



LAPS FOR LITERACY – BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who ran, walked and supported Trefonen School's Laps for Literacy. You have all done amazingly well as the current total so far is a fabulous £1040.

This will help us to buy lots more lovely books for our library.

Thank you so much for your efforts and support, it is much appreciated!

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS THANKS

A huge thank you to all staff, students and parents for your generous Harvest donation to Oswestry and Borders Foodbank. Together you gave 115.1kg of food-contributing to an overall total of just over 3 tonnes of essential food and toiletries from 40 donors! This will go a long way to supporting local people facing hardship this winter. From Oswestry Food Bank.

MATHS WEEK ENGLAND! - 11th November -18th November

The main aim of Maths Week is to make maths accessible to all students, of all backgrounds. It is a week-long celebration of all things maths! Maths Week sets out to raise the profile of the subject whilst, at the same time, encouraging children to pursue maths by promoting a more positive and inclusive approach. This is in order to allow children from all social and economic backgrounds to access and enjoy the wonders of mathematics, which are many! At school, the children will take part in video puzzles, problem solving activities and so much more. Please ask your children all about it.

ANTI- BULLYING WEEK - 11th November to 18th November

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event, which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. In school the children will be taking part in lessons, workshops, class assemblies on respect and kindness, cyber-bullying and the School Council will hold an assembly on Monday.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

In a few weeks, parents and carers will be notified directly by Tempest regarding their school photograph orders.

CHILDREN IN NEED – SPOTTY DAY

We know you have gone above and beyond in supporting causes this year but it is that time of year again, as on Friday 15th November, it is Children in Need Day and all children are invited to dress up in spotty clothes for £1 (to pay through ParentPay) to help raise funds for the Children in Need appeal.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR –

Trefonen School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair for three days, Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th November 3.30 – 4.00.

There will be a range of books by top authors such as Michael Morpurgo, David Walliams and A.F. Steadman for the children to look at and buy.

Parents will need to bring their mobile phones to use the QR code that will enable them to pay using a cashless system.

***Your children will have brought home a Scholastic Books Wish List form today** for you to either order from home and pay online or come in to school during the fair to order and pay online.*

Whether you attend the Fair in person or pay for books from a wish list, parents can pay securely online. Simply go to

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and select the relevant option

***Note:** parents will need to send their completed wish list back into school before the end of the Fair then the child can bring the books home as the ordered books will be sent to the school.*

Do not bring any cheques or cash.

POETRY RECITALS – Friday 8th November

Today we heard lots of wonderful poems recited by our pupils. They did well in remembering their chosen text and delivering them beautifully. Thank you for helping them learn them at home and also write some of them too.

This opportunity for all helps to develop their personal skills and confidence to speak in front of others. Excellent work!

FoTS FUND RAISING

Reminder for next week, to search your cupboards for the bags2school collection, which is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**. Follow this link for what can be donated:

<https://bags2school.com/what-we-collect>

We have also started to receive contributions for the Christmas Wrap on 25th November, which is an annual fundraiser for our FoTS.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

We have had a lovely first week back in class. We have been busy linking our English with Bonfire Night, reading poems about fireworks and thinking of brilliant adjectives to describe. Year 1 wrote their own poems while reception created a class one.

In maths, Year 1 have been looking at 1 more and using number lines to answer addition questions. Reception have also been looking at 1 more within 10.

On Mondays our PE sessions will be gymnastics. We learnt how to make our bodies into different shapes.

Robins have started to look at the Nativity story in RE and in history we will be learning all about explorers and adventurers. We are super excited to start our baking sessions and our baking pantry is filling up nicely.

A big thank you for all the donations sent in so far 😊 Please keep them coming. We still need:

Raisins, sultanas or currents

Mixed herbs

Salt & pepper

Ginger

Cinnamon

Please remember reading every day and comments left. PE shorts on Mondays for gymnastics.

NIGHTINGALES

It was lovely to see the children again and hear about all of their adventures after the week off. In English this week we started looking at a new book called 'The Dragon Machine'. The children enjoyed guessing what the book might be about. In phonics, the Year 1 children looked at the phonemes eigh, ey and ei.

In maths, all children continued working on the mastering number scheme. The year 1 children looked at addition problems and finding the missing numbers. The Year 2 children were subtracting numbers.

In PE, we began creating our own dance to the music 'I just can't wait to be king'. In history, we started looking at what an explorer is. The children were great in the poetry recital and I was proud of them all.

Please remember that PE is on Mondays and Fridays. On Fridays we will be doing gymnastics. All children will need to bring in a pair of shorts to change into for this lesson. These can be put in their book bags and please have their name in.

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.

