

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th November 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt

As we look back on another delightful week, we are excited to share the abundance of enriching experiences our children have enjoyed. Walking around the school, it's a joy to witness their immersion in various creative endeavours - whether it's constructing models of Skara Brae or designing and building shadufs, their creativity knows no bounds. The artistic flair extends to amazing clay work, drawing inspiration from the timeless works of William Morris. Our school grounds have become a haven for exploration and a deeper connection with nature for our Preschool children during their tranquil walks. The familiar sounds of joy and laughter fill the air at lunchtimes, courtesy of OPAL play, injecting an extra dose of fun into our days. Adding to the celebration, our school takes pride in the recent triumph on the football pitch, where our budding athletes from Year 3 + 4 showcased impressive skills and teamwork, and it has also been truly inspiring to see our children not only engaging in various activities but also taking the lead in our collective worship, contributing to the kind and respectful atmosphere that defines every corner of our school. Here's to another week brimming with warmth, growth and the magical moments of childhood!

Preschool go on a welly walk



This week, Preschool enjoyed a leisurely welly boot walk around the school grounds. They had a blast exploring the den building areas and even tackled the mini assault course, with their laughter echoing through the air. The autumn leaves became their playground, providing a backdrop for simple yet joyful moments of play. It was lovely to welcome them into school and allow them explore the lovely grounds, seeing them filled with the kind of innocent delight that makes childhood so special.

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

Year 3 + 4 Football league 1



On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 3 and 4 football team made an outstanding start to the Tewkesbury School's League 1 tournament. The team managed 3 wins and 1 draw meaning they claimed 10 out of a possible 12 points! Also impressive is the fact that they kept 4 clean sheets despite not having a regular goalkeeper (they had a different player in goal each game!). This brilliant start means that we are in a fantastic position to challenge for top position, when the tournament reconvenes in March. Alongside their success on the pitch, the team showed great courage, togetherness and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and were excellent representatives of the school. Well Done footballers!

Year 4 make Shadufs



Over the past couple of weeks, Year 4 have been delving into their inner DIY skill set by creating Egyptian Shadufs. They had previously spent time looking at the River Nile and the benefits that it brought to the Egyptians. Next, they learnt that the Egyptians would use Shadufs to collect water from the Nile and deposit it into channels which would then irrigate the surrounding landscape. The Egyptians particularly relied on Shadufs when there was a drought or the river was particularly low and it was too hazardous to descend the banks. The children worked in pairs to plan and design their Shaduf. They then used art straws to create a model of their design in order to refine their creations. Afterwards, the children used saws, G-clamps, hot glue and string to create their final model. Some great teamwork and problem solving was seen throughout these sessions from the children and many would make keen carpenters!

PTFA Updates

Firstly, a great big THANK YOU for supporting our PTFA-run events. Our first event of the year, Break the Rules Day, raised an incredible £485.90! This money will be going towards our three big fundraising goals this year:

- 1) Innovating the school library to make it a more inviting environment in which children can enjoy reading.
- 2) Innovating the outdoor EYFS provision so our youngest pupils' imagination and curiosity can flourish (all pupils in the school will benefit from the outdoor Welly Boot area renovation too).
- 3) Providing specialist equipment for our SEN pupils.

Our next, upcoming event is our Christmas Shopping Night on Friday 8th December. We have over 20 stalls offering incredible gifts and treats for your loved ones this Christmas. Please see the attached poster for extra information. Those of you who attended last year know what a fantastic event this is. We look forward to welcoming you all.

We will also be running a Christmas Film night where the children can snuggle down in their Christmas PJs (if they wish!) with a sweet cone and a drink. More details will follow shortly- watch this space!

Child led collective worship

On Thursday, four of our children from Year 6 presented our collective worship. They led the school in reflecting on our value of Peace including looking at peace symbols around the world. We heard a story from China that gave examples of how we can keep peace amongst our friends and they taught us what the bible says about peace. Every part of the assembly was planned and produced by the children who presented to a high standard and interacted with the audience well! A huge well done to Esther, Beatrice, Naamah and Lucy!

iSingPop

Don't forget that we will be putting on a short **iSingPop performance on Wednesday 12th December at 2:30pm** (in the school hall), to showcase the fantastic singing of our KS2 children, led by the team at iSingPop.

