



## **NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODY**

Two new parent governors have recently joined the School Governing Body, Fiona Ellis and Ben Wilson. Each have written a short resume about themselves and their interests:

### **Fiona Ellis**

My children Brennan and Mabon attend Trefonen School. I feel strongly that village schools have a big role to play in village life. For me, schools are vital in supporting children to become kind and confident; instilling in them an enthusiasm for life and the world around them.

In work, I am Children's Commissioner for Shropshire. I am responsible for ensuring health services in the county meet the needs of children. My involvement in local strategy boards and my knowledge of children's services, legislation and good practice will I hope add to the expertise of the Governing body.

### **Ben Wilson**

My name is Ben. I have 3 lovely children at Trefonen/Explorers and a very supportive wife Katie. My day job is working for a IT company based out of Silicon Valley California. I am passionate about the use of technology in schools and have seen directly what is possible and how to maximise children's interaction with technology based learning. I am also very keen on improving sport in schools. As a Governor, I will work to make sure we are safely maximising our children's use of technology and systems that will equip them for the future as well as encourage participation in a wide variety of sports

## **SHROPSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST PROJECTS**

Below is a message from one of the Trust members who have helped Hawks, Puffins and Wrens during their Wildlife Projects this term.

*I'd just like to say I had a great time at your school. Every class was polite, respectful, inquisitive and hard working. I've had a wonderful time and hope you all have too.*

*Best wishes, Jenna Shaw*

Jenna will be back with us in Spring 2019 delivering another curriculum enriching range of activities, which we all look forward to. Mrs Phillips

## **FREINDSHIP WEEK IN PUFFINS**

This week we have explored what being a good friend means and discussed strategies to help solve any friendship issues.

As part of our Advent activities, we have written Advent and friendship promises on paper chains ready to decorate our classroom.

## **HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Trefonen School went to The Marches to play hockey. We arrived, and a PE teacher organised the teams and said where we were going and we got split up in different ways.

We played against Criffins and we drew 0-0. Next we played against The Meadows. Then we came altogether again and we went through to the trophy play offs and then through to the certificates. We played against Ellesmere, which had an A and a B team. Then, we all came together again and were told that we had come third out of 12 schools and that Oswestry School had come 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **GOODBYE / HELLO**

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Parkes at the end of the Autumn Term, when she will be retiring. Over the many years that Mrs Parkes has worked in Trefonen School, as well as supporting pupils as Hawks Class' teaching assistant, she has also supported many pupils in her role as our Special Needs Assistant. We would like to thank Mrs Parkes enormously for all that she has done for our pupils over the years and wish her a well deserved rest. We will miss you Mrs Parkes!

In the Spring Term we welcome Miss Fenick, who will be Hawks Class' teaching assistant. Mrs Morris will be taking over as Special Needs Assistant in the afternoons, but don't worry Wrens Class, she will also carry on as your teaching assistant in the mornings.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Des Williams, one of our cleaners, who will be leaving to take up a new post.

This term, following Mrs Sevim's resignation to take up her new role as landlady of The Royal Oak in Treflach, we have welcomed Mrs Shirla Oates, who is now teaching Puffins Class on Monday's.

Also due to personal circumstances, Miss Allan will be off for the rest of this term.

## **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Following the installation of our new playground equipment, staff and the Health and Safety Governor have now carried out a risk assessment for each piece. Class teachers will now begin to take their classes around the playground to talk about safe and correct use and the children can have a closely supervised try. Following this, the areas will be opened up slowly to allow us to observe and monitor how children are using each piece. It is very important that we ensure that children are using the equipment safely.

We do still have some work to be carried out, including some more new surfacing in some areas. To finish off our trail we are awaiting new colourful markings, which are possibly being started this weekend!

We would like to remind you that the equipment is only for use during school hours, whilst the children are supervised by school staff. Thank you

## **FoTS CHRISTMAS PANTO**

Last Monday the children enjoyed watching the wonderful Christmas pantomime, Cinderella at Trefonen Village Hall. Here are some quotes from the children:

Robins - "I liked the Grandpa because Buttons was trying to sit on him. I liked Buttons".

Nightingales - "I liked it when Professor Potty came up and spooked everyone".

Wrens - "I liked the singing at the end and I liked Buttons and we had ice cream".

Puffins - "Amazing and great". Hayden

Hawks - "Phenomenal". Joseph

We would like to thank all those in FoTS for funding and organising this lovely seasonal event for the children. Thank you.

## **FoTS CHRISTMAS WRAP**

The Christmas wrap is on Friday 7th December and any donations of gifts are greatly appreciated and can be handed to any member of FOTS or to Mrs Richards. Letters for the wrap were sent home with your child so please return the reply slip to us in advance of the event.

