



# Talavera Infant School Newsletter

## February 2019

We have been very busy in school this term and I cannot believe that we only have a few days before we reach half term.

We have been focusing on celebrating the effort that children are putting into their work and encouraging the children to persevere when learning new skills. This is really beginning to pay off and it is lovely to see how proud the children are of themselves when they have worked hard to achieve something new in their learning.

As part of the recent INSET day the staff reviewed the School Vision and Values and looked at how we could ensure that we are all living the values of the school. To help us support this work I have included the school values below:

- Honesty - We tell the truth even when it is difficult**
- Kindness - We welcome everyone who joins our school and help each other**
- Pride - We enjoy achieving together and on our own**
- Ambition - We try our best and rise to a challenge, never giving up!**

For a full copy of the Vision statement please visit the school website.

### World Book Day



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day with the children. As part of the celebration we would like all of the children to dress up either as a Nursery Rhyme character or as a character from a Traditional Tale. The children have been learning about lots of these stories and rhymes in their class so should have lots of good ideas.

Throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of fun activities including a reading marathon and listening to different teachers tell stories. We will also be having a special World Book Day lunch themed around one of the children's story books. We will provide further information about the selection nearer the date.



### Diary Dates

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

Year 2 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

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World book day – dressing up day!

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Year One trip to Legoland

#### 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

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings for all children will be held on the Tuesday 26th February and Thursday 28th February. This is a really important opportunity for you to come and talk with your child's teachers about how they are getting on in school, review the progress they are making and find out about the next steps in their learning. You should have received a message allowing you to book a time slot online, if for any reason you are unable to book please contact the school office.

## 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.

Recently, I have been receiving several requests for holidays and for visits to see family, who live abroad, during term time. I would like to remind everyone that leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. This includes us considering if you could make the journey during the school holidays despite it being more expensive. There is a copy of the school calendar on the website, please can I ask that if you are thinking about booking a leave of absence you come and speak to me first.

The Year 2 SATs testing period will be throughout the whole of May and Y1 Phonics test will be the week beginning 10th 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.



## Severe Weather

Thank you very much for being so understanding about the closure of the school on Friday 1st February. 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)



4th March 2019  
21st June 2019

## Reading

By now I am hoping that all of the children have had the opportunity to read you one of the books in the new reading scheme. I have had the pleasure of hearing different children read them and am

enjoying sharing them with the children. All of the teachers have given the children plastic wallets to keep the books in. Unfortunately, I have already had to throw three brand new books away due to water damage. Please can I ask that you keep the books in the plastic wallets and you do not put the children's water bottles in their book bags.

### **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**

A big thank you to all of the children who are bringing a book bag to school, instead of a back pack. If you haven't changed yet please can I ask you to do so, as soon as possible. The school book bags can be stored in the drawer units in the classroom and do not end up on the floor in the cloakroom area as a trip hazard!

Kind regards

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