



PARENT MEETINGS

Any parent who has not yet booked a video link Parent meeting on the School Cloud, please do so as soon as possible. Booking closes on 20th October 12pm. Please follow the instructions below. Appointment times are at ten minute intervals.

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

Please see the previous newsletter for the instructions for booking an appointment and meeting dates.

LAPS FOR LITERACY - MONDAY 21st OCTOBER

On Monday 21st October the whole school will be walking or running round the Jubilee Field as many times as possible in 20 minutes to raise funds for the school to buy new reading books. Keep your sponsorship forms so you know who to contact and payment can be made on ParentPay as usual.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that on the ***first morning back after half term holiday on Monday 4th November***, school photographs will be taken of family groups and individuals.

BIKEABILITY - YEAR 6

Year Six pupils are due to have the cycle training sessions on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November. A letter will come home for you to sign and return to give permission for your child to take part and to ride on the roads around the village. Children will need to wear PE kits and water proof coats and bring their own bikes and helmets to school on these days. We can store bikes in the school hall over night on the Monday if this makes it easier for anyone. More details to follow in the letter.

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.

HOME/SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS

Please check that your form has been completed and handed in as they should all now have been completed and brought in to school. There are still a few outstanding, please check your child's book bag for a form. If your child does not have a completed form they will not be able to use any of the school PCs, laptops or tablets.

FoTS FUND RAISING

Reminder 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>

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thank you to all those who supported Friends of Trefonen School (FoTS) Crazy Hair day, supporting creativity, there were some interesting styles!

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

POETRY RECITALS – Friday 8th November

The pupils are all asked to learn a poem, off by heart, to perform in front of their class. These are wonderful to listen to and the children really enjoy taking part.

Please help them to learn a poem and deliver it clearly, with expression. Thank you.

CLASS NEWS

ROBINS

In Robins this week we have been busy in science learning all about sight and sound. We've had fun exploring a range of coloured lenses, periscopes & kaleidoscopes. In geography we have continued looking at continents, identifying human and physical features.

In phonics reception have been learning l, f, ll and ff. Year one have been writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Reception have focused on counting skills in maths while year ones have been exploring number bonds within 10.

Dance has been lots of fun exploring how our bodies can move to represent different sea creatures. We also explored a range of facial expressions to music.

This week we have enjoyed listening to a range of stories, sharing our activity passports and poetry about minibeasts and our bodies.

We love reading in Robins and want to continue this at home. Please read every evening, leave a comment and your name. We love to hear from you and how Robins are getting on at home.

Please remember water bottles, reading books and yellow reading records, squirrel school waterproofs/wellies and that we finish at 3.20pm .
Have a lovely half term. Mrs Geran

NIGHTINGALES

Another great week in Nightingales, the children are working so hard. We have been practising for Harvest Festival making sure we use our clear voices. We have been looking at how to form our letters properly. In phonics the Year 1 children have been looking at the phonemes air and ure. The Year 2 children have been looking at words with silent letters in.

In maths, the Year 2 children have been adding numbers looking for number bonds to ten. The Year 1 children have been learning their number bonds and using the part whole models.

In computing we have been taking photos using the ipads and looking at different ways of using IT. In Geography the children have been focussing on one continent and recalling the facts they have learned about it. In religious education we have finished our work on what shabbat is and how Jews celebrate it.

Remember to learn your poem for Friday 8th November. I look forward to hearing the lovely poems you have chosen.

Please remember that PE is on Mondays and Fridays. 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 had an exciting start to the week when we were invited by the Royal Tea Taster to become apprentice tea tasters. We had to prove we had an excellent sense of smell and could identify different flavours. We took on the challenge and tasted four different types of tea and wrote wonderful descriptions. The Royal Tea Taster was pleased with our work and we passed our first task! Later, a wicker basket arrived in class with a box of 'Cloud Tea' and a story called The Cloud Tea Monkeys. So far we have been introduced to Tashi and her mother, who is a tea picker on a plantation. We are looking forward to hearing more of the story.

