



# Talavera Infant School Newsletter

## March 2019

We have been very busy in school this term and I cannot believe that we only have a few weeks before Easter. There is still lots going on in school and it has been lovely to see some of the parents volunteering to come in and help with a range of activities.

If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer please speak to your class teacher. All of the adults in school have to complete a police check and the ladies in the office are very good at helping people with the paperwork.

### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evening it was so lovely to see so many of you and the teachers were very pleased that so many of you attended. If you were unable to attend for any reason please speak to your child's class teacher to rearrange.

The teachers are busy writing individual children's annual reports which we will be sending out the week before half term.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day with the children. The children all had a fabulous day and it was lovely to see so many of the children and adults dressed up as a character from a nursery rhyme or a traditional tale. The children enjoyed sharing stories and taking part in our costume parade at the end of the day.



### Living Eggs

This week we have had some chickens eggs delivered to school and the children will have the opportunity to observe them hatch and grow into young chicks. This is a great experience for the children to learn about life cycles and changes.

### Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Mrs Claire McAllister on having a baby girl called Imogen.

Mrs Rachel Owen is now on maternity leave and we wish her well in the run up to having her baby boy.

### Staffing News.

Welcome to Mrs Claire Purchase who has joined us as a new ELSA to help and support any children with emotional needs. Later in the year we are hoping to be able to hold some coffee mornings to help with parenting tips and advice for supporting the children at home. We will keep you up dated with any information.



### Diary Dates

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

If you would like to bake a cake for comic relief Mrs Cook will judge the 'Best cake in the Bake Off'.



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

Year One trip to Lego Land

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Reports

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

Last day of term

#### Easter Holiday

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

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

Summer term begins

#### May- Year 2 SAT's

**Assessment** – (No authorised absences)

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year R trip Gordon Brown

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Half term

#### June 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics

**Assessment** – (No authorised absences)

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 trip Winchester Science Museum

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

School closed INSET

Welcome to Mrs S.J. Jackson who will be teaching in Comet Class, Year 2 after Easter and will be visiting this week to meet the children.

We are sad to announce Mrs Rowan will be leaving at Easter to pursue her career working in a nursery setting again. We wish her all the very best for the future and are delighted to say that we will be welcoming Mrs S. Robertson, who will be teaching in Uranus class after the Easter holiday.

## **New Playground**

We are pleased to announce our plans for our new playground equipment. This will be put in over the Easter holiday.



We are very excited about our new playground equipment and can't wait for the children to explore it. The new playground is due to be started during the Easter holiday and will hopefully be complete by the end of the first week back, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There may be a delay depending on the weather conditions; however we will keep you updated. We will try to ensure there is as little disruption as possible to the outside space in the meantime.

## **Attendance**

The whole school's attendance is 96% 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<sup>o</sup>c. If your child's temp is higher then please keep them at home.

## **Dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020**

Please be aware that the dates for the next academic year vary slightly to the dates published on the Hampshire website. In line with all of the other schools in Aldershot we will be returning to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. Copies of the dates for the academic year have been sent to all parents so that you can plan any leave for the school holidays. You will also find a copy on the school website and in the school office if you require a paper copy.

## Building Work

Unfortunately, there is a small area of the school's roof that needs further work following the extensive project completed last year. They are hoping to do as much of the work during the Easter holidays but the scaffolding will be up for a week before and after Easter. Please can I ask that you do not let your children play with any of the equipment before or after school.

## Reminders

### SATs

The 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.

### 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. Now the warmer weather is here please make sure your child has trainers suitable for outdoors.

## 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 I 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!

## 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.

Kind regards

**Mrs Debbie Cook**  
Headteacher