

Talking Heads (

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Church Service this week. I was so proud of the children's behaviour, attitudes, and patience during the service. Reverend Armstrong's dedication to the children, and our beautiful church, is what makes our school truly special and unique. As such, we are working with Christ Church, and Reverend Armstrong on a very special Service and gift for the children in May, to commemorate the King's Coronation. I am so grateful that we can include this into our school calendar, to mark this historic occasion.

Staff have been busy planning the summer curriculum and we have a wonderful range of exciting new topics next term. Badgers will be going right back in history, learning about The Stone-Age; Otters will be discovering how British trade shaped the Georgian period and developed great British docks such as Liverpool. They will also be learning about rocks, plants, and rivers! In Squirrels it will be a trip to Treasure Island, where children will become Climate Detectives, starting in our temperate climate before exploring the world for hot and cold climates. They will also take a step back in time to the Victorians, as well as answering the question 'Should we call Grace O'Malley a pirate?'. Children will also have the opportunity to grow and identify plants! We will update Class curriculum planners for the Summer, and pop these on the website very soon for you to explore together!

Lastly, I am sure you will join me in congratulating and sending the very best wishes to Mr Paterson, who is getting married to Gee next week! We really wish you lots of happiness and we will all keep our fingers crossed that the sun shines for you both on your special day!

> Mrs Rowena Kaminski Headteacher



REMINDERS & **NOTICES**

School uniform

Following on from the uniform consultation we held in the Autumn Term, we have reviewed the responses and made some changes to our uniform requirements in order to support our school community. Full details will be uploaded onto our school website after Easter. We will be reducing the number of branded items children and young people are required to wear. In order to maintain a sense of belonging and shared identity, there will be items that remain compulsory, and we have detailed below which items these are. We have also provided a list of required items, even though these are not required to contain the school logo.

Branded items that are required:

School sweatshirt or cardigan

Non branded items that are required:

- Turquoise polo shirt
- Black school trousers
- Black school skirt
- Black tailored school shorts (summer term only)
- Blue summer dress (summer term only)
- Plain black PE shorts
- White t-shirt or polo shirt for PE
- Plain black unbranded jumper (not hoodie) worn for

We know some children prefer the branded items and it is easier for some parents to purchase the fully branded uniform, our uniform supplier will be selling any existing stock over the coming months however once these items have sold out or sizes are out of stock, they won't be replaced.

In addition to the reduction in branded items, we have also worked with our uniform supplier to offer free delivery to schools once per month. Therefore, if you place an order online by 15th of each month, items will be delivered to your child's school by 30th of that month free of charge. We thank you for your input on the recent survey - if you have any further comments, please contact admin@til.mmat.co.uk.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL YOUR CHILD'S JUMPERS & CARDIGANS!





Our Value next term: Achieve

If any children have any examples of their own achievements, or goals they are working towards, then please let us know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click here to view our upcoming events.



Events at a glance:

Monday 1st May 2023 - Spring Bank holiday

Wednesday 3rd May 9:30am - Whole school Coronation Service for pupils in Church

Monday 8th May - King Charles Bank holiday

Monday 29th May – Spring Bank Holiday

Half-term holiday - Monday 29th May 2023 -Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer Holiday - Thursday 27th July 2023

Attendance Reminders

Our School Day

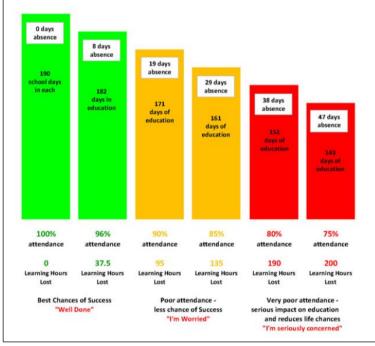
- Children who arrive after 8:50am without good reason will be marked as Late. This means that
- their attendance for the morning will not count, even though they are in the building.

We open the school gates at 8.40am and school

Illness or Medical Appointments

starts promptly at 8:50am.

- You must let us know by 9am if your child is too ill to come to school. We need a telephone call for every day of absence. Parents/carers are required to inform the school of the reasons for their child's absence. Simply stating 'not in' or 'unwell' gives us insufficient information to make an informed decision, and it may therefore be recorded as unauthorised.
- Every half-day absence from school must be classified by the school (not parents/carers) as either authorised or unauthorised. Therefore, information about the cause of each absence is always requested.
- **Authorised absences** are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason (e.g., illness or other unavoidable cause).
- Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This includes keeping children off school unnecessarily, absences which have not been properly explained, and children who arrive at school too late to receive a present mark in the register.



Polite reminder

Recently, we have had occasions where parents have shouted at members of staff. Behaviour of this kind will not be tolerated. Our members of staff should feel safe and not be subject to abuse in their workplace. They are doing their best to support our pupils and their families. If, on occasion, you feel that an issue has not been dealt with appropriately in school, please do let us know, but do so in an appropriate manner. Thank you.

NEWS

Click here to view what our students have been up to



Attendance Awards this half term

Congratulations to whopping 33 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this

half-term!









Congratulations to Poppy and Mia who won the Easter hamper in our

raffle!

Happy Birthday to:

Daniella, Noah & **Gracie** who celebrate their birthdays over the holidays- We hope you enjoy your special day!



