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## PARENT INDUCTION MEETINGS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Induction Meetings, with your child's class teacher. We hope these were useful to you. One of the biggest changes discussed was our new homework expectations and Homework Policy. This is available to view on the school website in Key Information, Policies [Policies | Trefonen CE Primary School \(trefonenschool.co.uk\)](#)

If you have not already received your child's Activity Passport, they will be bringing them home next week.

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## HOMEWORK

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who responded to our Homework consultation in the Summer Term. We also consulted staff and pupils. We have listened to all of those consulted in developing our new Homework Policy.

Firstly, you told us that the GSP Homework booklets were no longer working for you and your children, and you told us why. We listened, and as a result they are no longer part of our school homework scheme.

Our new Homework Policy was introduced to parents and carers at the new class induction meetings this week. For those of you who were not able to attend, please take a look at our new Homework Policy at the following link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/trefonen-ce-primary-school/UploadedDocument/b5d5ab20-f286-4299-ae6-2a54bf709a83/homework-policy-2024-pdf.pdf>

Part 1: Reading -The most important focus of our new Homework scheme is on reading. Please read with your child every day, whatever their age and please let us know by writing in their Reading Record. The second focus is on number, including counting and learning times-tables for younger children and for older pupils practicing arithmetic strategies. There will be weekly activities relating to reading and number at an age/class appropriate level. It is important that every child takes part in these activities, supported by an adult at home.

Part 2: Get active, get outside and have fun together - We also want to promote family based activities to encourage children (and adults) to get away from their screens for a while, get active, get outside and do fun things together. For this reason we are re-introducing the Activity Passport. We would like to encourage you and your family to participate in three of the activities each term and record your fabulous activities in your child's Activity Passport Book (photographs, drawings, writing etc).

Part 3: Do something special together - The final part of our new Homework scheme is 'special projects'. We would like to encourage you to take part in one of our special projects each term. There are a range of suggested special projects to choose from. You could choose

a different project for each of your children, or work together as a family on the same project. This is a great opportunity for your child/ren to either showcase their talents at something they are brilliant at or have a go at something new and exciting, as well as a fantastic opportunity to have some brilliant time together as a family.

The children are welcome to share their 'special projects' and Activity Passports in class.

We would welcome your responses to our new Homework Policy and ask you to share them through [parentcontact@trefonen.sch.uk](mailto:parentcontact@trefonen.sch.uk)

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## **HOME-SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENT**

Your child will have been revisiting and learning about online safety this week. They will be discussing the 'Acceptable Use' of computers and technology at school, with their teachers and signing up to this agreement.

Next week, please check their bags for the Home-school Online Safety Agreement, which covers the use of ICT, mobile phones, photographs and social media.

Please read, sign and return to school by the 30th September 2024.

Thank you for your support.

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## **SCHOOL GAMES AWARD**

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Award.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme led by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sports competition across the school and in the community and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our inter school sporting achievements last year included: Badminton 1st, Cricket- Oswestry – 1st, Cricket North Shropshire 1st, Cricket Shropshire Games- 1st, Indoor athletics Oswestry 1st, Indoor athletics North Shropshire 3rd girls and 3rd boys, Hockey A team 2nd, Orienteering 2nd, School Games Archery 2nd, Tag Rugby- reached semi-finals, Cross country- Boys 2nd place Y5/6 boys team, Outdoor athletics- 3/4 team 2nd, Y5/6 team 3rd, whole team 3rd overall and 2nd in medium sized schools and 3 1<sup>st</sup> places in field events, Rounders – 2nd.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We are also delighted that the hard work of all the staff involved with delivering PE and sport and organising and managing competitions has been recognised with this brilliant award. Well done team Trefonen!

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## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Due to Trefonen and Selattyn lunches being provided by Woodside we can not have nuts brought in to school to avoid any possible cross contamination between schools. Therefore we are asking parents not to provide their children with any nuts for snacks or lunch and for all leftovers from sandwiches to be boxed back up in the sandwich boxes and taken home.

Thank you for your understanding.

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## WET WEATHER WEAR

With the onset of the autumn weather, could we ask that all children come to school with a waterproof jacket and suitable shoes, (other than on PE day). Thank you.

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM

These are the clubs that we have on offer this term. The Clubs run by the coaches are per half term. Please be mindful that clubs are no longer refundable.

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### Mondays

Year 1 and 2 multi-sports - Mr Martin Cherrington (Sports Coach)

3.25pm- 4.25pm 15 places available

6 weeks until half term

Starts Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September £18.00

Year 5 and 6 netball (boys and girls) - Mrs Drury

3.25pm- 4.05pm

7 sessions until 25<sup>th</sup> November (no sessions 7/10 or 4/11)

Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> September £10.00

Year 4,5,6 Fun with Drums - Miss Dunleavy

3.25-4.15pm 10 places available

8 sessions until 25<sup>th</sup> November (no session 7/10)

Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> September £12.00

### Tuesdays

Year 3-4 Athletics club - Mr Martin Cherrington (Sports Coach)

3.25pm-4.25pm 15 places available

6 weeks until half term

Starts Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September £18.00

Year 4,5,6 Spanish - Mr Wilson

3.25pm-4.05pm

9 sessions until 26<sup>th</sup> November (no session 24/9)

Starts Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September £12.00

Year 3-6 Cross-country club - Mrs Phillips

3.25pm-4.05pm 20 places available

6 sessions, the last session is on 26<sup>th</sup> November

Starts 15<sup>th</sup> October £9.00

You are able to book on to the clubs via ParentPay.

