



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>

Instructions on booking an appointment:

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 be 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.

An hour prior to the appointment will be sent out as a reminder of the appointment. We are unable to offer appointments outside these times.

Any issues please contact the school office.

Many thanks

Trefonen Team

Monday 4th November

Hawks -3.50pm – 5.30pm Mr Wilson

Wrens -3.50pm – 5.30pm in Mrs Drury and Miss Lumley

Tuesday 5th November

Robins – 1.00pm - 4.00pm Mrs Geran

Nightingales – 3.50pm – 5.00pm Mrs Lewis

Wednesday 6th November

Puffins – 9.00am – 12.10pm Mrs Phillips

Robins – 3.50pm - 5.00pm Mrs Geran

Thursday 7th November

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SPORTS REPORTS

We have got off to a great start with sports competitions so far this term.

NEW AGE KURLING

A team of four Year Six children represented us in an exciting kurling competition. Instead of being played on ice, it is played in the sports hall with little wheels on the kurling stones! Despite not having a lot of practise time before the competition, our team had a great go and developed their skills and tactics throughout the morning.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Oswestry School hosted an excellent football tournament for the girls and eight of our Year sixes took part. They started the afternoon very nervously, but grew in confidence as the games progressed. They lost their first game 2-1, the second 1-0 (with a goal that no-one was sure went in!) and won their third game finishing third in the group. In the second round the team played really well and really showed how much they had learnt from each game played. Unfortunately, they narrowly lost their matches in this round so finished 3rd. We almost had to leave before our last game due to timings and the girls were devastated! Luckily matches were moved around for us, which gave us one last game. The best bit about the afternoon was seeing how much the girls enjoyed playing, they smiled and encouraged each other and just wanted another game each time they came off. They really were a credit to the school. Well done Mia on your great goals!

YEAR 3&4 FOOTBALL

Eight year 3/4 boys and girls took part in football at Oswestry School on Wednesday morning. They were a superb team and played brilliantly. There were five teams in the competition and we all played each other in 20 minute games. Our team drew 1-1 in the first match, won our next game 4-0, won the third match 2-1 and even though we went 1-0 up after 30 seconds in our last match we lost 5-1. We were so pleased to have finished 2nd overall, a great result. During the morning we saw excellent goals from Tristan, Emilia, Sam and Harry- a hat trick in one match! Great goal keeping and all round play from Sam, Rory, Harry, Betsi and Emilia. Katie was brilliant, she tackled, defended well and made some super passes and Daniel was a star player in defence, midfield and upfront - he played so well everywhere throughout the morning. What a super team, really excellent play, you should all be really proud of yourselves. I couldn't have been prouder! We will present your certificates in our celebration assembly on Tuesday. Mrs Drury.

THEME MENU – THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

BRITISH THEME DAY

Main Fish fingers (DF) (gluten free option available) with Chips (DF) and Peas (DF)

OR

Vegetarian – Cheese and Potato Pie with Chips and Peas

Dessert – School Cake with sprinkles and icing (DF)

OR

Fruit of the Day

Please book your choice dependant on either Main or Vegetarian option on ParentPay as normal. Thank you

CROSS-COUNTRY RACE AT THE MARCHES

Wednesday 9th October

There is a cross-country race on Wednesday the 9th of October, at The Marches for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you would like your child to race please email parentcontact@trefonen.shropshire.gov.uk and complete the required online permission form.

The first race starts at 4pm and all races are finished by 4.45pm. You will need to take your child to The Marches and collect them from there. The races take place on the field at the back of The Marches, where they will be met by a member of Trefonen staff.

LAPS FOR LITERACY

On the afternoon of Monday 21st October, the school will be taking part in the 'Laps for Literacy' sponsored walk/run around the Jubilee Field, to raise funds for new reading books. Pupils will have received a sponsored form letter this week giving further information.

HOME/SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS

At the beginning of term pupils were given a Home/School Online Safety Agreement form to complete and return. May you please check that any outstanding agreement forms are filled in and brought in to school by Friday 11th October. 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

Don't forget the 'Christmas Card designed by your child' needs to be sent back to school by next **Friday, 11th October**.

The bags2school collection is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**. Follow this link for what can be donated:

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

CLUBS

Netball and drumming clubs reminder

Just a reminder that Mrs Drury and Miss Dunleavy are not available to run their netball and drumming clubs on Monday 7th November.

Sports clubs

Apologies again for the delay in our Year 1/2 and additional KS2 sports clubs starting up. This is due to circumstances out of our control, but we are working hard to organise a coach to run these clubs and will let you know as soon as we have a start date.

ODD SHOES DAY

We are supporting Preschool in raising funds for the National Guide Dogs for the Blind charity, on their 'Odd Shoes Day' on Thursday 10th October.

Preschool is asking children to come to school in odd shoes (and to donate £1 on parentpay), highlighting the difficulties encountered when someone's sight is limited.

This is an issue that has become a local one as it involves a past pupil and their family.

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

The children in Robins class have been very busy this week. In English, we were looking at how to form a sentence correctly and writing our own sentences. We have also been looking at how to spell some of our tricky words. In phonics, Reception have been learning the phonemes c, k & ck plus the tricky word 'to'. They have been working hard to form their letters correctly in handwriting and using magnetic letters to spell simple cvc words from taught sounds, such as pot, top, pit, dog, dig, sit, sat, nit & cat.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning part/whole within 10 while reception have been subitising objects and sounds. In science we have been finding out about our senses. This was lots of fun during our squirrel school session 😊 The children said the grass was soggy and wet while the conker shells were spikey like a hedgehog.

