

Dear parents and carers,

As we step into November, we reflect on a busy and productive start to the school year and look forward to the opportunities this new month brings.

This month, we send our heartfelt best wishes to Mrs Harmam-Box as she begins maternity leave. In replacement, you have myself, Mrs Mark-Richards. I have spent the start of this term getting to know the fantastic Talavera Junior children and very much look forward to my time here.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a month filled with learning, collaboration and community.

Best wishes, Mrs Mark-Richards & Mrs Webb



### Behaviour

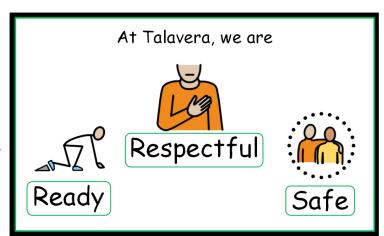
Fantastic behaviour remains a strength presented by the children at Talavera Junior School. We have our clear and relatable school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

These simple yet powerful guidelines are designed to create a positive learning environment for all children.

Ready means being prepared to learn, both mentally and physically. This includes arriving on time, having necessary materials, actively listening and being open to new ideas.

Respectful encourages children to treat themselves, their peers, their environment and staff with kindness. This fosters a supportive community where everyone feels valued.

Safe emphasises the importance of a secure environment, where children can express themselves without fear. This includes following safety protocols and being mindful of others' well-being.



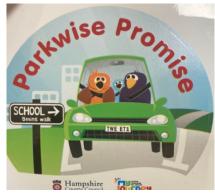
Consistency is key; all classes will follow these rules and staff will use the same language to reinforce them. Together, we can help our children thrive!

# **Parking**

We know that parking around the school can be difficult. However, there has been an increase in near-misses around the school, primarily due to unsafe parking.



We are asking for your support in ensuring that children are kept safe by parking in appropriate places. This means that cars should not be parked on double yellow lines.



In particular, some cars have been parked across the school entrance and on the zebra crossing. As you will know, this is particularly dangerous.

To ease the congestion, please remember that we have permits for the multi-storey parking at the bottom of Gun Hill. Please pop in to see us to get one of these permits—and start the day with a burst of fresh air and a lovely walk up the hill!

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

## Toys in school

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing toys into school. We understand that these can provide comfort when children separate from you but find that they cause prolonged issues across the school day.

Please ensure that your child does not bring focus toys, comfort toys or anything else into school.

If you have concerns about your child wellbeing, please contact your child's class teacher or our SENDCo, Mrs Embleton-Horner, so that they can provide appropriate support.

# Appropriate clothing

As the weather draws in, please make sure that your child is appropriately-dressed. It is important for children's physical development as well as for their mental health that they get outside to play as much as possible.

Please make sure your child has an appropriate coat. If you need support to provide shoes or a coat for your child, please let us know. We have a supply of these.

Thank you.

### Harvest 2025

Many thanks for all the Harvest donations. This year we donated to the Grub Hub. These contributions of food and essential items are vital in supporting local families. These donations are making a real difference by stocking food banks and community fridges, providing meals and relief from financial worry.



Grub Hub is an amazing resource and is open every Tuesday between 10am and 4pm.

If you are in need of any support, please contact the school.

### Key Dates November:

Monday 10th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Tuesday 11th: Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11th: Year 6 at Film Festival Kensuke Kingdom

Wednesday 12th Nov: Year 5 Living Rainforest Trip

Friday 14th: Parents v Kids- Football

Monday 17th to 21st: Book fair: Mon Yr 6, Tues Yr 5 and Pangolins, Weds Yr 4, Thurs Yr 3

W/C 17th: Parliament Week
Tuesday 18th: Year 5 @ Into Film

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th: Pangolins Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th: Parents Evening Year 3, 4, 5

