



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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## **PLEASE CHECK FOR HEAD LICE**

May we ask that parents and carers check their children's hair for head lice and treat accordingly, as an increasing number of children seem to be affected this term. Thank you.

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## **LUNCH MENU TO BE UPDATED**

There will be an updated lunch menu starting on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please do not book lunches beyond the end of October at this time, as any bookings made now may be lost when the new menu is put in place. Thank you

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## **CROSS-COUNTRY RACE RESULTS – 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Fifteen enthusiastic pupils took part in the cross-country race at The Marches on Wednesday. Maecy, Marni, Sophia, Seren and Betsi were in the first Year 3/4 girls' race and were fantastic. For some of the girls it was their first race and they already can't wait for the next one! Then came the Year 3/4 boys' race with Rory, Harry M, Harry B, Dylan, Owen and Sam. They had a great race and were really happy with their race positions. Next was the girls Year 5/6 race with Josie, Maggie and Abi running for Trefonen. The girls all finished with smiles on their faces, which is a great sign. Finally, was Mabon, who was our only boy running in the Year 5/6 race. Even though he was the only Year 6 boy from Trefonen he came an amazing 7<sup>th</sup> place, with 80+ pupils in most of the races. Well done to all of you for your brilliant performances!

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## **LAPS FOR LITERACY**

We hope you have been making good use of the sponsorship form, in time for the 'Laps for Literacy' sponsored walk/run on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. This is to help raise funds for new reading books.

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## **HOME/SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS**

At the beginning of term pupils were given a Home/School Online Safety Agreement form to complete and return. **Please check that your form has been completed and handed in as they should all now have been completed and brought in to school.** If your child does not have a completed form they will not be able to use any of the school PCs, laptops or tablets.

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## **FoTS FUND RAISING**

Today is the last day for your child's design for the 'Christmas Card designed by your child' to be given in to school.

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

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

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## **ODD SHOES DAY**

Thank you to all those who helped to support the Preschool in raising funds for the National Guide Dogs for the Blind charity, on their 'Odd Shoes Day'.

The funds raised will be transferred to Preschool.

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## **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.

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## **CLASS NEWS**

### **ROBINS**

This week Robins have been learning all about Autumn. We enjoyed a chilly Autumn walk in Squirrel school, looking at all the fallen leaves, describing them and making our own leaf rubbings. We loved having our snack and hot squash outside on a cold but sunny morning.

In phonics reception have been learning h, r, u and e plus tricky words no, go, to & the. Year ones have been busy constructing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops alongside their phonics.

In maths reception have been making comparisons between sets by just looking and using the language of 'more than & fewer than' to describe what they see. Year ones have been continuing their maths unit on part-whole with 10.

Robins have been looking at physical and human features in geography across Africa and Asia. We have amazing singing voices, learning our harvest songs and number rhymes in maths.

Please continue to bring in food donations for harvest.

## **NIGHTINGALES**

We had a great time in Nightingales this week. In English, we have been carrying on learning about how to write a good quality sentence. We wrote some description as a class before having a go individually. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been looking at adjacent consonants.

In maths, the Year 2 children have started a new unit, 'addition and subtraction'. The children were good at finding fact families. The Year 1 children have been writing number sentences.

In computing we discussed staying safe online. In science, we looked at the Autumnal changes. In geography, we looked at physical and human features on the continents.

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**

During English, we completed reading and tasks on our class text 'The First Drawing'. We have worked on developing sentences through the use of noun phrases, fronted adverbials and dialogue. This week we have retold the story for Nightingale Class to read. We hope they enjoy our versions.

Last week we completed our class dance to 'Rather Be'. We will practise it this week ready to perform to Nightingale Class. Our choreography skills, and sense of pulse for counts, have developed during this unit as we have learnt different techniques.

Thank you for your support in completing the food diaries for Science. Last week we presented the collated results as a bar chart. Carbohydrates had the highest frequency which is good as we need the energy for our active, growing bodies. This week we are moving on to looking at the human skeleton and muscles. We will learn about their importance for support, protection and movement.

## **PUFFINS**

In history we have been exploring what artefacts can show us about the past, specifically King Offa's coins. We saw a photograph of one of King Offa's coins and found out more about him.

On Thursday in Art we continued our landscapes, inspired by Sir Kyffin Williams. We loved creating wonderful secondary colours through mixing our primary colour

palettes and thickened the paint with flour, to add texture. Please visit our class page on the website to see us working on these.

Lots of us supported the 'Odd Shoe' day with some fun combinations of footwear! Offa's Dyke Hike! On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October (weather permitting) we would like to explore the part of Offa's dyke that goes through Trefonen. All pupils will need to wear walking boots/wellies/trainers (with good grips); a waterproof coat and warm clothes (hats/gloves). They may bring a change of clothes/footwear in case they get wet. You will receive an email with further details and to give your permission.

## **HAWKS**

In Hawks this week the children have been working on their diary entries, taking the role of the main character from our class story 'The Arrival'. The children have done a brilliant job so far and their creative writing has been a pleasure to read.

In Science we have carried out an investigation into lung capacity. We investigated the hypothesis whether chest size affects one's lung capacity. Using buckets, tubes and water, the children attempted to exhale as much as possible in one breath to remove the water from the buckets. We will discuss our results/findings next lesson.

In Art the children have been painting 'en plein air'. Using outside nature as a stimulus, we have been painting a landscape on to A3 paper on a clipboard, where the children have been mixing primary colours to create different colours. Their work has been fantastic. We look forward to continuing with these in the next lesson.

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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 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 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Worship 9.30am

October 20<sup>th</sup> - Family Worship 9.30am

October 27<sup>th</sup> - 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.

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## **ELLESMERE HALF TERM CAMP**

### **'Move It, Shake It' Club Craze.**

On 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:moveitshakeitdance@gmail.com)

[www.moveitshakeit-events.com](http://www.moveitshakeit-events.com)

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

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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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### **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

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

<b>2024</b>	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Sponsored Walk – ‘Laps for Literacy’ – 2.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Puffins Class explore Offa’s Dyke</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Festival Service – 9.30am at All Saints Church</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>PD Day – school closed</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>PD Day – school closed</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term Holiday</b>

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Poppies on sale this week, Yr 6 Bikeability, Individual and Family School photographs, Hawks and Wrens Parent meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Bikeability Yr 6, Robins and Nightingales Parent meetings</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Puffins and Robins Parent meetings</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Nightingales Parent meetings</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Class poetry recitals, Scholastics Book Fayre (1)</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Maths Week England, Wrens Parent meetings, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, Book Fayre (2)</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Bags2S school collection by 9.30am, Book Fayre (3)</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Hawks Parent meetings, Book Fayre (4)</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Puffins Parent meetings</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Children in Need - Spotty Day</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Creative Prayer and Spirituality Day Workshops with Jane Webber</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Christmas Wrap</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Christmas Pantomime – whole school</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>KS1 Performance 1 2.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>KS1 Performance 2 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>KS2 Performance 1 1.45pm</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>KS2 Performance 2 1.45pm</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 9.30am, Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
<b>2025</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>End of Spring Term</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Summer Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>End of Summer Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	<b>PD Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Start of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Autumn Half Term</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 26</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>

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