



Tilstock[†]

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Talking Heads

Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is always a busy time in schools. Traditionally, we would arrange a variety of exciting activities such as Christmas performances, carol concerts, school fairs and Christmas parties. We have had to make careful decisions as to what can and can't go ahead this year. Each school is very different, and I will make decisions based on factors that apply to our school. These factors include the number of covid cases, the spaces available in school, corridor spaces, ventilation and so on. We will be continually risk assessing all planned events using guidance from the DfE and from Shropshire Council. The local infection rate for Covid 19 will need to be monitored together with any national restrictions, which could impact on the performances going ahead. Further details of any planned performance will be sent to you over the coming days.

We have reviewed our maths curriculum and feel that we need more opportunity for our children to practice their core mathematical facts – this included number-bonds, addition and subtraction facts and multiplication tables. We have therefore launched the 99 club! All pupils will begin at the 11 Club. They will have the questions in their maths books and a copy to take home. They will have weekly opportunity to answer all calculations at their current level, unaided and within five minutes. If all the calculations are answered correctly twice in a row, the child moves up to the next level! More details are included in the 99-club information that your child has bought home today.



Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School

Please talk to your class teacher if you would like any further information!

REMINDERS & NOTICES

Drop off and pick-up times:

I've had a few queries regarding drop-off and pick-up time, and with the weather getting colder I want to avoid you and your child having to stand outside waiting any longer than you have to. The current timetable is here - please let your class teacher know if you have any queries.

Drop-off Times

- 8:40am- Key Stage 2 (Otter and Badger pupils) Front-hall door for Badgers and frc
- 8:45am- Key Stage 1 (Squirrel Class pupils) *Nursery gate on path
- 8:50am- EYFS pupils (Bumblebee Class) Nursery gate on path

Pick-up Times

- 3:00pm- EYFS pupils (Bumblebee Class) Nursery gate on path
- 3:10pm - Key Stage 1 (Squirrel Class pupils) *Nursery gate on path
- 3:15pm - Key Stage 2 (Otter and Badger pupils) Front-hall door for Badgers and fr

Parent Governor Opportunity February 2022

A parent governor opportunity for February 2022 has arisen at our school! Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in our school and in the welfare of our pupils, together with the time and willingness to get involved.

If you would like to find out more about how you could contribute to governance at our school, or have any questions about anything, then please contact the school office.

WORSHIP



This half term, in worship, we will be focusing on the Christian value of thankfulness. Next week, we will be learning about advent. If children have any prayers or pictures, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during this special service, they would be very welcome to do so.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

- School Open Evening:** Monday 6th December 2021
- Christingle Church Services:** 9th December 2021
- Bumblebees Nativity in the Church:** Monday 13th Dec 9:30am
- Last day of term:** Friday 17th December 2021
- Children return to school:** Wednesday 5th January



Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners.

- Bumblebees:** Adam and Jaxson
- Squirrels:** Phoebe and Aiden
- Otters:** Charlie & Toren
- Badgers:** Maddie & Sophie

Happy Birthday to Miss Haynes who celebrates her birthday this week!

NEWS



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