



BOOK LOOK AND RSE CONSULTATION – Monday 3rd February

A reminder that parents can come into school to look at their child's wonderful school work with them, in class.

Please be mindful that the classroom lessons will be continuing until 3.25pm, so there will not be room for siblings in the classroom until after this time, so **parents only, viewing books between 2.45pm-3.15pm and parents with siblings, viewing books between 3.30 -4.30pm.**

There is no need to book, parents can sign in on the day.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum resources are available to view in the middle room. Due to the nature of these resources your child will not be able to come with you.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

SPRING TERM PUPIL AND PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

This week pupils and parents have received a school questionnaire to complete. These are to help us find out more about your views on important aspects of school. These questionnaires will become a termly process (the penultimate week before half-term breaks) and the information, along with other data collection methods, will help inform our school decision making. Please let the office know if you would prefer a paper copy and return all questionnaires by Friday 14th February.

Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU TO MRS MCKINNEY

We would like to thank Mrs McKinney for teaching Hawks Class since new year, whilst Mr Wilson took his paternity leave. We are all looking forward to Mr Wilson returning on Monday 3rd February and we wish Mrs McKinney all the best.

Monday 3rd February

Sports Leaders Uk - Playmaker Programme

Please can all the Year 5s in Puffins Class and Hawks Class wear their PE kits on Monday 3rd February, to take part in the Playmaker programme. The Playmaker programme is a great opportunity for pupils to help develop their leadership skills such as organisation, communication and teamwork. Throughout the programme pupils will be taking on the responsibility of assisting in leading their peers and younger children. We hope to be outside for most of the day so tracksuit bottoms/leggings and coats please.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK

This week, Year 4 parents will have received (by email) information regarding the national Multiplication check which takes place in May. As the information explains, there is no need to do anything additional, just keep practising times tables with your child. Thank you

BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS' EVENING

If you have not already booked for a Parents' meetings on the School Cloud, please do so as **bookings will close on 6th February at 12.00noon** for all classes except Hawks.

Hawks class' bookings will go live on 3rd March at 9.00am and will close on 17th March at 9.00am.

Please follow the instructions set out in the previous two newsletters sent to your phone.

The information is also available on the school website under Parents - Newsletters <https://trefonen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

POETRY RECITALS - Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February

The pupils are all asked to learn a poem, off by heart, to perform in front of their class, as part of their oracy curriculum. These are wonderful to listen to and the children really enjoy taking part. Please help your child/children to choose and learn a poem so that they can deliver it clearly, with expression. Your child/children will need to be ready to perform their poem by Thursday 27th February. Thank you.

TERMLY CHALLENGES

We would like to encourage all children and their families to take part in one home activity or holiday project a term.

Your child can bring them into school at any time to share and celebrate them in class. There are different challenges each term, this term includes either an arts, a science, a community or a literacy challenge:

Values Challenge: Arts Focus

Create an artistic representation of one of our school values to share with your class.

Science Challenge:

Plan and try out an investigation to enter the Spring Term Science Fair.

Community Challenge:

Can you suggest a way to improve our local community?

Design a poster with your brilliant ideas to bring to school and share with our school community.

Why do Animals Matter?

Please reflect and think with care about humanity's relationship with the other animals who share the earth with us.

Write a poem dedicated to an animal in your life and perform it in the Poetry Recitals at school.

Which one inspires you?

Don't forget to keep up with your **Activity Passports** to bring in and show to your class!

A HUGE THANK YOU:

Before Christmas we had a wonderful box delivered by one of our incredible parents. A slight delay meant that this box wasn't fully opened until recently. The pupils and staff would like to say a huge thank you to Generation Music for gifting us penny whistles, kazoos, ukuleles, cases and holders. There are plans to have some 'taster' lunchtime clubs to use these new instruments and allow pupils to try something new.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day, all pupils are invited to dress up as a character from any book. The World Book Day website has some fantastic free ebooks and many other wonderful resources, including ideas on sharing stories with your child.

There will also be a ROTAKIDS Book Fair at the end of the day.

SCIENCE WEEK 10th – 14th March 2025

Don't forget, applications to enter the fair must be handed in by Friday 28th February please, to allow time for risk assessments and planning of the event to be finalised.

Get those Science thinking caps on to create an incredible project to present during our **Science Fair on Thursday 13th March** (set up from 1:30pm, fair open 2-3:10pm). All the information about our Science Fair is on the School website under – Children - Science Week.

FoTS NEWS

Mother's day wrap on Friday 28th March. An opportunity for children to choose a gift for their Mum, Grandma or anyone they wish to thank on Mother's day.

