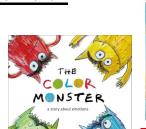


Talavera Junior School Pangolins

Autumn 2— Family and Me

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic start all students in Pangolins have made this academic year. During the first half-term, the children engaged in a variety of learning opportunities, experiences and social skills trips. As we move into the next half-term, we look forward to our upcoming cinema trip, exciting social skills trips and Christmas activities. This half-term, our learning theme is 'Family and Me'. As part of our learning, we will be using 'The Colour Monster', 'We're all wonders' and 'Love grows here' before moving onto our festive themed learning that is linked to 'The Grinch who stole Christmas'.

This half-term, Pangolin children in years 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in PE lessons and some topic lessons in their corresponding year group. In order to participate fully, we ask that children have their PE kit everyday. This must come into school on a Monday and return home to be washed on a Friday.









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Key Dates:

Monday 10th November: Rags to Riches clothing collection

W/C Monday 10th November: NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assembly

Friday 14th November: Parent Vs Kids Football afternoon (sign up required)

Saturday 15th November: Choir singing at Aldershot Christmas light Switch on

W/C Monday 17th November: Book fair at school

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November: Year 3 Parent Evening meetings

Monday 24th November: Individual School Photos

Wednesday 26th November: Cinema trip

Wednesday 26th November: TT Rockstars day - dress-up optional

Thursday 4th December: Choir Carol Concert at the Royal Garrison Church

Friday 12th December: Talavera Treat (selected children)

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Jumper, Pantomime and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th December: Church service at the Garrison Church

Friday 19th December: Last day - 1:30 finish

Into Film

On <u>Wednesday 26th November</u>, we will be going to the Aldershot Cineworld to watch Sonic the Hedgehog 3. This is part of Into Film's annual film festival designed to encourage children to become excited about stories and is completely free. There will be **an additional letter** sent via Arbor with more information about this trip.

Please note this film is rated at PG. Although no consent is required, please ensure you have set your permissions on Arbor to enable your child to watch PG films and walk in the local area. If you have any concerns regarding the trip, please contact your child's teacher. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.



Christmas Service

On Friday 19th December, the whole school will be attending Aldershot Garrison church to mark the end of the Autumn term.

All parents are welcome to come and join us for the service. Although school ends at 1:30, you will be welcome to collect your child early from the Church. Please look out on Arbor for further information nearer the time.



Online Safety

Whilst we would encourage you to consider whether your child should be on any social media, we understand this is a decision many families have already made. Please think carefully about the apps and sites you allow your children to use. It's vital that children understand that one of the biggest risks to their wellbeing when online is actually their communications with friends. Please make sure you are monitoring your child's interactions regularly, checking that they are neither sending nor receiving inappropriate messages. We recommend talking about online safety regularly and openly, helping children to learn from any mistakes they make online without shame. If you need any support with this, please do contact us. Thank you, as ever, for your support.

Morning Snack and Packed Lunches

We recommend that your child has a mid-morning snack at break time to ensure they can learn effectively. Without this, children's energy levels can drop noticeably, resulting in reduced concentration.

In line with our healthy school policy, this snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable. Cereal bars (that do not contain yogurt or chocolate coating) and healthy oat-based snacks are also allowed. **These snacks and packed lunches** must not contain nuts in any form.

Packed lunches must also be healthy and contain food which will sustain your child through the afternoon. This half-term we will be updating and relaunching our healthy eating policy which will be sent to all parents to guide and support. If you have any questions or queries regarding pack lunches, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or a member of staff in the office.



Reading:



In Pangolins, we do not send home specific reading books other than the books your child has selected from the school library, We do, however, ask that you encourage and engage with reading at home with your child as often as possible whether this be at night time before they go to bed, when reading a recipe in the kitchen or even reading the bus timetable when you are off on an adventure.

This year, we have a whole school focus on reading for pleasure. Please remember: children are free to borrow books from our in-school library or using the SORA app run by Hampshire library service that the school has paid the subscription for. On this platform, children can borrow a range of books including comics and audio books. Please also remember that it is free to sign up to Aldershot library where children can borrow additional books. Below are some books which are linked to our learning this half-term which your child may enjoy; many of these are available on SORA.

In order to take books out from our school library regularly, it is important that your child remembers to bring back their book each week to either swap or renew it.