

12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

WELCOME BACK! I hope that everyone managed to have a restful break! It's a long term ahead but the sun is shining and the nights are lighter! It is a busy term so keep an eye on the diary dates so that you are sure not to miss anything!

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

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	FOMS rags to Riches <b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>	<b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		FOMS - EG Meeting <b>WRAP AROUND CARE</b>

**Key dates for your diary:**

	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> April	YEAR 4 transition to OLDFIELDS for the day	YEAR 4 transition to OLDFIELDS for the day
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	TSA Film Evening	
6 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY DAY	MAY DAY
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Tempest class photographs	
15 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	WHITEMOOR LAKES
16 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES	ASM Sport Enrichment Day
17 <sup>th</sup> May	WHITEMOOR LAKES ASM Sport Enrichment Day	WHITEMOOR LAKES
21 <sup>st</sup> May	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4	INSPIRE Trip for Years 3 and 4
W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM	HALF TERM

W/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4
7 <sup>th</sup> June		Tempest class photographs
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Solstice Sounds	Summer Solstice Sounds
21 <sup>st</sup> June	TSA sponsored walk ASM Sport Enrichment Day	
24 <sup>th</sup> June		ASM Sport Enrichment Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	YEAR 4 transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3	Year 4 Transition day to OLDFIELDS Transition Day for Years N-3
5 <sup>th</sup> July	REPORTS sent home	REPORTS sent home
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's assembly at 9.15am	Leaver's Assembly at 2pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM	END OF TERM
22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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. Just a reminder that no messages will be read outside of these hours. **Please also email the OFFICE EMAIL for WAC bookings and emergencies and not Dojo as the office email is the only place that both Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Delaney-Lewis can access the same message.**

## ACADEMISATION UPDATE

We have been informed that the date to join The Moorlands Primary Federation has been moved to 1<sup>st</sup> June. There is a great deal of 'behind the scenes' work which has to be completed in any academisation process and with a huge number of schools opting to become an academy, a backlog of paperwork and legal tasks are inevitable! I will keep you informed of our progress.

- We are still hoping to find two new Play Leaders to run our TALBOT TODDLER group from this term onwards. Unfortunately, if we are unable to find two volunteers who have 2 hours to spare on a Wednesday morning, the group will have to close. 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!
- On Monday of this week, the staff all met at St. Peter's for training. It was an extremely useful day where everyone took part in SAFEGUARDING updates and EMOTION COACHING training. Last night, all the staff also took part in a twilight session where the training focused on Restrictive Physical Intervention in Mainstream Schools. It was extremely useful and informative. We will be adjusting our Behaviour Policy to take into account the latest advice from the Local Authority. On a safeguarding note, if you are pressing the call bell on the TALBOT gate, could you please make sure that you are facing the camera so that Office Staff can be clear who is at the gate. If your face isn't visible, staff will ask you to step in front of the camera before allowing admittance to the school grounds.

## EXCITING NEWS!

This week, we have carried out a further review of our Wrap Around Care provision. I am pleased to inform you that from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, TALBOT WAC Club will be extending their hours as follows:

### Monday to Friday

**7.30am - 9am**

**3.30pm - 6pm.**

If you have already submitted your WAC request for this half term and you would now like to amend your request in the light of this change, you will be free to do so. Any changes need to be requested **next week** in the normal way.

At both sites, the Breakfast Club will now include a range of breakfasts that are available should you wish your child to get to school and then enjoy their breakfast. In the After School Club, all children will be offered a light snack at around 3.30pm each day. For children who are booked in after 4.30pm, there will be tea available to them. I am including a sample menu for the summer term:

SUMMER TERM 2024 WAC MENU			
	Breakfast	Snacks	Light Tea
Monday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Tuesday	Cheese Oatcakes & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Beans on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Wednesday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Scrambled Egg on Toast Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Thursday	Beans/Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Jacket Potato with cheese/beans Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice
Friday	Toast & Cereal Milk/juice	Fruit, Rice Cakes, Light Crisps, drink	Ham or Cheese Sandwiches Cheese Oatcakes Served with fruit, crisps, biscuit/small cake Juice

All allergies will be catered for. Children who are booked into WAC beyond 4.30pm will be asked on that morning, what they would like for their tea on that day. Tea will be served from 4.30pm onwards. We hope that you will find this extended service useful and helpful.