Monday 24th: Individual School Photos Tuesday 25th: Year 4 @ Into Film

Wednesday 26th: Year 3 and Pangolins @ Into Film

Wednesday 26th: TT Rockstars Day

### Key Dates December:

Thursday 4th: Choir Carol Concert @ The Royal Garrison Church 6pm

Monday 8th: Community Nurse in (see Mrs Embleton-Horner if you would like an appointment)

Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th: Year 6 Parents Evening

Wednesday 10th: Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party —details to follow

Friday 12th: Talavera Treat-Pantomime-Selected Children
Wednesday 17th: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th: The Royal Garrison Church—Christmas Celebration- Early finish at 13:30

# Celebrating our Diverse Community

We are proud to enjoy a rich and diverse community at Talavera. This term, we have taken the opportunity to honour a few of our cultures with two special events: Fijian Day and a Nigerian Assembly.

For Fijian Day, children dressed in traditional clothing and bright colours,

and enjoyed music, food, and learning about Fijian culture.







Thank you to all the parents who supported and contributed to the success of the day.

Our Nigerian Assembly was delivered by one of our families — a massive thank you to them! Children learned about the culture, customs and celebrations of Nigeria; and we were lucky enough to taste some of their delicious food.



# Bonfire Night Safety

### For Children



Never touch fireworks: Only adults should handle fireworks, which are very dangerous and not toys.

Watch from a safe distance: Stand well back from any fireworks even if they haven't gone off. Wear gloves: Wear gloves when holding a sparkler and keep it at arm's length.

Keep sparklers away from others: Don't run with a sparkler or throw it at other people.

Cool sparklers in water: Once finished, put the used sparkler into a bucket of water as it stays hot for a long time.

Stay with an adult: Hold hands with a grown-up and stay with them throughout the event.

Dress warmly: Wear clothing that covers arms and legs, not dressing-up clothes.

Keep pets indoors: Loud fireworks can frighten pets so keep them in a secure, comfortable environment.

"Stop, drop, and roll": If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop to the ground, cover your face, and roll over and over to put out the flames.

# For parents and guardians

Supervise closely: Ensure children are always supervised and have a safe marker, like a rope, to stand behind.

Store fireworks safely: Store fireworks in a closed, sturdy container like a metal box until use. Follow instructions: Read all instructions and only light one firework at a time from arm's length with a taper.

**Never return to a lit firework**: Do not go back to a firework that has been lit even if it doesn't go off immediately.

Keep a safe distance from bonfires: Ensure a bonfire is at least 18 meters (60 ft) away from houses, trees and fences.

Dispose of spent fireworks: Collect all used fireworks and douse them in water before disposal. **Keep pets indoors**: Ensure pets are safely indoors and have a comfortable space during celebrations.



# November 2025





6th November, 10 -12pm: Fleet Get Together- Fleet Town Football Club, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA - \*\*SENDIASS ATTENDING to offer 1:1 support

11th November, 12-1pm: online Lunchtime Get Together -Meeting ID: 835 1332 0196 Passcode: GT

12th November , 10-12pm : Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ

19th November, 10-12pm: Winchester Get Together - Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB

28th November, 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together - The Swan Hotel, Alresford, SO24 9AD

- · Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa in a friendly, non-judgemental space
- · Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the Fleet session. They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

> Hampshire . **SENDIASS**

For more information please contact: participation@hpcn.org.uk





Visit leisure centers & culture providers, report back in secret, to help improve send accessibility.

We will cover the cost of the visit!\*

MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON OUR MAILING LIST TO BE PART OF THIS PROGRAMME!

These parent 'Get Togethers' are a great opportunity for parents of SEND children to connect, share experiences and access support.

# **Become a Parent Representative!**

Join Hampshire Parent Carer Network and help shape better services for families.

#### Your Role

- Share your experiences as a parent carer to help shape children's services.
- · Ensure parents' voices influence key decisions.
- Work with professionals to improve services for children with disabilities.

### What's Involved

- Attend relevant meetings or events (with another HPCN member if
- Share short written feedback within 2 weeks.
- · Respond to topic-related requests and help at events.
- