

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

The weather has finally cooled (much to the relief of the children (and staff)) and everyone has relaxed into their new routines. We've been really impressed with how well the children have all settled into their new year group and the positive buzz that is going on in each class is a sight to behold. This week, we welcomed our new Reception children to school and they've been busy getting stuck into everything that Reception has to offer. The staff have been so impressed with just how well they have all started life at C of E and we are all looking forward to watching them develop and grow with us. We're also really looking forward to the Bounce Fest later today, and can't wait to see you all there!

Welcome to our new Reception children



This week, we welcomed some volunteers from GCHQ, who have been busy helping us to continue to develop the EYFS outdoor area. Not only did they paint all of the fences, they also created a brand new digging area for the children to enjoy. We'd like to say a big thank you to the volunteers for giving up their time to support the school.



New House Banners



It has been great to see the children wearing their new house colours during PE this week and, to continue to help us to promote the different houses, we have also developed new banners for each house (thank you Miss Cheal). Throughout the year, we will be hosting a range of 'house events' which will cover sporting, academic and creative competitions and we can't wait to get going! Staff members will also be allocated a new house, so they can join in the fun too!

Pre School

Over the past couple of weeks, we have also welcomed our new children to Pre School. As you can see, they've settled in so well and have been really busy this week, exploring and making new friendships.



Meet the Teacher

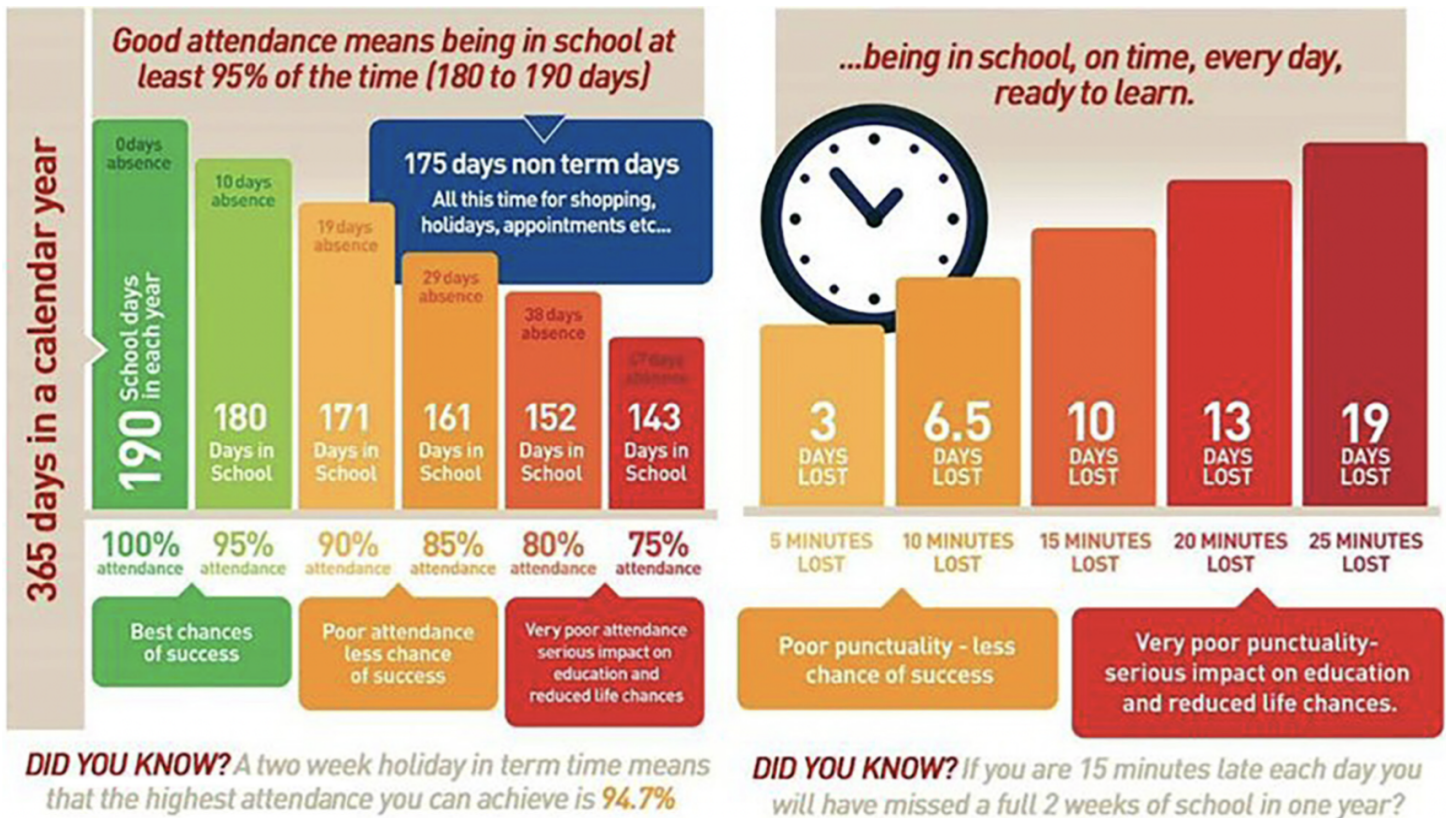
Don't forget that the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings will be happening next week. These will give you a chance to hear all about what will be happening in your child's class throughout the year. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to ask any questions that you may have. Please note that the Year 4 and Year 6 parent meeting will also incorporate the Pioneer residential meeting.