**WE HAVE CELEBRATED THE FOLLOWING BIRTHDAYS THIS LAST WEEK**  
**with a special mention for Easter holiday birthdays too!**

Hugo, Lucy C, Hattie, Elijah, Harry NM, Emily C, Arthur and our very own  
Mrs. Chatfield!

We hope that you really enjoyed your birthdays!

- Next week, we are welcoming Millie into Maple Class. We can't wait to have you as part of our learning family. We hope that you will settle in really quickly and make lots of new friends!
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who is working with us to clear any outstanding money owed to the school. We are here to support you and will always want to work with you when things financially are running tight or have got out of control. Please note that the Wrap Around charges for March **have not yet been added** to your account but will be updated next week. Also, please remember that if your child is in YEAR 4 and you are working with us to clear any outstanding monies owed to the school, the debt will need to be cleared by the end of the summer term. There will be no provision to continue with a payment plan after July 19<sup>th</sup> when your child leaves us. Any money that is still outstanding after this point will have to be referred to our DEBT COLLECTION service.  
**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.**
- You will see from the key dates that the Year 1 PHONICS SCREENING TEST and the Year 4 MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK dates are getting closer. There are lots of on line resources available for you to use at home to help your child to meet the required standard. If you would like more information about how you can help your child to prepare for these milestone tests, please ask your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to advise you.
- The after school club activities at Talbot for this next half term will be as follows:

Monday	Gardening
Tuesday	Choir
Wednesday	Multi Sports
Thursday	Gardening

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 has now increased from £2.83p to **£2.95p per meal.**
- The warmer weather has been much warmer this week bringing signs of the summer with it. 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.
- **READING AT HOME** has really improved this week. Reading diaries are checked each Friday to make sure that children are getting lots of opportunities to read at home. Don't forget that we are aiming for children to have **3 reading at home entries** in their diaries each week! 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!**
- Please ensure that your child's summer uniform is in line with our uniform guidance on the school website and that all items of uniform are clearly named - this is the time of year when jumpers and cardigans start to come off and can easily become lost if the item isn't named!

## STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Allen is now back with us full time and enjoying every minute of it! It's lovely to see you looking so well again.

We have welcomed Mrs. Lesley Dunn as part of our Wrap Around Care Team - we are SO pleased to have you!

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

**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 with the exception of PLAIN STUD earrings.**

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

<u>The Woodlands Federation Certificate Winners</u>				
Certificate:	Talbot:		St Peter's:	
Pen Licence				
Presentation Award	Willow:		Ash:	

	Maple:	Rubie, Molly	Birch:	Elsie P, Archie, Harriet
<b>Maths Award:</b>	Willow:	Charlotte	Ash:	Fred
	Maple:	Kyryl	Birch:	Annie
<b>English Award:</b>	Willow:	Ivy	Ash:	Raija
	Maple:	Pippa	Birch:	Bella
<b>Star of the week:</b>	Willow:	Poppy	Ash:	Mia
	Maple:	Xander	Birch:	Olivia
<b>Golden rules/value award:</b>	Willow:	Charlie	Ash:	Lauren B
	Maple:	Emily	Birch:	Henry
<b>Headteacher award:</b>	Willow:		Ash:	
	Maple:	Molly	Birch:	
<b>Out of School Achievements:</b>				
<b>Talbot:</b>		<b>St Peter's:</b>		
Molly - Horse riding medal Rubie - Gymnastics award; swimming awards		Freddie - football medal Eva B - football medal + gymnastics certificate Clara M - gymnastics certificate Lauren B. - Rainbows girl guides 'What a hoot' and 'Network Stage 1' badge Lauren S. - Rainbow Theme award certificate  Harriet - swimming Stage 4 and 20m Aimee - freestyle dancing Ava - riding - yellow (country challenge) and purple (pony care) rosettes		

WELL DONE to all these children!



**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance was really low at Talbot in the week before the Easter break. Hopefully we have got all those nasty bugs out of our system and we can get back to enjoying our usual attendance figures.

Talbot	St. Peter's
Class with best attendance: Miss class with 93.8% This falls short of our school target and does not meet national expectations.	Class with best attendance: - Miss Beynon'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: 91.72% This falls short of our school target and does not meet national expectations.	Whole School attendance this last week: 96.5% WELL DONE! This meets our school target and meets national expectations!
Please note that leave of absence will not be granted for holidays during term time unless there are <b>exceptional</b> 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. <b>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.</b>	

### 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 enjoy an enjoyable weekend.

W.J. Farrington

