

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 3rd May, 2019



Eva and Lalya – Definitely NOT Lost For Words!

Congratulations must go to Eva and Layla for successfully making it through to the second round of the **BBC Radio Two's 500-Word competition**. The girls were shortlisted to the next round after being selected from over 134,000 entries. A super achievement already, and successfully building on our 'pedigree' in this competition, with Joseph reaching the final two years ago.



Reception 'Grand Tours' Continue ...

Children in Reception continued their 'Grand Tour' of Leeds last week, this time with a group visiting Leeds City Museum. Travelling by Bus to the City Centre, the children enjoyed lunch at the Museum before enjoying some of the exhibitions on display. A very successful (and tiring) afternoon was had by all, ensuring the children had plenty of news to share when they came back to school. Onto the next venue!

This Month's Message From Our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 Children Supporting Better Online Safety Practice):

'When you click a website, always check if it is secure. A padlock will appear next to it if it is, or there will be a warning triangle if it isn't.'

I hope you have had an opportunity to view and access the new school website at: <http://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk/>. I hope you agree that it is much more user friendly than our previous website. One of the key aims of the revised website was to allow you **easy access to specific year group events** and showcases, as outlined in the curriculum overviews. Please do take a couple of minutes to download the online parent App to allow for notifications direct to your device. If you would like any support with this, just see a member of the office team; they will be happy to help you. The curriculum newsletters, outlining what the children will be learning over the coming term, with additional signposts for parents, were distributed last week, so why not test out the App? Please see Parentmail or the website if you have missed this.

Year Two and Six continue to work hard as they make their final preparations for their 'quizzes' and SATs. It is always an honour and privilege to see how well staff nurture the children on their learning journeys, whatever their starting point and subsequently, how well they are doing.

As per the annual calendar, Nursery was closed this Thursday for the Local Elections. Unfortunately, we will also be required to close the Nursery again on **Thursday 23rd May** due to the forthcoming European Elections. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but hope you can understand that it is due to circumstances beyond our control as a school. **School will remain open for Reception to Year 6 children** and Nursery will re-open on Friday 24th May as normal, but close for children from Reception to Year 6 (please see overleaf for confirmation of these training days).

As detailed previously, we have begun a series of monthly reminders to support you with online safety. This month's top tip comes from the **NSPCC and O2** and can be accessed via: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>. This website has some really useful information about setting up parental controls, helping children, gaming tips, and how to talk to your children about staying safe online. There is also a free helpline available or you can go into any O2 store for help. At a school-based level, our Digital Ambassador team will be delivering an additional assembly this term to review key messages with the children.

Preparations for the forthcoming **Sports and Well-Being Fair** on **Thursday 23rd May** are well under way. This week, Miss Ward and Miss Gilbert led assemblies for the children and challenged them to get active and stay active for 30 minutes each day. Please look out for the progress chart sent home with each child this week. Prizes will be awarded to children who have kept up the commitment to 30 minutes of physical activity every day! Good luck!

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6th May, due to the Bank Holiday. I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 7th May**

Regards, Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

Remaining Training Days, 2018-19

- **Thursday 23rd May** (Polling Day) – Nursery only closed
- **Friday 24th May** – School will be closed for children from Reception to Year Six. Nursery will be open as usual
- **Wednesday 24th July** – School will be closed for all children

Here Comes The Sun!

With the warmer weather rapidly approaching, we will be talking to the children about keeping safe and well in the sun. Please can you support your child with this, by ensuring that they:

- Bring a named water bottle to school every day, to keep them hydrated.
- Have a named sun hat in school, preferably one that covers their neck
- Have long lasting sun cream applied before they come to school

A final plea...

As we are in the final term of the academic year, some of the names in jumpers are starting to fade. Please could you check that your child's jumper is clearly named so that they can be returned to them, should they take them off and misplace them. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Talbot Nursery, From September 2019

If your child will be three years old before 31st August 2019 and is not already on our waiting list for a nursery place, please contact the school office or email: nursery@talbotprimary.net
Many thanks.

After-School Clubs

Please may we remind parents and carers to collect their children from the after-school clubs promptly at 4.30pm.

If you are going to be late, if your child has different collection arrangements e.g. walking home (*Years 5 & 6 only*), is not able to attend individual sessions, please inform the office beforehand. If he/she no longer requires their place at a club, please let us know. Thank you for your support.

New Reception Intake 2019-2020

The Information evening for parents/carers of children starting the Reception year in September 2019 will be on **Wednesday 5th June, 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Key Stage 1 Hall**. Letters of invitation will be sent/emailed out in due course.

What's Happening in the Community?

Co-op Good Causes

Your local Co-op store is asking for help in raising money to buy equipment for the Roundhay Upper Playground and Skate Park. Please visit: coop.co.uk/membership for further information.

Summer Bands in Leeds Parks 2019

To view or download information visit:
<https://www.leedsconcertseason.co.uk/brochures/>

Go Yorkshire

Following on from the Tour de Yorkshire view or download your visit guide from:
<https://www.goyorkshire.com/>