

8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Here is a reminder of key dates for this next week:

| | Talbot | St. Peter's |
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| Monday 11 th March | WARWICK CASTLE Trip Years R, 1 and 2 PARENTS' EVENING WRAP AROUND CARE | WARWICK CASTLE Trip Years R, 1 and 2 WRAP AROUND CARE |
| Tuesday 12 th March | WRAP AROUND CARE | WRAP AROUND CARE |
| Wednesday 13 th March | WRAP AROUND CARE | WRAP AROUND CARE |
| Thursday 14 th March | PARENTS' EVENING WRAP AROUND CARE | Easter Church Service at 2pm WRAP AROUND CARE |
| Friday 15 th March | | WRAP AROUND CARE |

Key dates for your diary

| | Talbot | St. Peter's |
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| 22 nd March | TSA Easter Parade and chocolate tombola at 2.45pm | Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.15am |
| W/C 25 th March | Easter Holiday | Easter Holiday |
| 8 th April 2024 | INSET - School Closed | INSET - School Closed |
| 21 st May | INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4 | INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4 |
| W/C 27 th May | HALF TERM | HALF TERM |
| 22 nd July 2024 | INSET - School Closed | INSET - School Closed |

Special Notes:

- I will always try to see you at short notice if at all possible. If your issue is urgent and I am unavailable, I will ensure that another senior member of staff is made available to you. For non-urgent meetings, you are welcome to telephone the School Office. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Delaney-Lewis manage my diary and will be more than happy to make you an appointment at a mutually convenient time or you can always drop me an email (jfarrington@woodlandsfederation.staffs.sch.uk). Alternatively, you can catch me on the school gate where we can easily make an arrangement to meet.
- My weekly newsletter is accessible via Dojo and is uploaded to the school website. If you would prefer an email version, you can log on to the school website (following the NEWS AND EVENTS tab and then NEWS/LETTERS) and enter your email address to sign up. In the same way, if you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the School Office know.
- Please note that OFFICE HOURS are 8am - 4pm.
- THANK YOU to everyone at St. Peter's who managed to come into school this week to talk about their child's progress with Miss Beynon or Miss Vickers. It was lovely to see you and to hear so many positive things about the learning that is taking place in our classrooms.
- THANK YOU so much for joining us today to share our Mother's Day presentations. It was great to see so many visitors in school and the children really enjoyed creating those special moments for you. We all hope that you have a great day on Sunday and that you are truly spoilt for the day so TAKE A BREAK and let someone else run around after you for a change!
- Don't forget that Years Reception, 1 and 2 are off to Warwick Castle next Monday. Just a reminder that the children must wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM with a waterproof coat. Please send a packed lunch IN A CARRIER BAG so that it can be easily disposed of after lunch. **Please do not send sandwich boxes.** Please make sure that your youngster gets off to bed early on Sunday night and don't forget to administer travel sickness medication if necessary.

NO BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS WEEK!

- Just to let you know that we have now set up sanitary provision in the girls' toilets on both sites and sanitary products are available from the school offices should they be needed.
- The girls in Birch Class enjoyed taking part in the **BIGGEST EVER GIRLS' FOOTBALL SESSION!** A big **THANK YOU** to Mr. Handy for organising this opportunity for the girls!

Just a reminder as the summer term is fast approaching and families begin making plans for their holidays. The decision to authorise absence is at the Head teacher's discretion based on their assessment of the situation. Term times are for education and this must be the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. All Head teachers will quite rightly prioritise attendance. Generally, absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**. Penalty notices for term time leave are issued based on information and referrals received from school. The Local Authority cannot override the decision made by a Head teacher to un-authorise the absence. **Where both parents live together and have day-to-day care and also any absent parent who has frequent contact with the child and is named in the child's school records, may receive a fine for each of their children. This will include parents who allow their child to go on holiday with another family member or friend of the family.** Exceptional circumstances are **one off events** which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, attendance at a funeral, respite care for a looked after child or a housing crisis which prevents attendance.

- A **PARKING REMINDER** for St. Peter's - please remember that the gates will close **promptly at 8.30am** each morning to safeguard all children. No vehicles will be permitted to enter/leave the carpark during the period of 8.30am - 9.10am. **PLEASE NOTE** that the carpark is intended for **STAFF use only**. Could I please ask that Parents/Carers do not use the carpark - your vehicle will not be insured if a bump takes place on this carpark. **Also, please do not park in front of the school gates when dropping off or picking up - this would**

prevent EMERGENCY VEHICLES being able to enter or leave the school premises.

