

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 27th September, 2019



Welcome to Nursery and Reception!

By Mrs Gill

We were finally able to welcome the last of our newest (and youngest) children to Talbot last week as our Nursery and Reception classes reached capacity. Welcoming new children to our school, is always a privilege; welcoming new families into our school community is even better!

The children have been superb since they started, embracing the school day, enjoying immersive play and learning inside and out, whilst also navigating to and from the hall and playground with increasing confidence.

This week we have sent home a complete set of key dates for 2019-20. These outline key year group and whole school events across the school, including Nursery and Reception, so please do take a look to ensure you do not miss out on key events. One of these will take place next week in the Key Stage One Hall at 6.30pm: a Settling-in Briefing for Reception parents. Please do come along to, not only understand how we support your child(ren) in taking their first steps in school, but also how you can crucially help them at home. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see any member of the Nursery or Reception team.

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

"Read the new Online Safety Newsletter that comes with this newsletter!"

[Plans are under way to recruit new year five recruits....watch this space]

As September draws to a close, we celebrated Languages Day with great colour, bustle and excitement. It was so inspiring to see the children embrace their host nations, learn new phrases, celebrate language and feel the pride of learning a new language for the first time. Following on from the Harvest Assembly this week, we have reflected, as a school community, on the role our words and actions make on the lives of others. Thank you for all your generous donations; they will be successfully collected by PAFRAS on Monday. PAFRAS is a local charity that provides food packages for refugees and asylum seekers in the Roundhay and Chapeltown areas of the city. Some of our children will shortly be accompanying Mrs Rehman to visit the PAFRAS Centre to see first-hand where our donations are sent and distributed from. Watch this space for further updates.

This year we will be sharing a monthly online safety newsletter alongside this main newsletter. Summarising key safety tips, strategies and developments in the ever-changing online world, our aim is to keep you reliably informed as parents and carers. Please look at the attachment.

I am very pleased to announce that we will be launching a new online parent and carer consultation booking system in time for the consultation week, beginning Monday 21st October. This new facility will allow you to book appointments directly online at your convenience. The office team will be sending out communication shortly with guidance.

As this is the first newsletter of the year, here are some additional useful updates to support parents and carers:

- Please provide proof of medical appointments when requesting leave of absence. This can be in the form of a letter, text or email. Our attendance target for the year has been set at 98%, so I urge you to read the policy on the school website before submitting any request for leave. You can also [click here](#) for an additional report recently published by the DfE on the link between attendance and attainment.
- We operate a 'no nuts' policy in school. Given the number of children and staff across the school, often with severe allergies to nuts and nut-based products, these are not permitted in school. This includes any birthday treats sent into school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.
- Children should not play ball games on the playground before or after school; ride scooters or bikes on the playground; climb the trim trail, play on the field before or after school or play on the Key Stage One ship without your supervision. These rules are in place to support effective Health and Safety measures in school.

Finally, in response to the annual questionnaire, we have revised our approach to Maths homework in Key Stage Two. See your year group's curriculum newsletter for more details.

Regards, Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

Key Dates for 2019-20

All our key dates for the year have been sent out to parents/carers, however remember you can look on the school website: www.leeds.talbot.sch.uk for a copy of these dates, or request a copy from the school office.

The revised 2019-20 academic calendar will also be attached with this newsletter.

PTA AGM – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Annual PTA AGM will be held in the Key Stage Two Hall on Wednesday 17th October at 6.30pm.

The PTA are looking forward to welcoming back parents, as well as those new to the school. The funds donated by the PTA have been put to good use in developing the outside area over the summer, most notably the new grass and bench area outside the main entrance.

School Meals and Milk Reminders and Administrative Changes

When changing your children from packed lunches to school meals (and vice versa) we require one week's written notice. You can email the school office to: admin@talbotprimary.net

From September 2019 you are required to apply for milk direct to the provider if you would like your child to receive milk in school. There are exceptions for children of Reception year age. You will need to make payments by 4pm on Wednesdays to receive milk the following week. Please note there will be a short delay between you registering with the provider and school receiving the information. Visit: www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk for further information and to register.

We are moving to a 'cashless' system in the office, you will be able to make purchases for school meals and trips via your



Sports Ambassadors

This year, Talbot Primary School are continuing to develop Sports Ambassadors in school. Back in July, children were asked to apply for the role before six were selected with specialisms in different areas of sport. The children have been running lunchtime activities for KS1 on the playground and lunchtime clubs on Fridays for KS2.

It was fantastic to see so many children in school last year being led by their peers, involved in sport at lunchtimes, and we are certain that Izzy, Maya, Alice, Iestyn, Zac and Evan will continue to be fantastic leaders this year.

A quick reminder that children should have appropriate PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE (jumper, tracksuit bottoms and trainers) especially as the weather is getting colder. All jewellery should also be removed and long hair tied up for PE lessons. Please see the uniform policy for more information about what they need: <http://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk/files/school-uniform-may-18---may-21.pdf>

There are lots of exciting sporting events happening in school so please remember to check the newsletter every half term for an update.

Miss Ward and Mr Burke

Prompt Collection From Clubs

Some after-school clubs for Years 3 to 6 have started this week and the remainder will start next week. Please wait for confirmation of places before approaching the office.

Please may we ask you to collect your children promptly at 4.30pm. If your child will miss a session or wish to withdraw from their club, please inform the office. Many thanks.