



## **BOOK LOOK and RSE Consultation – 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

Following the success of our last Book Look, there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school on the **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2.45pm-3.15pm or 3.30 -4.30pm** to look at their child's wonderful school work with them, in class. There is no need to book, parents can sign in on the day.

There will also be an opportunity to view the resources that we use to teach our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum. These will be available for you to look at in the middle room. Due to the nature of these resources your child will not be able to come with you.

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.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and there will be more information closer to the event.

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## ***BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS' EVENING***

Booking for Parents' meetings on the School Cloud will go live on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9am and will close on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00noon for all classes except Hawks. Hawks class' bookings will go live on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.00am and will close on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am.

Please follow the instructions below to make an online appointment to meet your child's teacher, via video-link. Appointment times are at ten minute intervals.

<https://trefonen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Use your address bar to locate this site, do not use the Google browser. Complete your details on the login page where you will also need to complete your child's details. Click on 'login' when this has been completed.

Click on the date/s you wish to book with your child's teacher. Continue to book appointments. We recommend using the manual option.

Click in any of the green cells to make your appointment. Blue cells signify where an appointment has already been made. Grey cells are unavailable.

Confirmation of your appointment will be shown on the screen and you will have the option to print.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and click 'delete'. You can now choose an alternate time.

Your booking will appear on the 'My Bookings' page. An email confirmation will have been sent to you from the information you entered when you logged in initially. You can also print the confirmation off by pressing 'print' so you will have the date to remind you.

After completing, please remember to sign out.

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Unfortunately, due to staff workload we are not able to offer appointments outside these times.

Many thanks Trefonen Team

### **Robins**

11<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4.00am-5.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1.00pm – 3.30pm

### **Nightingales**

11<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4.00pm – 5.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.10am – 12.10noon

### **Wrens**

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.00pm – 12.00pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4.00pm – 5.30pm

### **Puffins**

12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4.00pm – 5.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9.10am – 12.20noon

### **Hawks**

19<sup>th</sup> Mar – 9.10am – 12.00noon  
21<sup>st</sup> Mar – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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## **HEADLICE**

There has been a report of head lice in school, could you please check your child's hair for lice and treat with an appropriate solution. Thank you

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## **DODGEBALL COMPETITION**

On Wednesday, a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils went to a Dodgeball Competition at the Marches: Olivia, Emily, Mia, Abi, Doughal, Carl and Luis. They had a fantastic time and played in 11 highly-competitive, action-packed matches, winning 5. There were some brilliant catches, throws and very, very close dodges too! The behaviour, teamwork and sportsmanship amongst the group was outstanding. They finished in a very impressive 5th place, out of 12 schools. Great effort team!

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## **MUSIC**

Today we have been really lucky to have an assembly delivered by our piano teacher, Kian Samari. Pupils having lessons with him each Friday performed to the school. Kian is also a guitar teacher, which he shared during the assembly. If your child would like to learn to play piano or guitar with Kian, please sign up through Shropshire Music Service ([https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh\\_u3FJEh55s2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWIQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9KNe5f8nUSmrAU16L-NafsATh_u3FJEh55s2EWtfpURDBRSUs1SlpOMkJVWIQ4V0VTRjRCRVRUUS4u)). We are also very fortunate to have voice and violin lessons from visiting teachers so they are available too. Once pupils are registered with Shropshire Music Service and the payment has been made, the teachers are notified and your child can be added to their timetable. Please remember that Porthywaen Silver Band are another invaluable local source for music opportunities. Contact them via: [enquiries@porthywaensilverband.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@porthywaensilverband.co.uk)

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## **NEW VOLUNTEER READERS**

We are delighted that we have four new volunteer readers recruited to help support children with their reading in all classes. They are fully DBS checked and have undergone induction training ready to start this term.

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## **CLASS NEWS**

### **ROBINS**

This week, Robins have enjoyed learning all about polar bears in science and reception painted polar bears. In maths, Year one have continued learning about number, working within 20. While reception have been focusing on the number 6 and 7, how 6 and 7 can be made in different ways. In English we have been thinking about how Bear felt being left on the beach all alone. We thought of ways to find Bear and year 1 wrote a Lost Poster.