- We are still hoping to find two new Play Leaders to run our TALBOT TODDLER group from April onwards. As this group is now thriving, we are really keen to keep it going. If there is anyone who is interested in volunteering to run/help out at the playgroup, it runs from 9am til 11am (term time only) on a Wednesday morning in the school hall. Please speak to myself or the Office Staff to express your interest!
- We have got a number of under 1s who attend our TALBOT TODDLERS but we are really short of toys that are suitable for this age range. If you have got any toys that are suitable for UNDER 1s that you would like to donate, they would be gratefully received!
- The after school club activities at Talbot are as follows:

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| Monday | Craft Night! |
| Tuesday | Talbot Choir |
| Wednesday | Gym Club using the apparatus |
| Thursday | Multi Sports with Jack |

- The after school club activities at St. Peter's are as follows:

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| Monday | Construction |
| Tuesday | Sports with Jack |
| Wednesday | Crafty Club! |
| Thursday | Singing Hands |
| Friday | Yoga and Mindfulness |

For those that have already booked Wraparound Care, there is no need to book into these clubs as they form part of our Wraparound Care. If you have not already booked in and would like your child to take part in these clubs then book in the usual way via the school office. **Don't forget - under the new WAC terms and conditions, there will be a charge applied for late bookings.**

- Don't forget that the price of a school meal is increasing after the Easter break. The meal price from April 2024 will increase from £2.83p to £2.95p per meal.

Don't forget, under our new DEBT POLICY, your services may be suspended if you have an outstanding balance with no payment plan in place to clear the debt.

- Just a reminder that PARENTS' EVENING appointments start next week at TALBOT. If you have still not made an appointment, please do so. It is essential that you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at this point in the year and ensure that they are on track to meet their end of year expectations. Talbot appointments will take place with Miss Davies, Miss Allen and Mrs. Lovat. Please remember that each appointment has an allocation of **10 minutes** to ensure that all parents can be seen and not kept waiting. If you have concerns or would like to raise an issue that needs a longer conversation, please speak to the class teacher who will be more than happy to arrange to meet up with you on an alternative date.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with their water bottle. Water bottles are kept in the classroom and the children are able to freely access them as they wish.

STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Allen is really enjoying being back at school. From next week, she will be with Maple class all day, supported by Mrs. Lovat each afternoon.

Mrs. Holden remains absent from school. Miss Davies and Mrs. Dwyer will continue to cover the class supported by Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Fowler.

- We all recognise and understand that children end up with lumps, bumps and injuries whilst playing at home! If your child has suffered an **out-of-school**

injury, please be sure to let a member of staff know when they are dropped off in a morning.

- **HOMEWORK** is an important aspect of school life. It provides the opportunity to apply and consolidate learning that has already taken place. Please support your child to complete these weekly tasks in order to give them the best chance of success.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Nut products coming into school poses a real risk to the children that we have who suffer from NUT ALLERGIES. Please check that any food sent into school adheres to our NUT-FREE policy.

- **PLEASE REMEMBER - If you are considering having your youngster's ears pierced, please consider that this is done in the summer holiday as earrings cannot be removed from newly pierced ears for at least 6 weeks and this will result in them having to miss at least 12 PE lessons. In the same way, in line with our uniform policy, hair must be tied back and no jewellery is permitted.**

READING AT HOME - Please try to read with your child every day. When you read with your child, please write in the reading diary or for the older children, support them in writing in the diary themselves. Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary is in school every day. Reading every day makes a REAL DIFFERENCE!



This week's ROLL OF HONOUR for certificate winners is as follows:

| <u>The Woodlands Federation Certificate Winners</u> | | | | |
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| Certificate: | Talbot: | | St Peter's: | |
| Pen Licence | | | | |
| Presentation Award | Willow: | | Ash: | Niamh |
| | Maple: | | Birch: | |
| Maths Award: | Willow: | Freddie | Ash: | Cal |
| | Maple: | Miya | Birch: | Aimee |
| English Award: | Willow: | Lottie | Ash: | Hugo |
| | Maple: | Summer | Birch: | Henry |
| Star of the week: | Willow: | William | Ash: | Cooper |

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| | Maple: | Pippa | Birch: | Bella |
| Golden rules/value award: | Willow: | Ivy | Ash: | Oliver |
| | Maple: | Alex | Birch: | Georgia |
| Headteacher award: | Willow: | | Ash: | |
| | Maple: | | Birch: | |
| Out of School Achievements: | | | | |
| Talbot: | | | St Peter's: | |
| WELL DONE to Jasper for showing resilience, perseverance and determination on the apparatus in GYM CLUB on a Wednesday after school! | | | | |

WELL DONE to all these children!

ATTENDANCE THIS LAST WEEK:

Attendance at both sites last week continued to be EXCELLENT! A massive WELL DONE to everyone!

| Talbot | St. Peter's |
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| Class with best attendance: Miss Allen's class with 100 % WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! You get to look after Tiny Ted this next week! | Class with best attendance: - Miss Vicker's class with 100% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! You get to share Tiny Ted this next week! |
| Whole School attendance this last week: 98.2% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! | Whole School attendance this last week: 99.7% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations! |

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| <p>Please note that leave of absence will not be granted for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Amendments to the Education Regulations 2006 removed references to family holidays as well as the threshold of ten school days and the criteria is now extremely tight. Please remember - because we are small schools, a week's holiday from one child is sufficient to take the school below national expectation. Where unapproved holidays are taken during term time, it is likely that a PENALTY NOTICE will now be issued.</p> | |

GET INTO SCHOOL ON TIME AND BEAT THE LATE GATE!