In maths, we have begun to learn how to add and subtract three digit numbers using column addition. We had to be careful not to forget to add in any exchanges that we had done.

Well done to everyone has started their Autumn Reading Challenge, it has been lovely hearing what you have been doing. We also enjoyed sharing some of our Activity Passports and the lovely drawing and writing some of the children had completed about their activities.

Please remember to read and discuss reading books daily at home and make a note in reading records. Thank you for your support.

PUFFINS

In PE we have started our gymnastics unit. Please can all children have a white t-shirt and shorts to wear so that they can use the climbing equipment safely. The pupils have been excellent, showing skill and accuracy in their jumping and mounting low level platforms. Well done Puffins!

In Music we have been singing 'Happy Days' and have been enjoying accompanying the song with untuned percussion. We have also been practising the Harvest songs, which sound beautiful. We are looking forward to sharing these with you in the church service.

In Science, we are finding out about the gestation periods of different mammals. Thank you so much for the baby photos, they are absolutely wonderful and look lovely up on display in the classroom.

Have a lovely break and remember to choose a poem and practise to perform in the poetry recitals.

HAWKS

At school our Hawks pupils have been working hard to finish their diary entry writing. The effort and focus the children have put into this work to make it their best writing has been amazing! We look forward to now publishing these once we have edited them and adding them to our writing folders.

In science we have reviewed our investigation of lung capacity and discussed whether a child's height determines their capacity. From our results we concluded that this hypothesis was inconclusive and instead other factors such as exercise and lifestyle are important to consider! This led nicely into learning about the importance of a healthy diet and how this helps the body to function.

In PE we have been working on our hockey skills: shooting and tackling. The children have been doing exceptionally well and we are ready to put all our skills into match situations next which the children are all looking forward to.

Notices:

- A 40-minute test has been set on spag.com for Year 6 children to access from home over the half-term break. It is not expected that the children will complete this test, however it is available if you wish to extend your child's learning at home. It is great to see some Year 6 children have completed a test set previously from home! Login details are in the children's homework diaries/reading records
- Maths homework is available online for Year 5 & 6 children to access at home over half-term. It is expected that the children complete this whilst they are off school. For parents wanting to help their children with times tables practice, <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> is a great website
- The support we have had from parents in reading with their children has been fantastic in Hawks class. Please continue to read with your child, or encourage them

to read daily whilst they are off school as it really helps to boost their engagement with reading in school too!

Have a fantastic break everyone and see you all soon.

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 9.30am on a Sunday though there are exceptions. Please try and arrive at the church with some time available to be shown to your seats.

October

October 20th - Family Worship 9.30am

October 27th - Benefice Service at Llanyblodwel 11.00am

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.

ELLESMERE HALF TERM CAMP

‘Move It, Shake It’ Club Craze.

On 28th – 30th October 9am – 3pm (residential option available)

Children will take part in slime making, circus skills, arts and crafts, marshmallow making confidence building sessions and fun Halloween child friendly games!

In the evenings we have UV parties, movies, inflatables and swimming.

Suitable for ages 5-12 years.

Includes hot 3 course lunch provided by a professional catering team.

To book or for more information: moveitshakeitdance@gmail.com

www.moveitshakeit-events.com

£38 per day or £275 residential option. (Early Bird price book before 8th Oct)

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

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	
Monday 21st Oct	Sponsored Walk – ‘Laps for Literacy’ – 2.30pm
Wednesday 23rd Oct	Harvest Festival Service – 9.30am at All Saints Church
Thursday 24th Oct	PD Day – school closed
Friday 25th Oct	PD Day – school closed
Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Monday 4th Nov	Remembrance Day Poppies on sale this week, Yr 6 Bikeability, Individual and Family School photographs, Hawks and Wrens Parent meetings
Tuesday 5th Nov	Bikeability Yr 6, Robins and Nightingales Parent meetings
Wednesday 6th Nov	Puffins and Robins Parent meetings
Thursday 7th Nov	Nightingales Parent meetings
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
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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