Non uniform day on Friday 14th March where children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a wrap gift being donated. Any new items can be gifted; such as candles, toiletries, chocolates etc will be gratefully received. Letters will be in book bags after half term.

The next FoTS meeting will be held at the Barley Mow on **Tuesday 11th February** at 7pm, we hope to see many of you there.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We can now confirm the details of two extra after school clubs and we hope to add to this over the term.

Week beginning 3rd February:

Tuesdays Y3/4 Multi skills and games 3.25pm-4.25pm Led by a Marches Academy Trust Coach - 8 weeks - £24 13 spaces.

Thursdays Y1/2 Multi-skills and games 3.25pm-4.25pm Led by a Marches Academy Trust Coach - 7 weeks - £21 13 spaces (no club on 13th March due to Science Fair).

Please pay via Parentpay as usual, any issues please contact the school office on 01691 652960 or email: parentcontact@trefonen.shropshire.sch.uk

NETBALL CLUB REMINDER

Just a reminder that netball club is not on for the next two weeks due to parent open afternoon and Wrens parent meetings.

It is back on for three weeks (Mondays 3.25pm- 4.05pm) after half term. If any Year 5/6 children would like to join for the last three weeks the cost will be £4.50 and it will open on ParentPay before the end of half term. Current members should not sign up/pay again, they are already enrolled and paid for.

It is a pleasure to run the club, the children are so enthusiastic and are really enjoying their games. Mrs Drury

INTERNET SAFETY DAY – Tuesday 11TH February

This year the theme is ‘**Too good to be true**’. **Protecting yourself and others from scams online.**

Look at the parent/teachers forum for information on how to support your child and help to keep them safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/education-resources>

Also West Mercia Police are running a one hour session online about raising parents awareness of how to keep children safe online. **Tuesday 11th February – 10am**

Microsoft Teams via Eventbrite:

Sign up to the Eventbrite session – cut and paste the following:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-child-exploitation-session-for-parents-and-guardians-tickets-1123477364039?aff=oddttdtcreator>

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

This week in science, Robins enjoyed learning about Happy Chinese New Year! We have had an exciting week learning all about Chinese New Year. We found out it is the year of the Snake. We looked at the story of the zodiac, made lamps to hang up in our classroom, made spring rolls and tasted some Chinese food.

In science, continuing our Polar Places topic we learnt some animals are difficult to spot, camouflaging themselves to hide from predators.

In maths, Year one started a new unit, adding and subtracting within 20. While reception have been focusing on counting and ordering numbers. In English we have been focusing on retelling our class story through story maps and role play. In phonics reception learnt ai (snail) & ee (sheep), while year 1 learnt ew (stew), ue (blue) & u-e (flute).

In PE this week we have been learning to dismount in gymnastics and create simple routines in dance. While in music we learn to follow a steady beat and learn a new song called sparkle.

Things to remember:

PE kits (shorts or leggings for gymnastics on Mondays & normal PE kit for Wednesday with trainers or pumps)

Squirrel School – Thursdays (please remember wellies, gloves, hats, scarfs and an extra pair of socks)

Bring in your water bottle every day. Make sure that your jumpers/coats have your child's name in. Most importantly, remember to read regularly and to update the reading record, stating, up to what page you have read.

NIGHTINGALES

We have worked hard in Nightingales this week. In phonics, the Year 1 children looked at the ew, ue and u-e phonemes. In spelling, the Year 2 children looked at the common words they need to know. In English, we continued to work on our diary entries and had a go at typing them up.

In maths, the Year 2 children were making and comparing amounts of money. The Year 1 children were looking at addition within 20. The children enjoyed their music session, playing the recorder and can play a B and an A well.

In geography, we wrote up the features we saw in our walk around School Lane last week. In RE, we continued to learn about the prophet Muhammed.

PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. On Mondays we complete our gymnastics sessions. Please can the children bring a pair of shorts in their book bags to change into for these sessions.

Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle every day. Make sure that your jumpers/coats have your child's name in. Most importantly, remember to read regularly and to update the reading record, stating, up to what page you have read.

WRENS

In Science, we have continued to deepen our knowledge of forces and magnets through carrying out investigations. We ensure that they are fair tests, by only changing one thing, and take accurate measurements. Last week we found out which magnets are the strongest. This week we have learnt about friction and how carts travel on different surfaces

Our English text, *Escape From Pompeii*, has given us a lot more knowledge of volcanoes. On Thursday we learnt about the features of newspaper articles ready for writing our own about the event in Pompeii. We loved the catchy headlines which can include alliteration, puns, rhyming and a play on words.

