finals for the 'Look Who's Talking' competition took place. This competition involved pupils talking about something of interest to them for 2 minutes in front of an audience. Adam Holmes and Izzy Fry made the finals, representing Tewkesbury C of E, with Mrs Farren having the pleasure of attending these events. Both Izzy and Adam were incredible - we couldn't be prouder. They spoke clearly and engaged the audience brilliantly. Reaching the finals is a great achievement; a very well done to them both.

Tea and Cakes in Year 5



Year 5 had another exciting Wednesday as they welcomed back their local history experts and while Sapphire class continued to work with their artist in creating some amazing Top Trumps cards, Diamond class hosted a tea party for specially invited guests from Tewkesbury Town. The visitors kindly agreed to be interviewed by the children and share their memories of Healings Mill. The children asked some probing questions (move over Jeremy Paxman) and also showed our visitors our values of respect and kindness. They were rewarded with cake and biscuits, which went down very well!

Easter Raffle



This Easter, we will be running a raffle for your chance to win this lovely Easter Hamper full of eggs, bunnies, bars and lots more. For your chance to win, please purchase a ticket (which will be sold near the side gate, next to the flagpole) throughout next week. Tickets cost £1 a strip and we will accept both cash and card. The money raised will go to our PTFA, who have lots of exciting projects in the pipeline.

This week's focus

Learn together, shine forever

This week your focus is:
To be proud of something that you've achieved

Take a moment and think about the week that you've had.

What have you been most proud of?

Why did it make you proud?

What has this taught you about yourself?

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

As we had iSingPop in, we didn't get a chance to set the focus at the start of the week, so this week we flipped it and asked the children to think of something that they had done throughout the week that they are proud of. For me, I've been really proud of how well the children have embraced the singing and dancing of iSingPop.

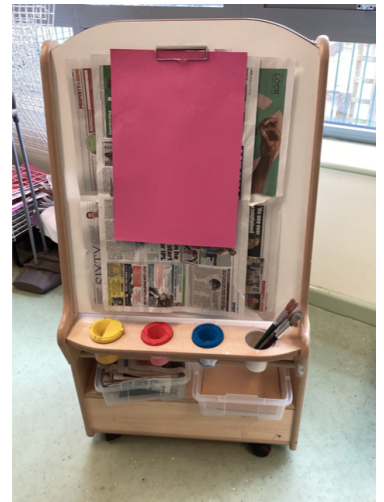
Headteachers' challenge

KS1 - This week we have been looking at healthy habits and the importance of healthy eating (particularly at break time). Our challenge for KS1 is to design a poster, which we can display around the school, showing the importance of healthy eating and what sorts of foods would be good to eat at break times.

KS2 - For KS2, the challenge is to design a leaflet, all about healthy habits and how we can show those healthy habits at home and in school.

There will be prizes to be won for our winners (a £10 book token each) and the winning entries will be displayed around the school for all to see! Please can any entries be brought into school by the first week back after Easter. Good luck everyone!

Pre-school open days



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Our wonderful pre-school team hosted some open days over the past few weeks, where we welcomed families with children due to start pre-school next year. It was great to meet so many families and we're really excited to welcome many of you in September. If you have a child who is due to start pre-school next year, please contact the school office as we would be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

KS2 breaktime snacks

We are still working on our drive to make C of E a healthy school and we need your help. Please can the children in KS2 only bring in a healthy snack at break time as we're still seeing many children try to take out chocolate bars and crisps. This impacts the children's ability to concentrate in the classroom which can hamper their learning. For breaktime, they should only eat healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetables, breakfast bars, yoghurt tubes, etc..



Next Week's Diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities		Lunch Menu
				Week 3
Monday	Story and Craft Club (Y1 & 2) 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Table Tennis Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Chicken Nuggets & Potato Wedges Vegetable Sausages & Potato Wedges
Tuesday	Reception & Year 6 heights, weights & vision test	Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15 pm	Tag Rugby Festival (for selected children)	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wednesday	Year 5 History Visitors	Tag Rugby Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15 pm		Roast Chicken with Roasties Roast Quorn Fillet with Roasties
Thursday	Reception & Year 6 heights, weights & vision test Puzzle Club (Reception) 12:45 - 1:15 pm iSingPop afternoon concert (2pm)	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00 pm	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread
		iSingPop evening concert (6pm) Holy Trinity Church		
Friday	Last day of Term (Normal finish time)			Starfish with Chips Vegetable Nuggets with Chips.

Other Key Dates

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April - Summer Term begins

Wednesday 19th April - Year 5 visit to the Nature Reserve

Thursday 20th April - Years 3 + 4 Football Cup

Thursday 20th April - Year 6 Oaker Wood Residential parent meeting (5:30pm)

Monday 24th April - Wednesday 26th April - Year 4 Pioneer Residential

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May - English Touring Opera (KS2)

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Thursday 18th May - School Photos

Thursday 18th May - Drama Club Performance - Cinderella Rockafella

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - May Half Term