

# Talavera Infant School Newsletter

## January 2018

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good Christmas holiday. The children have returned to school eager to learn and as usual the teachers have some exciting projects for them to do.

This half term the year groups will be learning about the following topics:

Year R – Traditional Tales

Year 1 – Home Sweet Home

Year 2- Save Our Planet

Each year group will be sending a newsletter home with more information about what the children are learning.



### Dentist

It is really important that we help children to look after their teeth. Visiting the dentist regularly is vital.

If you need help finding a NHS dentist please ring the Hampshire Dental Helpline on 0300311223 or visit [www.hampshiredentalhelpline.nhs.uk](http://www.hampshiredentalhelpline.nhs.uk). Please ensure all dental checks are made outside school hours and/or in the school holidays.

### Attendance

The whole school's attendance is 95.7% and our target for the year is 96.5%. Please help us to reach our target by helping your child stay healthy and come to school every day.

Please be aware that normal child's temperature is anything below 38°C. If your child's temp is higher then please keep them at home.

### Severe Weather

Often at this time of year we experience snow. Please make sure that we have your correct mobile numbers so we can text you in the event of any disruption to the school because of poor weather conditions. Information will also be on the school website.



### P.E Kit

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school everyday. P.E is part of the curriculum and unless children are unable to take part because of medical reasons they should be taking full advantage of this opportunity to develop skills and adopt a healthy lifestyle.

### Inset days (Days when the school is closed for training)



21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

21<sup>st</sup> June 2019



### Diary Dates

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Zoo lab visiting Year 2

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

School Closed- INSET Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 2 Parents visit classrooms- Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 1 Parents visit classrooms- Parent Outcome 2.30pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Last day of half term

### Half Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents' Evening all year groups

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents' Evening all year groups

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

School Closed- INSET Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Last day of term

### Easter Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Summer term begins

## Reading

I am absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that we have been able to purchase a new reading scheme in school which will support all of the learning that the children are doing during their phonic and guided reading sessions. This has been a very large investment for the school and I am keen that all of the new books we have purchased remain in a good condition and are kept in the children book bags. All of the teachers have given the children a plastic wallet to keep the books in to help protect them from water spillage and to keep them flat. Please can you encourage your child to look after them when they are reading at home.

## Reading Certificates

Please remember to record, in their learning log when you hear your child read. Your child should also colour in star/rocket/footprint one for every day that they read at home. When your child has read at home for 25 days then they will receive a bronze certificate. They will then go on to work towards silver, gold and then double bronze, double silver and double gold. The children who practise their reading at home every day make better progress than those who do not so please encourage your child to read as much as they can. It is also lovely to see so many of you in the celebration assemblies when the children are awarded the certificates. If you haven't been invited to an assembly yet you will be when your child is due an award.



## Back packs

You will be aware that space inside the classrooms is very limited and during the winter when there are coats and PE bags in the cloakroom area there is not enough room to hang back packs. Please can we ask that your child does not bring a big backpack to school but uses a school book bag instead to transport their books, letters and homework.

## Starters

A big 'hello' to our new starters;

Corey-Sam	Mercury
Chloe-Eve	Mercury
Elliot	Neptune

Please find attached a school calendar for the next academic year. We hope this helps you to plan any future holidays outside of school term times, as all holidays taken during the school term are unauthorised.

Year 2 SATs testing period will be throughout the whole of May and Y1 Phonics test will be the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June. No leave from school will be authorised during these testing period's and any missed school will result in a penalty notice fine being issued, with an unauthorised absence.

Kind regards

**Mrs Debbie Cook**  
**Headteacher**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
is National School Census Day**

**The school receives money for each child that has a hot school meal on this day. Please support by encouraging your child to join Mrs Cook for a school dinner.**

**Lunch with Mrs Cook  
on  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

We will be serving :

Fish Fingers and Chips

&

Pizza

&

Baked Potatoes with Cheese

*Mrs Cook would also like to take this opportunity to promote beautiful behaviour at the table and will be looking for children with exceptional manners to give her special Amazon vouchers to!*

