

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th October 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

We're getting closer to half term (just a week away now) and it's amazing to think how much the children have packed into the first half term. To begin with, we welcomed our new Reception children and we've been so impressed with how well they have settled into life at C of E. Then, we enjoyed the rearranged Bounce Fest, where the children had lots of fun in the sun, bouncing the evening away (we even welcomed back some of our old pupils to join the fun). Over the past few weeks, the children have experienced some different trips including; Winchcombe Steam, the Black Country Living Museum and Bishop Wood and Year 1s became palaeontologists for the day and searched the school for dinosaur bones and fossils.

Other exciting experiences have included the children enjoying a fencing taster day, where they put everything they've learnt during OPAL to the test. We've had 3 cross country races (where our children have made us incredibly proud). 'Open the book' has joined us for some of our collective worship and we enjoyed celebrating the Harvest festival with you all. There have also been lots of extra curricular clubs running for the children to enjoy, with more still to come. It's fair to say that we are definitely back with a bang! The children have been really busy in the classroom too and, through our REAL curriculum, have experienced many more exciting activities to help them to develop a love of learning.

PreSchool



Our Preschool children headed over to the primary school for a listening walk, where they were listening to all of the different sounds that you hear at this time of year. Throughout the walk, they heard birds chirping, planes flying overhead, trees swaying and children playing. The children then got to have a go on the obstacle course, which they thoroughly enjoyed!

Year 3's visit to Bishop Wood



Year 3 had an excellent time at Bishop Wood, where they learnt and experienced how to live a day in the life of a Neolithic hunter gatherer. Throughout the day they got to; make shelters, use spears, build stretchers to carry their belongings, make fishing nets, weave willow fences, forage for food in the forest, make flour, start fires and make cave drawings using chalk, clay and charcoal. It was a brilliant day and the children were amazing, as usual. Thank you also to the parents who helped on the trip, we greatly appreciate your support.

Year 2's visit to The Black Country Living Museum



Year 2 had a wonderful day at the Black Country museum learning all about Victorian life. They particularly enjoyed visiting the Victorian school and seeing some of their teachers being punished with the cane. They were a credit to our school throughout the day with some of the guides commenting on how polite they were and how well they responded to any questions they were asked. We were very proud of them!

Break The Rules Day

It is time for the children to break the rules once again! Your child should have returned home today with a 'break the rules' slip that you will need to fill out and return (along with the correct money) next Friday (27th). It was such a successful event last year that the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it, so we can't wait to see what rules they break this year! (Please see the poster below for more details).

EYFS - People who help us in the community



Over the past two weeks, Reception has been learning about people who help us in the community. They have been extremely lucky to have visits from two policemen, a lollipop man (our very own Mr James!) and a lovely vet who talked to the children about how they help people and animals. They also talked about the tools they sometimes need to use and the clothes they sometimes need to wear. Mrs Lockwood also very kindly bought in firefighter helmets and uniform for the children to try on. Reception want to say a huge thank you to our visitors and all of those people in our community who help us everyday.

Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest festival last week, it was so nice to be able to celebrate this with you. We thought the children did a fantastic job, saying their lines so beautifully and, as usual, the children were in fine voice. We feel privileged to be able to hear the children sing everyday and we're really glad that you got to hear it too. We'd like to say a big thank you for your kind donations, which will be making their way to the Tewkesbury Food Bank. We also want to say a big thank you to Holy Trinity Church and to Stephen Walker and Lucy Betts for helping us put it all together as well as Mr Stanton, for planning the event.

PTFA

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

<https://forms.gle/nWejWbFFfT4RQ21P9>

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.

This week's diary

Day	The School Day	After school		Lunch Menu Week 2
Mon	Lego club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm			Pork Meatballs & Pasta Quorn Nuggets & Pasta
Tues	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Chicken & Vegetable Fajitas Quorn & Vegetable Fajitas
Wed	Mindfulness club (Rec - Y2) 12:30 - 1pm	Recorder club (Rec - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Tag rugby club (Y5 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm	Braised Beef with Roasties Quorn Mince with Roasties
Thur		Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread Quorn Wraps
Fri	Break the Rules Day Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Star Fish with chips Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings

Important Dates

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 15th November 2023 - Individual School Photos

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

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

TEWKESBURY C OF E PTFA 'BREAK THE RULES' DAY

CHOOSE FROM THE LIST BELOW AND PAY 50P
FOR EVERY RULE YOU BREAK

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

~~~~~ SCHOOL RULES ~~~~~

#1 No nail polish!

#2 No jeans or trainers!

#3 No crazy hairstyles or coloured hair!

#4 No unhealthy snacks at breaktime!

#5 No squash in water bottle!

#6 No makeup, face paint or temporary tattoos!

#7 No colourful tights or socks!

PLEASE FILL OUT THE RULE BREAK FORM AND BRING IN
THE EXACT MONEY!

(WEAR NORMAL UNIFORM BESIDES THE RULE BREAK)



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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PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

Autumn Half Term Play Day

The Vineyards, Tewkesbury

GL20 5PG

 [///dodger.whisker.increases](http://dodger.whisker.increases)

Wednesday 1st November

10am to 4pm

With thanks to Tewkesbury Town Council for funding this day





Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play
www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

 @play_glos   @playgloucestershire



Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Play Rangers activities target 7 - 14 year olds.

Under 7's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love families to join us at all our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers. We welcome disabled children & their families.

For further information:

Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk

Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk

Phone 01452 505548

Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

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



Please see below, an opportunity for our Year 6 girls.



GIRLS - JOIN OUR FUN PACKED SESSION INTRODUCING YOU TO RUGBY

Wednesday 25th October
18.30 – 20.00
at Tewkesbury RFC

FREE COME AND TRY SESSION FOR GIRLS



- All girls aged 11 -17 welcome
- No experience necessary
- Come and try an exciting sport.

Come along on the night or for more details:

 @TewkesburyRFCGirlsRugby

 GirlsRugby@tewkesburyrfc.co.uk



Tewkesbury RFC, The Moats, Gander Lane, Tewkesbury, GL20 5PG