

Talbot Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th September, 2018



Sikh Assembly By Mrs Gill

It is **always good to welcome back former pupils** of Talbot Primary and last week was no exception as **Mandeep Bhambra** came to lead assemblies on Sikhism. Mandeep was superb in sharing some of the key principles of the faith i.e. sharing what you have with the less fortunate, working honestly and with vigour and maintaining a calm, sensible approach to life. The children listened very carefully and learnt many new facts about the Sikh faith as a result of Mandeep's visit. It was also a very proud moment when the children were asked if they had any questions at the end of the presentation. The thought and consideration put into asking challenging, mature questions was admirable and showed how as a school, we recognise all faiths and none.

As noted in our Parent Survey from the summer term 2018, opportunities for children to discuss their life experiences, faith and non-faith are highly valued by parents and children alike. Mandeep's visit was a testament to this, however, as always, we welcome any parent or carer into school if you think you could help to deliver one of our assemblies. The theme can be anything, from faith, your fascinating job and/or a challenge you have overcome. Please get in touch via the school office if you can help!

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

"If you are playing an online game, always turn public chat off to ensure you are only playing with your friends."

[Plans are under way to recruit new Year Five recruits....watch this space]

I think we can be forgiven for questioning if it is still only September, given the pace at which the term has started! Not only have we welcomed the new Nursery and Reception children to our school, but the wonderful team at Talbot has also organised and run two parent/carer briefings, a residential visit and two special events days: The Day of Languages and our Olympic Sports Events Day, all within this month. The colours on the Day of Languages were amazing, whilst the sports events and activities today were inspiring and also a little tiring – excellent! Thank you to those of you who were generous enough to complete sponsorship forms for this event. This helped the children reach some important personal milestones. The funds will also support aspiring Tokyo Olympic athletes, as well as buying additional sports equipment for the school.

Our Year Five children (and staff) were simply exhausted after the annual **residential visit** to Low Mill last week. Led by Mrs Alpar, Mr Middleton and Miss Wilford, the team ensured that, despite the wet, windy and stormy weather, the children enjoyed a superb experience. Residential events are critical in helping children to challenge themselves and experience something new. Indeed, many of my conversations around the week, with the children, focused on how they overcame a challenge and did something they never thought they would be able to – perfect! Thanks must also go to Miss Gilbert, Mr Clark, Mrs Rehman, Mrs Hogg and Mrs Russell for supporting the residential visit with such energy.

Mrs Liddington and Mr Youdan recently led a parent/carer event on '**Bug Club**' and **Reading Journals**. If you were unable to attend the session, please see the school website: www.talbot.leeds.sch.uk for additional details, or alternatively by [clicking here](#). You can also find key information on **Leave of Absence** procedures on the school website. As a school we have committed to ensuring at least 97% attendance for all children and 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.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that we operate a no nuts policy in school. Given the number of children and staff across the school with often severe allergies to nuts and nut-based products, these are not permitted in school. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

I would also appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that children **do not**:

- play ball games on the playground before or after school
- ride scooters or bikes on the playground
- climb the trim trail and play on the Key Stage One ship without your supervision

These rules are in place to support effective Health and Safety measures in school.

Regards,
Mrs Parm Gill, Headteacher

Additional Information

PTA AGM – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Annual PTA AGM will be held in the Key Stage Two Hall on Wednesday 10th October at 6.30pm. The PTA are looking forward to welcoming back parents as well as those new to the school. You will also be able to get a sneaky peak at our fantastic new libraries before our big reveal later this half-term. Hopefully see you then!

School calendar academic year 2018-2019

Holiday	Schools close	Schools open
Summer break		Monday 3 rd September 2018
Autumn mid-term	Friday 26 th October 2018	Monday 5 th November 2018
Christmas break	Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
Spring mid-term	Friday 15 th February 2018	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter break	Friday 29 th March 2019	Monday 15 th April 2019
Easter weekend	Thursday 18 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer mid-term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Monday 3 rd June 2019
Summer break	Wednesday 24 th July 2019	

Term length

Autumn	75 days
Spring	55 days
Summer	65 days
Total	195 days

Bank Holidays include

Christmas	25 th and 26 th December 2018
New Year's Day	1 st January 2019
Good Friday	19 th April 2019
Easter Monday	22 nd April 2019
May Day	6 th May 2019
Spring Bank	27 th May 2019
August	26 th August 2019

Training Days (school closed to children)

Monday 3 rd September 2018
Friday 26 th October 2018
Monday 7 th January 2019
Thursday 2 nd May 2019 – ONLY NURSERY CLOSED – Polling Day
Friday 24 th May 2019 – Reception to Year 6 (Nursery will be open)
Wednesday 24 th July 2019

Key Dates 2018-19

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

Prompt Collection from Clubs

After-school clubs have now started with the majority running from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy on Thursdays, 4.30-5.30pm,
Taekwondo on Fridays, 3.30-4.45pm.

Please ensure that you are on time to collect your children when the clubs finish. Thank you for your support with this.

Applying to Secondary School

For children entering high schools in September 2019 the application process is open. Applications must be made online. The deadline is Wednesday 31st October 2018. Please visit: www.leeds.gov.uk for further information.

Remaining High School Visit Dates

Roundhay High School
Open Morning
Saturday 29th September
9.30am – 12.30pm

Carr Manor High School
Open Morning
Saturday 29th September
9.30am – 12.30pm
Open Evening
Wednesday 3rd October
5.30 – 8.00pm

Allerton Grange High School
Open Mornings
Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th,
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th Oct,
10am – 12pm (Booking
advised)

Abbey Grange C of E Academy
Open Evening
Thursday 4th October
6.30 – 7.30pm

Rossett School
Open Evening
Thursday 4th October
6.30 – 8.30pm
Open Morning
Saturday 6th October
9.30am – 12.00pm

Grammar School at Leeds
Open Morning
Saturday 13th October
9am – 12pm (Booking advised)