In PE the children have been creating wild animal dance routines and learning games during Friday's session.

Please remember to bring a water bottle every day. Make sure that 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

The children in Nightingales class have worked hard this week. In phonics, the Year 1 children have been learning the phoneme 'a-e'. The Year 2 children have been learning the 'dge' phoneme. They have been continuing to learn how to write a sentence.

In maths, the Year 2 children have been ordering numbers and counting in steps of various sizes. They have also been looking at how to make different numbers using the rekenreks. The Year 1 children have been looking at parts and wholes and how a part-whole model works.

In PE, the children enjoyed using the tags and throwing and catching the rugby balls. In RE, they discussed what shabbat is and how Jews celebrate it. In art, they continued to learn how to use the watercolours and use warm and cool colours to create paintings.

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

In computing this week we looked at how we could use digital devices to do activities that we can do non-digitally. We compared using an app on the iPads to draw with using pencil and paper. We had a go at drawing a woolly mammoth like the ones in our story *The First Drawing*. We all agreed that choosing a different pencil/ paint brush, rubbing out and colouring in was much easier on the iPad, but until we have had more practise a pencil was our preferred way for now!

In art we created our own cave wall backgrounds with pastels and scrunching up our paper to make different textures. We then explored painting on them with sticks! Look out for some photos of our work in our class gallery on Wrens Page.

PUFFINS

This week in art we took part in a tutorial on creating landscapes with perspective. The artwork was outstanding, we impressed ourselves with what we achieved! We used horizon lines and shading expertly, showing excellent concentration and effort. In our English (linked to our class book) we have written some very effective newspaper reports, which we are hoping to send to The New York Times and The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, where Philippe Petit is artist in residence. We have also started to plan and write autobiographies about his interesting life.

On Thursday, we played some mini-tag rugby matches. We applied the skills we have been developing well and showed lots of great team-work, passing and even refereeing.

HAWKS

In Hawks class the children have moved on to a new unit in PE: hockey. We have been working on our push-pass and Indian dribble skills this week which the children have excelled at. Our ability to protect the ball and receive the ball effectively from a pass have also developed well! Pupils have shown excellent close control of her ball using the Indian dribble technique and displayed brilliant passing skills too.

In Art the children have been practising their painting skills - mixing the primary colours as well as tinting or shading with white or black paint - by applying different types of strokes: some thick, some thin, some dashed and some spotted. We look forward to putting these skills to the test later in the unit.

We have also been working hard to finish our narratives which the children have now completed. The quality and imagination of the stories were fantastic with some humour and good use of creative language. Next up we move on to writing a diary entry based on our term's literacy book which I know the children are really going to enjoy.

Notices:

- In hockey the children will need to bring shin pads for our next lessons. Please can your child pack these in their bags for our hockey sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Year 6 children have been set work on spag.com. Their login details are stuck in the inside cover of their homework diaries, like their maths.co.uk logins. This term, we encourage the children to complete these tests as part of their homework as it will help to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. This will help them for their SATs. Whilst this is not an expectation this term, the Year 6s are welcome to complete these to aid their learning in school. A new test/activity will be set every fortnight.

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 6th - Holy Communion 9.30am

October 13th – Family Worship 9.30am

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.

OSWESTRY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Oswestry School has an upcoming whole school Open Day on 5 October 2024 along with scholarship assessment dates in the near future.

Go to the Trefonen School website useful links page for more information:

<https://www.trefonenschool.co.uk/useful-links/>

Admissions team email: registrar@oswestryschool.com

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

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| 2024 | |
| Monday 21 st Oct | Sponsored Walk – ‘Laps for Literacy’ – 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 23 rd Oct | Harvest Festival Service – 9.30am at All Saints Church |
| Thursday 24 th Oct | PD Day – school closed |
| Friday 25 th Oct | PD Day – school closed |
| Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st Nov | Autumn Half Term Holiday |
| Monday 4 th Nov | Remembrance Day Poppies on sale this week, Yr 6 Bikeability, Individual and Family School photographs, Hawks and Wrens Parent meetings |
| Tuesday 5 th Nov | Bikeability Yr 6, Robins and Nightingales Parent meetings |
| Wednesday 6 th Nov | Puffins and Robins Parent meetings |
| Thursday 7 th Nov | Nightingales Parent meetings |
| Friday 8 th Nov | Class poetry recitals, Scholastics Book Fayre (1) |
| Monday 11 th Nov | Maths Week England, Wrens Parent meetings, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day, Book Fayre (2) |
| Tuesday 12 th Nov | Bags2S school collection by 9.30am, Book Fayre (3) |
| Wednesday 13 th Nov | Hawks Parent meetings, Book Fayre (4) |
| Thursday 14 th Nov | Puffins Parent meetings |
| Friday 15 th Nov | Children in Need - Spotty Day |
| Friday 22 nd Nov | Creative Prayer and Spirituality Day Workshops with Jane Webber |
| Monday 25 th Nov | Christmas Wrap |
| Friday 29 th Nov | Christmas Pantomime – whole school |
| Wednesday 4 th Dec | KS1 Performance 1 2.30pm |
| Friday 6 th Dec | KS1 Performance 2 2.30pm |
| Thursday 12 th Dec | KS2 Performance 1 1.45pm |
| Friday 13 th Dec | KS2 Performance 2 1.45pm |
| Thursday 19 th Dec | Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 9.30am, Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 20 th Dec | End of Autumn Term |
| Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd Jan | Christmas Holiday |
| 2025 | |
| Monday 6 th Jan | PD Day |
| Tuesday 7 th Jan | Start of Spring Term |

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| 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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