

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th September 2022

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Can you believe the children have been back with us for 4 weeks now, but what a great 4 weeks it has been! Throughout the term, the children have been really impressing us with their positive attitudes and how they are living and breathing our school values each and every day. It has also been so lovely seeing them enjoying all of the amazing things that OPAL has to offer, not just playing in the sandpit, but climbing trees, building dens, using their imaginations and enjoying each others company. I wish I had this when I was in school!



Virtual Book Fair

Books for Bugs (an independent, family-run online retailer) are hosting our annual book fair from Wednesday 28th September - Tuesday 4th October. There is a huge range of brand-new books to choose from, including board books, picture books, chapter books, graphic novels and nonfiction titles, all at just £2.50 each! Simply visit: www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop and choose your books. For every 5 books ordered, Tewkesbury C of E will receive 1 free book, so all the more reason to get buying books! Please check your emails for further instructions on how to order.

Harvest Festival

Over the past few weeks, the children have been busy practicing songs and performances ready for the Harvest festival, and we hope that you will be able to join us. The festival will begin at 2pm on Thursday 13th October at Holy Trinity Church. Please arrive anytime from 1:45pm, and head to the balcony, where there will be plenty of space for you to enjoy the performances. At the end, we will walk the children back to school, where you will be able to pick them up at the usual time. It would be lovely if you were able to make a food contribution and all items will go to Tewkesbury Food Bank. If donations could be brought into school between Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th October, that would be great.

School Gateway

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks with booking your child's school lunches on the School Gateway, it really is helping the kitchen and the school. If you would like help registering on the school gateway please call into the school office.

PTFA Update

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our first PTFA meeting on Tuesday - your enthusiasm to support the school is so greatly appreciated! Our team is now ready to start fundraising money to improve the school, through some exciting, upcoming events.

Some dates for your calendar:

Monday 3rd October: Tewkesbury C of E Bonus Ball

Please check the posters that will be located around the school from Monday for further information. When paying, ensure you have the exact change for the office. The winner will be announced in our SHINE assembly on Friday 14th October.

Friday 14th October: Break the Rules Day

Please see the attached poster. Children will be given the opportunity to break as many rules as they want! Choose from the list of rules and pay 50p for each rule broken. The rule break form will be sent home the week of the event.



Focus of the week

This week the children have been trying to keep the school clean and tidy by cleaning up after themselves and putting things away. Let's hope they can continue this good work at home over the weekend - we can always dream!!!



Sports for schools

On Tuesday 11th October, Paralympian and double World Silver medallist Rachael Latham will be joining us for an exciting sporting event run by Sports for schools. Sport for schools is a social enterprise with a mission to help children to be more physically active. Over the past couple of decades, scientists have explained and confirmed how physical activity improves many aspects of a child's life, including their **academic performance** and general **wellbeing**.

Earlier in the week, we hosted an assembly to get the children practicing. They then brought home a sponsor form with the aim to raise money for our school. The money raised will be used to buy lots of new and exciting PE equipment for the children to use. To find out more about the event or Rachael herself, please click on the link <https://sportsforschools.org/athletes/rachael-latham/>

Coats

Now that the weather is changing and getting colder and wetter, please can you make sure that the children come into school with their coats. Part of the joy of OPAL is that we go outside whatever the weather (except when it is extreme).

Parent View Survey

Today is the final day to submit your Parent View Survey, so if you haven't completed it yet, but would like to do so, please click on the link below. Participation is voluntary and all responses are collected anonymously.

<https://forms.gle/Kov3JDKp2f4oGdxx8>

Thank you for your support.

New Starters for 2023

If you have a child starting school in September 2023, we would love to invite you to one of our open days. If these dates are 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	After School Activities	Lunch Menu Week 2
Monday	Virtual Book Fayre	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Table Tennis Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Meatballs Quorn Sausage
Tuesday	Virtual Book Fayre	Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Harry Potter Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Sweet & Sour Chicken Veggie Burger
Wednesday	Virtual Book Fayre	Tag Rugby Club (Y3, 4 & 5) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Braised Beef Quorn Mince
Thursday	Spring Gardens Car Park Closed due to Mop Fayre Special Lunch Day	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm	Sausage & Chips Pizza & Chips Tomato Pasta
Friday	Spring Gardens Car Park Closed due to Mop Fayre	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3.15 - 4.00pm	Cod Goujons Vegetable Nuggets

Other Key dates

Wednesday 28th September - Friday 30th September - Virtual Book Fayre

Tuesday 11th October - Whole school athletics event

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

Friday 14th October- Break the Rules Day

Thursday 20th October - Year 6 trip to Winchcombe Steam

Friday 21st October - Inset Day - School Closed

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

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