Some interesting facts:

Being 5 minutes late every day for a year adds up to the equivalent of 3 days missed.

Being 10 minutes late every day for a year adds up to the equivalent of 6 days missed.

REMEMBER - Being late can:

Cause embarrassment for your child.

Make it harder for them to settle.

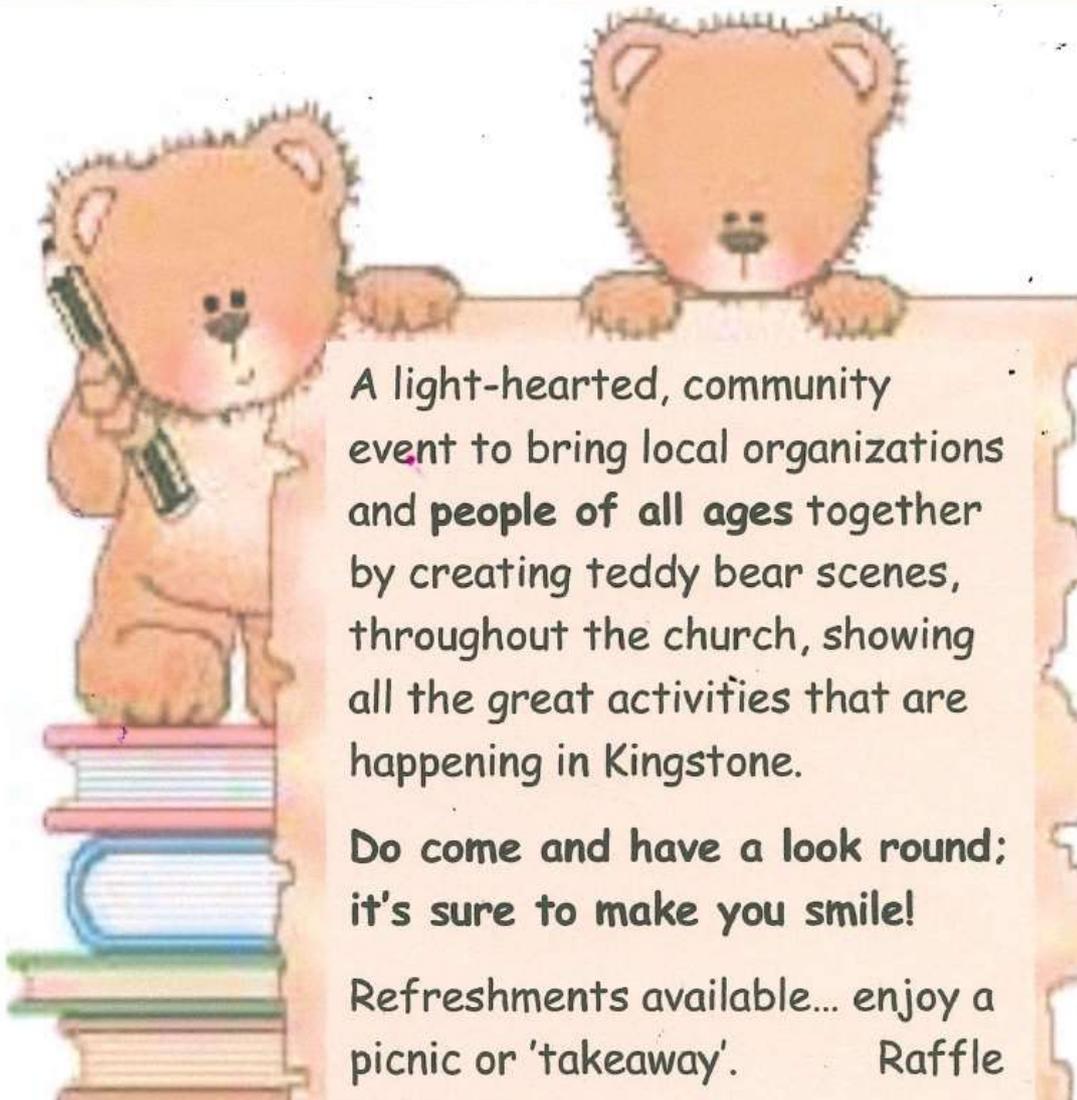
Cause disruption to the class.

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend - Just TWO WEEKS until the Easter holiday!

W.J. Farrington

Let's have fun with a
TEDDY BEAR TAKEOVER!

St. John the Baptist Church, Kingstone



A light-hearted, community event to bring local organizations and people of all ages together by creating teddy bear scenes, throughout the church, showing all the great activities that are happening in Kingstone.

Do come and have a look round; it's sure to make you smile!

Refreshments available... enjoy a picnic or 'takeaway'. Raffle

Saturday 13th April: 10am-12noon; 2pm-4pm

Sunday 14th April: 2pm-4pm