During Music, ukulele is going really well. We have learnt the chords C and F which means we will be able to learn and sing more songs. So far we know 'My Dog Has Fleas', 'A Sailor Went To Sea' and 'Hey You'.

PUFFINS

Thank you for all the great magazines you have been sending in with your children, for their art. We now have plenty and have been able to get started on our collages. We have been busy searching for images to use and are testing their arrangement. We look forward to working on them next week too.

In English, we have been making diary entries, empathising with the passengers on board the King of Naples' boat, which was shipwrecked in the tempest.

On Tuesday and Thursday, we started our tennis unit in PE. We have made a brilliant start and have had fun practising our serves and rallies.

In geography, we have been carrying out interesting research using the ipads and have been finding out what climate change is and why it is happening.

HAWKS

Hawks have had a very full week again.

This week, the children have been electrical detectives in Science, carrying out a series of mini experiments about the impact of more/less components being added to a circuit.

In Geography, we have been continuing our topic 'Climate Change', finding out about COP meetings, what happens at them and the impact they are having. The class already know about the greenhouse effect, sinks and sources, the meaning of net zero and what the United Kingdom's goal for net zero is.

We have had some really healthy discussions about this - which actually links on well to our English as the children are currently writing a balanced discussion titled 'Should the suffragettes have used violence?'. We have had in-class debates, where the children have spoken articulately about their opinions and studied the pros and cons before planning and starting to write their own.

I am so proud of you all and it has been a pleasure to teach you. Well done Hawks!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

In relation to the following notices the school accepts no responsibility for verifying the suitability of the providers for the events. Parents should exercise their own judgement.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Church services are now generally at 10.00am on a Sunday though there are exceptions. Please try and arrive at the church with some time available to be shown to your seats.

February

February 2nd – Family Service – 9.30am

February 9th – Family Service – 9.30am

February 16th – Family Service – 9.30am

February 23rd – Family Service – 9.30am

Trefonen Church is open during the day at least between 10 and 4 and can be used for prayer and quiet reflection.

Go to <https://borderparishes.org.uk/index.php/trefonen/> for details.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

If anyone thinks that their child may be entitled to a Free School Meal, please complete the form online or visit the school website Parents – Lunch Menus - down load the form at the of the page.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/>

COMMUNITY CAFÉ - TUESDAYS

Due to rapidly declining attendances, the Village Hall Community Cafe will now be open between 9.45 (not 9.00am as before) and 11.30am. Tea, Coffee and various cakes etc. All are welcome.

PARENTING HELP AND SUPPORT LINE

We are here for you with a friendly listening ear and practical advice on everything from behaviours that challenge to sleep issues. No judgment, just support, through this anonymous and confidential service. Call 01743 250950 Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm or Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm or email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

SHROPSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

The Shropshire Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant universal service, which your families (and possibly you) may not know about.

The FIS brings together loads of useful, local information for families, to help take the stress out of things like finding:

- Childcare or baby and toddler groups
- Holiday clubs, events and things to do as a family
- Parenting, relationships, and emotional health and wellbeing support
- Cost of Living info and advice

Families can subscribe to our newsletter <https://orlo.uk/5RvZN>

EMERGENCY CLOSURE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency closure, we will alert you through ParentPay email alert. We will also post information on our school website and through the Shropshire Council website: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/primary-schools/>

Information will also be shared on Radio Shropshire 96FM

2025	
Monday 3rd February	Parent 'Book Look' Event 2.45-3.15/3.30-4.30
Monday 10th February	Parent Meeting Week (1)
Tuesday 11th February	Internet Safety Day
Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
Monday 24th February	Parent Meeting Week (2)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day dress as a character, Rota-Kids book sale
Monday 10th March	Start of National Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
Thursday 13th March	Science Fair
Friday 14th March	Non uniform Day for Mothers' Day Wrap donations
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Wear red/non uniform day £1
Monday 24th March	Start of Big Walk and Wheel Challenge Week
Friday 28th March	FoTS Mothers' Day Wrap pm
Thursday 3rd April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Friday 4th April	Balance Bike training Yr3
Thursday 10th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church
Friday 11th Apr	End of Spring Term
Monday 14th Apr – Friday 25th Apr	Easter Holiday
Monday 28th Apr	Start of Summer Term
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th May	Yr6 and Reception photos 9.15am
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Friday 18th Jul	End of Summer Term
Tuesday 22nd – Friday 29th Aug	Summer Holidays
Spring Term	
Monday 1st Sept	PD Day
Tuesday 2nd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Monday 27th – Friday 31st Oct	Autumn Half Term
Friday 19th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec – Friday 2nd Jan 26	Christmas Holiday
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Monday 5th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 6th Jan	Start of Spring Term

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