School attendance reminder

Good attendance is crucial to your child's progress. As a school, we take attendance seriously and carefully follow government guidance as outlined below:

Parents are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.



School are expected to:

- Have a clear school attendance policy on the school website which all staff, pupils and parents understand.
- Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance.
- Accurately complete admission and attendance registers.
- Have robust daily processes to follow up absence.
- Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance.

Extra curricular clubs

We're pleased to be offering a large range of extracurricular clubs for the children to enjoy this term. To sign up for clubs, please check your school gateway. Sign up will open at 7pm. For some clubs, there are limited spaces, so be quick to avoid disappointment. Please check the start times carefully, as some of the clubs will be carried out at lunch time. After school clubs will finish at either 4pm or 4:15pm.

Please note that Clubs will begin w/b 25th September 2023.

Clubs available this term

Member(s) of staff	Activity	Year groups	Day of club	Time	Location
Mrs Ainsworth	Art Club	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00 pm	Amber Class
Mr Rylatt/Mr Stanton	Football club	Year 3 - 6	Friday	3:15 - 4:15 pm	Field
Mrs Sweeting/Miss Searls	Choir	Year 3 - 6	Tuesday	3:15 - 4:00 pm	Hall/Music room
Mrs Sweeting/Mrs Wiggins	Drama Club	Year 3 - 6	Thursday	3:15 - 4:00 pm	Hall/Music room
Mrs Burrows Mrs Buchanan	Tag rugby	Year 5 - 6	Wednesday	3.15 - 4.15 pm	Ruby class
Mr Stagg, Mrs Yeomans & Ms Black	Cross Country	Year 4 - 6	Thursday	3:15 - 5:00 pm	The vineyards
Mrs Clarkson	Recorder club	Rec - Year 6	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:00 pm	Music room
Mr Stagg	Chess Club	Rec - Year 6	Tuesday	12:30 - 1:00 pm	Sapphire Class
Mrs Arnold/ Miss Cheal	Lego club	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Monday	12.30-1.00 pm	Crystal class
Mrs Yeomans - Autumn 2	Music Club (glockenspiels)	Year 1 - 5	Friday	12:30-1:00 pm	Music room
Ms Black	Mindfulness	Rec, Y1 and Y2	Wednesday	12:30-1:00 pm	Crystal
Mr Shaw	Book Club	Rec - Y6	Friday	12:30 - 1:00 pm	Library

This week's diary

Day	The School Day	Summer Lunch Menu Week
Monday	Year 6 Meet the Teacher meeting (3:30pm)	Chicken Fillet & Diced Potatoes Veggie Burger in a Bun
Tuesday	Year 4 Meet the Teacher meeting + Pioneer meeting (3:30pm) Reception phonics meeting (3:30pm)	Homemade Cheese Pasta with Garlic Bread Vegetable Fajitas
Wednesday	Year 1 Meet the Teacher meeting (3:30pm) Year 2 Meet the Teacher meeting (4:15pm)	Homemade Sausage Hotpot Quorn Sausage Hotpot
Thursday	Year 3 Meet the Teacher meeting (3:30pm)	Chicken in a Soya Sauce with noodles Quorn Pieces in a Soya Sauce with noodles
Friday	Year 5 Meet the Teacher meeting (3:30pm)	Fishcake with Chips Vegetable Pizza with Chips

Important Dates

Friday 15th September 2023 - Bounce Fest (Summer Fayre)

Monday 9th October 2023 - Nasal Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 10th October 2023 - Year 6 visit to Winchcombe Steam

Thursday 12th October 2023 - Harvest Festival (more information to follow, but all welcome to join)

Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 3rd November - Half term holidays

Monday 6th November 2023 - Start of the new school term

Friday 8th December 2023 - Christmas Carol Service at Tewkesbury Abbey (more information to follow, but all welcome to join)

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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 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

