



WILLIAM TORBITT NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

Playground Improvements

It is great to see the development of the playgrounds now beginning to come into fruition. We are planning further developments over the Easter holiday. We hope this will include: - some replacement fencing around the circular soft play area; refurbishment of the play equipment under the trees by the Year 1 classroom wing; a new shelter for the main playground. **Parents/carers, please be aware that children are not allowed on the play equipment before or after school.**

Our School Council have also canvassed ideas from pupils in their class about what types of outdoor fitness equipment they would like for the playground. I shall be using their suggestions when making final decisions.

Mrs Hinds, Headteacher

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NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website is now live! It is a vast improvement on our previous one, with a wealth of information and links, that we hope current and prospective parents/carers, pupils and others will find very useful.

Thank you to all the parents that came to the coffee morning to give their views and suggestions; these have been taken into account.

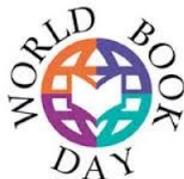


WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school tomorrow, **Thursday 2nd March**. Staff and children can come to school dressed as their favourite story character and donate £1.00. All money raised will help to provide new books for the school.

As well as dressing up, each year group will be focusing on a specific author:

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| Nursery & Reception - | Julia Donaldson |
| Year 1 - | Allan Ahlberg |
| Year 2 - | Anthony Browne |
| Year 3 - | Roald Dahl |
| Year 4 - | David Walliams |
| Year 5 - | Louis Sacher |
| Year 6 - | R.J Palacio |



ASSEMBLY THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM

- Valuing our languages and that of others
- Fairtrade Fortnight
- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) / Ash Wednesday / Lent
- Growth Mindset celebrities
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- St Patrick's Day
- Growth Mindset (How do you know if you're putting effort in?)
- The Easter Story / Easter celebrations around the World



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT (27th February—10th March)

On Monday we had assemblies introducing/ raising the impact of buying Fairtrade products, as it is the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight across the UK.

A copy of the material used in our assemblies can be seen in the attached powerpoint presentation.

Further information can be found at:
<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

BREAKFAST CLUB

&

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

(Opening Wednesday 1st March 2017)

**ALL CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS WELCOME
FULLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED STAFF**

Breakfast Club 7.30am-8.50am £4.50 per child per session paid monthly in advance

After-School Club 3.20pm-5.45pm £9.50 per child per session paid monthly in advance

Games, toy, themed activities, arts and crafts, gaming consoles, reading support and help with homework.

***Children with special needs are catered for
Discounts for siblings***

Fees can be paid by cash, bank transfer or childcare vouchers For registration forms, please call

07934 887986

or email fataha@simplyoutofschool.co.uk



LANGUAGE OF THE HALF TERM - The language of this half term is **PUNJABI**.

Language of the half term celebrates the different backgrounds of the school's pupils and their families, encouraging an understanding of other cultures and giving children an opportunity to communicate in a different language each half term. The scheme will introduce everyone here at William Torbitt School to some of the 47 languages spoken in our school community.



GOVERNORS' NEWS

We are sad to see one of our parent governors, Mrs Fage, has stepped down from her role due to other commitments. We would like to thank her for all her work and time she has put into the governing body over the five years she has been a governor.

Governors

New Parent Governor needed!

We now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. A copy of the 'Good Governance Guide' and nomination form will be sent home via parentmail. If this is something you are interested in, please complete and return the nomination form. If you require any further information, please speak to a member of the admin team in the school office.

Governors' Day

Governors will be in school on Wednesday 8th March.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome two new Learning Support Assistants: **Mrs Seema Siddique** and **Mrs Sukjit Malka**. We also have an additional in-school piano instructor, **Miss Naomi Hinds**.



FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

The Year 6 team recently enjoyed a comprehensive win over Aldborough Primary School. Goals came from **Theo Warner (6T)**, **Robert Beta (6W)**, **Faiz Niaz (6T)** and **Yusuf Mahmud (6T)**. Team captain **Humza Sheikh (6T)** said it was an enjoyable game and we look forward to our next challenge.



Mr A Westlake, PE Subject Leader

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the parents and children who contributed to the success of our recent Book Fair. We raised a fantastic total of **£766.42** to put toward the purchase of new books.



BEST ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Class 5P** who achieved the best overall attendance during February. A special well done to **Classes 5P and 2S** who each achieved 100% weekly attendance during February.



SPARE / OUTGROWN SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

We are always looking for spare clothing in our welfare room, so if you have any items of school uniform that are in good condition that your child has outgrown, please do send them in to the school office. We are particularly short of trousers, polo shirts, shorts and white t-shirts.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to play on the play equipment in the playground either before school or at the end of the school day. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Diary Dates

28 Feb & 1 Mar	Year 5 trip to British Museum (details to follow)
1 Mar	Football Tournament at Mayfield School
2 Mar	World Book Day
14 & 15 Mar	Reception Hearing & Vision
16 Mar	Parent Coffee Morning
27 Mar	Redbridge Singing Festival at St Mary's Church, South Woodford 7.00pm (Choir attending rehearsal in the afternoon)
3—17 Apr	Easter Holiday
18 Apr	First day of Summer Term 2017 - pupils return to school
1 May	Bank Holiday
8-12 May	Y5 residential trip to Norfolk
23 May	Redbridge Recorder Festival at St Mary's Church, High Road Ilford (Recorder group attending rehearsal in the afternoon)
30 May—3 June	Half Term
5 June	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
6 June	Pupils return to school
15 June	Class Photographs
21 July	Last day of summer term
4 Sept	First day of new academic year 2017/2018 <i>INSET Days 4 & 5 Sept to be confirmed with Governing Body</i>

NURSERY ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We are accepting application forms for admission to our nursery in September 2017. Closing date for submitting your completed application form is **Friday 3rd March 2017**.

If your child was born between **1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014** they are eligible to start nursery in September 2017.

Children who have a sibling already attending William Torbitt Primary School will receive priority when allocating nursery places.

Please see Mrs Kelly in the school office if you would like to apply for a nursery place.



Free Nursery Places Available

Please contact the office for more information