## **UPCOMING CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Letters have been sent this week, giving details for the KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances.

Please return the slip on the bottom of the letters to receive tickets, £1 per ticket. Dates and times of the performances are on the newsletter Event Calendar  
Christmas performance letters can be found on the school website

## **TICKETS FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO - 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Santa's Grotto is on Friday 14th December, if you haven't yet got your tickets Ruth Roberts will be selling them in the playground. Tickets are £3.50 which includes a gift from Santa. Thank you all for your continued support.

Parents may collect their children from school up to 15 minutes prior to their meeting with Father Christmas, visits start from 2pm. We will assume that your child will not be returning to school after such an exciting experience, therefore there is no need for you to sign your child out. If your child will be returning to school after their special visit, please notify Mrs Richards in the School Office.

Your child will be sent to wait by the school office 15 minutes prior to their meeting with Father Christmas. You do not need to alert the School Office that you have arrived. Please wait outside the School Office, where you are visible and your child will be sent out to you.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

A letter will be going out next week for you to book your child a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please return your preference and payment by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, roast parsnips, vegetable selection, stuffing and gravy or vegetarian option – Quorn, and a festive chocolate cake.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**Services:** 1st Sunday\month - Family Service Sunday 10.45 am

2nd Sunday - Holy Communion 9.30am

3rd Sunday - Morning Worship 10.45am

4th Sunday - Holy Communion 9.30am

5th Sunday - Benefice wide service TBA

For further info, please contact Rev Kathy Tel: 590025 or Pat Deakin in the Church office Tel: 01691 676383 [www.bordergroupadmin@hotmail.co.uk](http://www.bordergroupadmin@hotmail.co.uk)

Messy Church – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 4pm – Exciting activities for Years 5 and 6. Call Sally on 07975 668912.

## **TINY TOTS GROUP**

The Tiny Tots group is held in the School Hall on a Wednesday morning from 9-00 am until 10-30 am. Sessions cost £2 each to include refreshments. Come along and make friends and have a natter while your children play. For further information please contact Janice Stokes on 07891305377. We look forward to seeing you.

## **WINTER GREENERY AND CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at The Stable in the Llanymynech Heritage area, at 10 am till 12 noon, children and families can come along to this Oswestry Hills Wildlife Watch event.

We'll be taking a stroll in the woods to collect winter greenery, such as holly & ivy, then returning to The Stables and the wood burning stove to make Christmas wreaths and have a little campfire and toast marshmallows over the embers.

## E-SAFETY

NSPCC website gives information to parents on bullying and cyberbullying:  
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/bullying/>

## OSWESTRY LIBRARY

**Oswestry Book Start Rhyme and Story Time – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2pm – 2.30pm –**  
Free session for under 5s, their parents and carers - enjoy rhymes, stories and action songs.  
**Oswestry Dungeons and Dragons – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 9.30 – 11.30 (under 16s - £5) and 1pm -3pm (over 16s - £8).** No screens required, Pre-booking essential. Book with the Shropshire Dungeon Master direct on 07454797995 (bookings not taken at library).  
**Oswestry Library Pom Pom Workshop – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10am – 1.00pm – FREE -** Pom Pom Workshop for children and families, materials provided.

### Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2018/2019

<b>2018</b>	
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Performance 1 – 2pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Performance 2 – 2pm</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Wrap</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Rehearsal</b>
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Dress rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Performance 1 at 1.45pm, Performance 2 at 6.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Santa’s Grotto from 2pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS1 Movie and popcorn afternoon</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>KS2 Party</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30 am Christmas Service at All Saints</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>2018/19</b>	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Wrens and Yr 6 (SWP)</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Spring Half Term</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Puffins and Hawks Yr5s (JDMA) coppicing and tree management in Bwyltai Woods/Llanymynech Rocks (SWP)</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Robins and Nightingales (SWP)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closed – Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Summer Half Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Wrens and Hawks (SWP)</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Puffins and Hawks Yr 5s (JDMA) Community Project Bwyltai Woods (SWP)</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Puffins and Hawks Yr 5s The Meadows Project (SWP)</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Puffins and Hawks Yr 5s The Meadows Projects (SWP)</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term</b>

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### Winter Weather - Emergency Closure Information

In the event of adverse weather conditions this winter, please check the scrolling alert banner on the school web-site. You can also, listen to any of the regular local radio stations ie Radio Shropshire

90MHz, 95MHz, 96MHz, 101.1MHz, DAB or look at the Council’s website –

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/news/>