If you have any issues please contact the school office – 01691 652960.

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## THEME MENU – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

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## **American Themed Menu**

### **Main**

Beef Burger (DF) with Fries (DF) and Corn (DF)

OR

### **Vegetarian**

Veggie Burger (DF) with Fries (DF) and Corn (DF)

### **Dessert**

Chocolate Chip Cookie (DF)

OR

Jelly (DF)

Please book via ParentPay as normal with your choice of main, vegetarian and dessert.

Any issues booking please contact the school office on 01691 652960

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## READING TO YOUR CHILD

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages. Reading with children is an important way to help them build language skills. It exposes them to new words and ways of using language. It also helps them learn general information about the world, which makes it easier for them to learn about new subjects.

Reading is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

Here is a useful link about the importance of reading:

Book Chat: Reading with your Child - Reading for Pleasure (ourfp.org)

<https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/book-chat-reading-with-your-child/>

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## CLASS NEWS

### **ROBINS**

It has been a busy second week for Robins Class 😊. They have settled brilliantly into our class. The Robins Class have been learning and naming parts of the body in science and in PE, they have been finding spaces and moving around safely. On Mondays they have started dance, moving like pirates!

Year ones are continuing numbers to 10 in maths and reception have been subitising numbers to 3.

Robins love exploring outside and Thursday Squirrel school session was all about finding base camp. We also enjoyed eating our snack and drinking our milk outside. Please remember:

Read every day. Books will be checked and changed if required on Mondays and Thursdays. If your child wants their book changing in between please let me know.

PE days-Mondays and Fridays

Squirrel School-Thursdays. Please bring in school shoes if your child comes to school in their wellies.

## **NIGHTINGALES**

What a wonderful week we have had! In English we have started our new book, 'The Journey Home'. The children loved discussing the animals that appeared in it. The children have also been learning what nouns and verbs are. We are also working on forming our letters correctly.

In maths the Year 2 children have been counting in tens and ones. They have been counting forwards and backwards. The Year 1 children have been counting on and finding one more than a number.

We have been mixing paints, we used the primary colours to create the secondary colours. We have been practising throwing and catching accurately. In geography, we have been looking at maps to find out where we live in this wide world.

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.

## **WRENS**

During Maths lessons, both year groups have been looking at the place value of numbers through Base 10, number lines and place value counters. They have partitioned numbers in different ways (not only as hundreds, tens, ones, but parts like  $200 + 120 + 5 = 325$ ).

In English we have continued our class text 'Small in the City'. We have thought about the conversations characters can have through role play, then recorded our ideas as speech bubbles. After that we 'popped' the bubbles to write dialogue using inverted commas (speech marks), which we noticed in our home reading books too.

Science this half term is 'Food and Our Bodies'. We have learnt about the seven things that we, and animals, do through MRS GREN: Movement, Reproduction, Sensitivity, Growth, Respiration, Excretion, Nutrition. In preparation for next week, please could you help your child to complete a food diary for one day. They have been asked to record as much detail as possible for each meal, e.g. spaghetti bolognese - beef mince, Dolmio sauce, mushrooms, spaghetti, grated cheese. This will help us to know which food groups we have eaten from (protein, carbohydrates etc.). Thank you in advance, Miss Lumley.

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## **PUFFINS**

In English we have been really enjoying our fascinating class book 'The man who walked between the towers'. In our writing we have imagined being the character in the story and we have been using similes, metaphors, idioms and personification to make our writing even better. We used drama to imagine walking a tightrope! Here is an extract from one of the pupils:

"I feel scared, worried, already predicting my future but excited at the same time. It feels like the ground is sucking me towards it; the towers are breathing heavily upon me. The birds beneath me look like fluttering dots of confetti. The cars are blinking, giving me a signal to stop. I feel like a majestic, royal peacock walking slowly."

We have already started playing tunes on the xylophones and glockenspiels in music, which is really fun.

## **HAWKS**

This week in Hawks we have launched our new topics, which we are really looking forward to. In Geography we have started learning about volcanoes and the structure of the different layers of the Earth. In PE, we have been working on our dodging, weaving and passing technique in tag rugby. Whilst in Computing, we have been learning about systems through the analogy of a bicycle and why this is relevant to computer systems. It is great to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning. If you were unable to attend the Hawks induction meeting you can access the information on our school website under the Hawks class page.

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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.

#### **September:**

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Service – 9.30am

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Family Service - 9.30am

Sun 29<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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## LAKELANDS ACADEMY OPEN EVENT

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere is holding an open event, inviting parents and Year 6 children to visit their school. They are open 9.30am – 12.00pm, 1.30pm – 3.00pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Telephone 0169`1 622543 or email: [admin@lakelandsacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@lakelandsacademy.org.uk) for more information.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Cycle to School Week</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Sponsored Walk – ‘Laps for Literacy’ – 2.30pm – raising money for reading books</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 for sale this week Start of Parent Meeting Week 1 (further information to follow), Bikeability Yr 6, Individual and Family School photographs</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Bikeability Yr 6</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Class poetry recitals, Scholastics Book Fayre – Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Start of Parent Meeting Week 2 (further information to follow), Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day</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>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</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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