



HALF TERM

PLEASE REMEMBER WE BREAK UP FROM SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AND **CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.**

Up Coming Dates:

Friday 17th February – End of Half Term

Monday 27th – Friday 3rd March – Book Week (Tues/Wed/Thurs – Book Fair in School)

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day; Dress up as a favourite book character

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day Themed Lunch

Monday 6th March – Yr 5 Trip to Cadbury’s World

Tuesday 7th March – Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Friday 10th March – 3K Class Assembly; Parents from 2.50pm.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th March – Science Week

Monday 13th March – Yr 3 to the Dewa Centre

Tuesday 14th March - Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Friday 17th March – PTA Cake Stall

Monday 20th – Friday 24th March – Shakespeare Week

Tuesday 21st March – Yr 2 Visit at 2.30pm

Tuesday 21st March – PAG meeting in the NJS Library 2.45pm

Wednesday 22nd March – Church; Children to go directly to church for 8.50am

Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day

THE NJS NEWS

“learning to make a difference”

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Friday 17th February ‘17

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A Word from Mrs M....

Wow! The children have been buzzing this week during the preparations for the Wax Work Museum. It has been very interesting talking to the children about their inspirational characters and listening to the reasons they chose their person. The children have thrived on sharing their research findings and considering how they may display them.

I really hope you enjoy coming to our museum and that you have a lovely Half Term break.

Miss Hardy’s Cross Country – Competition

Children who have attended the cross country club during this academic year have been invited to represent NJS at the 2017 Telford and District Cross Country races. Letters have gone home today and need to be returned by Wednesday 1st March directly to Miss H. Any others wanting to participate, please go and speak to her.

YEAR 6 PARENTS SAT Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent workshop on Thursday 9th Feb, We hope you found it useful. All the slides from the meeting are on the news feed of the website for anyone who was unable to attend!

Following a couple of queries presented to me by local residents please can we be aware of safe and courteous parking in the local area when dropping off and collecting children. It would be appreciated by residents if cars were not blocking driveways for example. The Police are aware of the concerns presented by residents and will continue to be vigilant in the area.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs M's Home Challenge 21!

Make a map of your local area or somewhere you know very well.

Take a photo of you completing the challenge and email it to Mrs Moody! nicola.moody@taw.org.uk or just pass her any information you may find!

Photos will be displayed in school and on the website for children who have permission to do so.

ELECTRICAL DEVICES REMINDER

Please can we politely remind you that children should NOT bring any tablet devices into school.

If you wish your child to use a mobile phone to support drop off and collection arrangements please ensure that your child hands it to the class teacher on arrival in the classroom and then collects it at the end of the day. This arrangement supports us in keeping children safe and keeps property safe.

Sponsored Reading

Well done to everyone who took part. If you have any outstanding sponsor money, please hand it in by Friday 17th February. Vouchers will be handed out on Monday 27th February, ready for the book fair.

Mrs Stanley

Book Week

This year’s book week is the 27th Feb – 3rd March. Our annual book character dress up day is on Thursday 2nd March. You may want to take half term to start getting your outfits together.

 **activ8** &

NJS are pleased to announce that they are yet again teaming up with Activ8 to provide your children with a half term holiday club, ran here at NJS.

For more information about this please visit our school office. Fliers for the half term week should be coming home soon.

NJS CLUB WEEKLY DIARY

Please read this section every week as there are occasions when we have to amend or cancel clubs. Club lists have been sent home this week

Monday 27th February -

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr 3/4 Football Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the School field, **SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.**

Girls Football, NOT ON THIS WEEK!

Worship and Values, 12.30-1pm, in the School Library.

Non-Swimmers, 12-12.30pm in the School pool.

Tuesday 28th February -

Art of Science Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the Kids Kitchen - **SIGNED UP Ch ONLY.**

Choir, 12.30-1pm, in the music room.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Yr3/4 Microsoft Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite - **NOW FULL**

Wednesday 1st March -

Cooking Club, in the kids kitchen until 5pm.

Yr5/6 Tag Rugby, 3.30-4.30pm, on the School field.

Yr3/4 Cross Country, 3.30-4.30pm, on the School field.

Yr6 Maths, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6J, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Thursday 2nd March -

Yr 3/4 Computing Club, 3.30-4.30pm in the ICT suite - **NOW FULL**

Drama Club - in the school hall, 3.30-4.30pm.

Book Club, 12.-12.30pm in the School Library.