In Squirrel School, we made fairy peg dolls using natural resources while in cooking we made tasty pizzas. To give children more time in cooking we will do two cooking groups. One group have cooked this week and one group will cook the same thing next week.

### **Things to remember:**

PE will be back to Mondays and Wednesdays.

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 write it in the reading record, stating what page you have read to.

### **NIGHTINGALES**

Nightingales have enjoyed their week. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been looking at the y and i phonemes. In English, the children have been writing a diary extract linked to the book, 'Ocean Meets Sky'.

In maths, the Year 1 children have been continuing to look at the numbers to 20, including number lines. The Year 2 children have been looking at 3D shapes.

In music the children have been learning to play the recorder. We have been learning how to play the note B. In RE, the children have been looking at the religion Islam.

They have been learning about why Muhammad was chosen to be a prophet.

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.

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## **WRENS**

In Maths we have been working hard on applying our times tables knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems in lessons. By the end of Year 4 we need to know all of the tables up to 12 x 12 so please continue to help us learn them then keep quizzing us. Using 'Hit the Button' and [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk) are brilliant websites that can support at home too.

Our new topic in Science is 'Forces and Magnets'. Last week we explored how we get objects to move and this week we investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials around the classroom. We are a little confused by the sink/draining board not being magnetic though...it's made of metal and all the other metals in class were magnetic. Very strange...! Next week we will be investigating which magnets are the strongest and our challenge over this week is to think about how this could be done. Dance is our PE on Friday afternoons. We will be choreographing to 'A Million Dreams' using movements inspired by our own dreams, hopes and ambitions. Our mindmap of ideas included lots of sports, then working with animals and in the performing arts.

## **PUFFINS**

This week, to complete our topic on earthquakes, we took part in a Creative Uno Online action-packed workshop, travelling the globe whilst learning all about earthquakes & some interesting facts on volcanoes too.

We have also started our new Art topic based on the collages of Sarah Eisenlohr which reflect on the impact of humans on the world/environment.

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Please visit our class page on the school website to find out what the pupils are learning about this term, look at the 'Spring Term Curriculum Overview'. There are also lots of great photographs of the pupils' educational visits and work from last term that they would love to share with you.

## **HAWKS**

This week, we have had two sporting events in which members of Hawks Class have contributed their best efforts in; basketball and dodgeball, We are so proud of them. Hawks have become entomologists this week, studying an insect of their choice in order to draw the life cycle of their chosen insect in the style of the German artist Maria Sibylla Merian - I am absolutely blown away by their work so far..In Science, children created circuits using Liquorice Allsorts for another pair to try and imitate using electrical equipment to build a simple circuit. We are studying the greenhouse effect and what net zero means and the children have drawn and labelled beautiful diagrams to illustrate this. Hawks have been preparing to write a rallying speech for

suffrage based on the plight of the Matchgirls. We have looked at powerful vocabulary and using the subjunctive mood. Another super week for Hawks, well done children!

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## **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.

### **January**

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Family Service – 9.30am

January 26<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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## **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/>

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)

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## **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

## Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2024/2025

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| <b>2025</b>   |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                             | Parent 'Book Look' Event 2.45-3.15/3.30-4.30 |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February                            | Parent Meeting Week (1)                      |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Internet Safety Day                          |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb   | Spring Half Term Holiday                     |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                            | Parent Meeting Week (2)                      |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                              | World Book Day, Rota-Kids book Sales         |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Start of National Science Week               |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                             | Science Fair                                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                 | End of Spring Term                           |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | Easter Holiday                               |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                 | Start of Summer Term                         |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | Bank Holiday                                 |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May   | Summer Half Term Holiday                     |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul                                 | End of Summer Term                           |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug      | Summer Holidays                              |
| <b>Spring Term</b>  |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept                                 | PD Day                                       |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept                                | Start of Autumn Term                         |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct       | Autumn Half Term                             |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                 | End of Autumn Term                           |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 26 | Christmas Holiday                            |
| <b>2026</b>   |  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                  | PD Day                                       |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan                                 | Start of Spring Term                         |