

# Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018



## **Talbot Escapes to the Country!** **By Mrs Callaghan**

The whole of Early Years was in a 'farm frenzy' this half term when Ian's Mobile Farm came to visit. There were rabbits, sheep and even chickens but that was just the children as we dressed up as farmers and animals to get into the spirit of things and inspire our work!

When the big day arrived the whole school was waiting to see which animal would be brought out from Ian's van next. We had ducklings, chicks and a very noisy rooster, a donkey and a Shetland pony, sheep and goats, guinea pigs and my favourite the alpacas. The children loved meeting and stroking a real Peter Rabbit and his sister Cotton-Tail. They were able to touch or handle all the animals and we learnt lots of facts. Most importantly, thanks to Trevor, we all now know the difference between a turtle and a tortoise. It seems they don't really like pizza like the Ninja Heroes do but prefer fruit!

An amazing day of fun farm facts, lots of fur and feathers!

*More pictures of this special day are available on the school website.*

## **This month's message from our Digital Ambassadors (Year 5 and 6 children supporting better Online Safety practice):**

*"When using the internet make your searches safe and specific...try adding in key phrases which narrow the search."*

So many events are successfully reaching their conclusion as we prepare for the half-term holiday; all of which demonstrate our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. Years Two and Six have been simply amazing as they have persevered through their quizzes and SATs in what must be the longest dry, sunny spell since last Summer! Well done to the children for showing real resilience and perseverance, true Growth Mindset characteristics: we are all very proud of you!

Of course the SATs are just one part of what we achieve on a daily basis at Talbot Primary. After the success of the PTA Fun Run last week, the Key Stage Two football teams took to the pitch in an effort to emulate the successes of the past. Led by Miss Gilbert, Mr Rivers, Youdan, Middleton and Mrs Hewitt, this 'dream team' of footballing minds successfully guided the teams to great performances. All the teams put in an amazing effort and played the game like it is meant to be played. As a result we ensured the Year 5/6 girls' team won their competition, the Year 6 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Year 5 boys came 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and the Year 4 boys participated in the pool stages. Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to support us under near perfect blue skies.

We have also achieved phenomenal successes in other recent sporting events, most notably our mixed Year 5 and 6 Tag rugby team coming out as champions at the area finals and the Year 4 and 5 tennis teams both through to the Yorkshire finals after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, respectively, in their last heats. Superb achievements so far....watch this space for more updates!

Our sporting successes have been soundly reinforced with today's fourth Health and Well-being Fair. This fair is growing from strength to strength as we aim to not only introduce the children to new, untried sports but more importantly support children and families to make small changes in their lives to ensure each step is a healthy step. The excitement amongst the children was palpable on the playground today. Please do take a look at the school website for photographs of the day if we were not able to make it to the fair.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken the time to complete our annual parental questionnaire. All responses are considered in our ongoing journey to be the best school we can be; so if you have not yet completed the questionnaire please do look back through your Parentmail emails for the link to send us your feedback. The deadline for completion is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**. Outcomes will of course be shared with you in due course.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to stop and ask on the playground or make contact via the Office.

Regards  
Mrs Parm Gill  
Headteacher

# Additional Information

## PTA Donations Update

Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes to fulfil the spending plans for the generous donations from the PTA. This is what we have been up to recently:

### **KS1 and KS2 Libraries Refurbishments**

With the help of the School Council, designs for both libraries are now well-advanced. We are looking forward to new shelving, focused areas, soft-seating and inspiring displays to revitalise both spaces. The children have told us who their latest favourite authors are and we will be using this information to give our book stock a new lease of life. The work is planned to take place during the summer holiday period.

### **Playgrounds Refurbishments**

Ideas are being gathered for improvements. After new court markings have been installed on the Key Stage 2 playground (due May half-term) we will be working with specialist companies to further develop our ideas.

### **Class Wish-Lists**

Miss Robertson and Miss Wilford have been working hard to gather 'wish-lists' for the £50 per class pledged. The results are in and orders are now being placed. Common themes in the older year groups are new books and board games for wet playtimes but we have also ordered an outdoor water tray for Year 1 and some superhero dance sticks for Reception!

## Important Dates and Information

We are well into a very busy Summer term already. A few of our forthcoming key dates are shown below but please do visit our website to see a comprehensive list of events for between now and the end of term: [www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk)

### Sports Days Schedule

*(Weather permitting)*

**Nursery:** Wednesday 4th July (times TBC by the Nursery team—see their separate correspondence closer to the date)

**Reception:** Wednesday 4th July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Year 1:** Monday 2nd July, 9.15am-11.45am

**Year 2:** Tuesday 3rd July, 9.15am-11.45am

**Year 3:** Tuesday 3rd July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Year 4:** Thursday 4th July, 9.15am-11.30am

**Year 5:** Thursday 4th July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Year 6:** Monday 2nd July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Reserve Sports Day:** Friday 6th July

### Key Transition Dates

**New Reception Parents Meeting:** Wednesday 6th June, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Key Stage 1 Hall

**New Class Visits for Children:** Wednesday 11th July

### Information Sessions for Parents/Carers

**Monday 9th July:**

- **Reception to Year 1 briefing for Parents/Carers:** 6.00pm, Key Stage 1 Hall
- **Year 1 to Year 2 briefing for Parents/Carers:** 6.30pm, Key Stage 1 Hall
- **Year 2 to Year 3 briefing for Parents/Carers:** 7.00pm, Key Stage 1 Hall
- Parents of children moving from Years 3 to 4, 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 will receive an information booklet informing them of key aspects before the end of term.

**Parents 'meet the new teacher' Session:** Thursday 12th July, 3.30pm-4.30pm—please go to the new classroom