Yr6 Writing, 3.30-4.30pm, in 6S, **INVITED Ch ONLY.**

Friday 3rd March -

Yr5/6 Football - 3.30-4.30pm on the School field.

Eco-Club, 12.30-1pm outside the Yr5 area.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PARKING

It is not safe for any parents to park in the car park at the front of the Year 3 Victorian block at any time. Children regularly enter and leave through these gates and parking here is a risk to the safety of our children.

NJS Sharing Success!

Throughout the year if your child has an achievement that you would like to share with the school community on the weekly newsletter please email me with the brief details ben.moody@taw.org.uk e.g. Joe Bloggs ran the 4k Smithy Fun Run, Betty Jones has achieved a black belt in Karate at the Kicking Karate Club.
We look forward to finding out about your success!

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

ALL parents are reminded that children are to enter and leave school through the 'Parent and Child Entrance' by the conservatory. Children/parents should not use the entrance through the Visitors Car Park unless collecting children during the school day.

Please can we politely remind you that if you wish to speak to any member of staff at the start of the school day please do so through the school office.

Attendance

Well done to class

3S

who achieved
97.62% attendance.

They will receive an extra ten minutes next year.

Uniform clarity

We have been asked to clarify a couple of issues regarding uniform:

Footwear

In the winter months we are happy for children to wear smart, leather ankle or knee high boots. No snow boots in school.

Earrings

Please can we ensure children wear only small stud earrings to school, covering or removing for PE.

ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school please report this to the school office on 01952 386600. Thank you.

BEFORE AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we politely remind you that children are not supervised before 8.50am when the school bell rings. If you wish to see a member of staff please do so via the school office, even if they are Year 3 staff in the Victorian block.
If younger, or older, children are waiting on the school yard at the end of the school day please can you ensure that they wait on the yard not on the field.
Thank you for your support in keeping our children and school site safe.

Class Assemblies

A class assembly is time for children to share with family and friends some of the experiences they have had during their time in the classroom. Class assemblies are on **FRIDAYS** and usually start at **2.50pm**. Dates for this school year are:

4J - 10/02/17	4R - 17/02/17
3K - 10/03/17	5H - 31/03/17
3S - 05/05/17	5M - 26/05/17
6J - 09/06/17	6S - 30/06/17

Due to allergies in school please can we remind you that we request that children are not given nuts as snacks or in their lunch boxes.
Please may we also remind you that break time snacks should be fresh or dried fruit only.

Caretaker

Mr Williams our school caretaker will be retiring from his role on the 17th March. Telford and Wrekin will be advertising for the role of a school caretaker for us on their website. If you or anyone you know is interested please apply through the online process or for more details contact Mrs Green or Mrs Moody.

School Uniform

Please can we politely remind you that head bands worn to school should be black, brown, white or green.
Please can we also emphasise the importance of labelling all uniform items with your child's name. It can be frustrating when children lose items however they are generally easily returned when named.

School Nurse

Your school nurse is Rachel Osbourne and she can be contacted on 01952 621340 for any health concerns.

WOODWIND TUITION

Mr Gray has vacancies for pupils wishing to learn the clarinet, saxophone, flute or recorder.
If you don't have your own instrument you may be able to use a school instrument subject to availability.
For further information please contact Mr Gray on 01952 255205 or 0777 391 4065

Severe Weather

As Winter is upon us a reminder about who to contact in the event of severe weather. To find out about school closures:

- Listen to BBC Radio Shropshire.
- Visit the school website
- **Or access this website:**
<http://apps.telford.gov.uk/snowline>

HOUSE POINTS

For last week:

1st Wright
2nd Darwin
3rd Owen
4th Jebb

The winners will have lunch first on the following Monday and they will also have access to the team games and activity area on the small yard.

Head lice

Please be aware that we have had a few messages from parents whose children have head lice.
Please all check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Whilst it is not school policy, we recommend that all girls try to have their hair tied up.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to all the following children, who received head teacher's awards last week. Email's about having lunch with Mrs. Moody will be sent home to the parents of the winners:

Congratulations to: Fergus Weston, Elsa Pilgrim, Ben Cutler, Sylvia Ody, Leighton Matthews, Chelsey Holt, Erin Stretton, Holly Atkinson, Kelsi Felton, Charlie Holt, Lacey Stevenson, Mia Wood, Georgina Otero-Salgado, Harvey Seabridge, Thomas Longworth, Mabel Bowen, Max Heath, Alex Briggs, Rossi-Jordan Hesbrook & Caitlyn Disley.