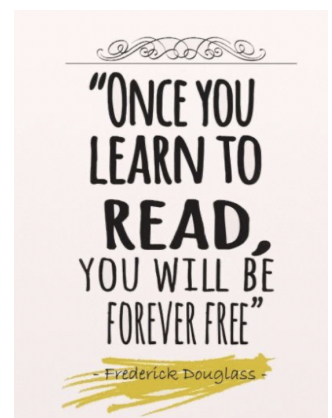
Parents' Evening information

Next week we will be holding our parents' evening, I hope that you have all managed to book your places. If you arrive 10 minutes before your appointment, you'll have an opportunity to look through some of your child's work, before meeting the teacher.

C of E's reading wish list

Reading continues to be a priority of the school and we have many more exciting developments to come. As mentioned previously, our fantastic PTFA are kindly donating funds to renovate our school library with new furniture and books, to make it a warm and welcoming place for children to ... into their books. We have also identified some amazing books for each of the year groups and we wondered whether you could help us. We would love to get as many books from each list as possible, so if you were browsing a shop and happened to come across one (and you didn't mind buying it) or if you are having a clear out of books and you find one on the list, we would love it if you were happy to donate it. We want our children to have the very best quality literature, as it makes all the difference to their interest and enthusiasm for reading.

Any books should make their way to either the office, Miss Davis or Mr Shaw so we can then label them up.



[Recommended Reads - Reception](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 1](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 2](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 3](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 4](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 5](#)

[Recommended Reads - Year 6](#)

School diary week beginning 27th November 2023

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	Chess club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm		Choir (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm	Art club (Rec - Y1) 3:15 - 4pm	Homemade cheese pasta bake with garlic bread 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	Homemade sausage hotpot
			Fencing club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.10pm		Quorn sausage hotpot
Thur			Drama club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4pm		Chicken in a soya sauce with noodles Quorn pieces in a soya sauce with noodles
Fri	Book club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Music club (Rec - Y6) 12:30 - 1pm	Football club (Y3 - Y6) 3:15 - 4.15pm		Fishcake with chips Vegetable pizza with chips

Important Dates

w/b 27th November 2023 - Parents evenings

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

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (family and friends welcome)

Friday 8th December 2023 - PTFA Christmas Shopping Night

Monday 11th December 2023 - Year 1 Christmas Pantivity at Tewkesbury Baptist Church (more info to follow)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - Year 1 trip to the Panto (Beauty and the Beast)

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - iSingPop Celebration Assembly - 2:30pm start (for KS2 parents and friends)

Friday 15th December 2023 - Year 6 VE Day Party

Monday 18th December 2023 - Year 1 - 3 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - Year 4 - 6 Celebration Assembly - 2pm start (family and friends welcome)

Wednesday 20th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 21st December Reception Nativity and Stay and Play - 9:30am start (Receptions family and friends)

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 8th January 2024 - School Inset Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - First day of Spring term (children return to school)

 **Tewkesbury**
C of E Primary & Pre-School

Christmas

SHOPPING NIGHT

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
6:30PM - 8:30PM

TEWKESBURY C OF E SCHOOL HALL

**WE HAVE OVER 20 AMAZING STALLS OFFERING A
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXPERIENCE.
COME AND GET SOME STOCKING FILLERS AND
SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL TOO!**

Free Entry



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 2 October
- Monday 16 October
- Monday 30 October
- Monday 13 November
- Monday 27 November
- Monday 11 December
- CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Monday 8 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- ...continues every other Monday

timings

3:15 doors open
3:15 - 4:45 welcome space: tea
and coffee, activities for children
4:45 freshly cooked meal
6:00 end



The Welcome
Table

Find us on
f Facebook

More info: welcometable@trinitytewkesbury.org.uk

Pre loved Christmas jumper sale