WRENS

We were excited to start our new history topic about the Stone Age this week. We learnt about how the ice ages affected humans living in the United Kingdom and how we were connected by land to the rest of Europe, which made it easier for humans to travel to live here. Archaeologists have found evidence that tells us more about early humans, such as bones, teeth and even footprints from hundreds of thousands of years ago.

We also started to look at our new design and technology project in which we will design and make a night light. We will need empty, clean, clear containers to make the structures for our lights- if anyone has any at home over the next few weeks we'd love to have them for our work!

Next week we will start the design process by looking at existing nightlights for ideas and then design our own. If any of the children have a nightlight that is not too delicate to bring in to share, please could they bring in on Monday? It would be great to see lots of different types. If your child's light needs to go home the same day for bedtime please let us know, otherwise we will display them until Wednesday. Finally, the children have also brought home a survey that they have written to find out opinions on tea, as part of our English work on the Cloud Tea Monkeys. We are researching and writing our own tea information pages. If the surveys could be completed and returned next week we would be very grateful. Many thanks for your support with all our projects! Mrs Drury.

PUFFINS

The pupils really enjoyed their visit to Offa's Dyke, last half-term. They learned lots of local and British history about the Anglo-Saxons; carried out some map reading; took compass bearings and even managed some wonderful sketching of landscapes too. Thank you to the Jackson families for making our walk so welcoming and adding lots of local knowledge.

Shin pads and shorts for PE please! Please can the pupils bring in shorts and shin pads for PE. We need shorts for gymnastics, so the children can use the climbing equipment and shin pads for football (weather permitting).

In English, the pupils have been listening to a poem by John Lyons and a Masterclass on performing a poem by Michael Rosen. It was wonderful hearing their poems, where they used delightful expression and rhythm. Thank you so much for helping them practice at home and even write create some of them.

HAWKS

It is great to be back at school and have the children back and resume our learning for the term. In English we have moved on to a new book following the story of a girl who makes a promise to bring the town and cities around her to life with the help of some acorns. The children have been creating some fantastic captions around some of the main illustrations in the story using figurative language - using some of the author's writing as inspiration. The writing and enthusiasm in starting a new book has been great! In our new History topic the children will be learning about the Anglo

Saxons and Vikings and why they invaded and settled in Britain. In PE we have started our gymnastics unit where the children have been practising their forms of travelling and exploring different types of balances. The teamwork was great to see, and the children improvised to create some lovely sequences on the mats in the hall.

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.

November

November 10th - Remembrance Day 9.30am followed by Service at Memorial Cross at 10.45am

November 17th – Morning Worship 10.00am

November 24th – Morning Worship 10.30am

Services now generally start at 10am but there will be exceptions.

December

December 1st - Toy Service and Holy Communion – 10.00am

December 8th - Morning Worship – 10.00am

December 15th – Morning Worship - 9.30am

December 21st - Saturday Christmas Carol Service – 4.00pm

December 22nd - No service

December 24th - Christmas Eve, No Service at Trefonen but 11.15pm Midnight Holy Communion at Llanyblodwel Church

December 25th - Christmas Day Family Service All Welcome - 10am

Note: Work is being carried out from Tuesday 5th November to refurbish the Bell Cote and the Bell. This will include scaffolding erected at the front of the Church. This will remain in place till approximately 15th December. There will be workman on the scaffolding at times, which could mean access through the Church Grounds being restricted at times.

Please ensure that everyone especially children keep well clear at all times. There will be ladders on the scaffolding but these will be secured and the area light during the hours of darkness.

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

Trefonen School - Holiday and Event Calendar 2024/2025

2024	
Friday 8th Nov	Class poetry recitals.
Monday 11th Nov	Maths Week England, Wrens Parent meetings, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, Book Fayre (1)
Tuesday 12th Nov	Bags2S school collection by 9.30am, Book Fayre (2)
Wednesday 13th Nov	Hawks Parent meetings, Book Fayre (3)
Thursday 14th Nov	Puffins Parent meetings
Friday 15th Nov	Children in Need - Spotty Day
Thursday 21st Nov	Anglo-Saxon workshops: Puffins and Hawks Classes
Friday 22nd Nov	Creative Prayer and Spirituality Day Workshops with Jane Webber
Monday 25th Nov	Christmas Wrap
Friday 29th Nov	Christmas Pantomime – whole school
Wednesday 4th Dec	KS1 Performance 1 2.30pm
Friday 6th Dec	KS1 Performance 2 2.30pm
Thursday 12th Dec	KS2 Performance 1 1.45pm
Friday 13th Dec	KS2 Performance 2 1.45pm
Thursday 19th Dec	Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 9.30am, Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th Dec	End of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd Dec – Friday 3rd Jan	Christmas Holiday
2025	
Monday 6th Jan	PD Day
Tuesday 7th Jan	Start of Spring Term
Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb	Spring Half Term Holiday
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
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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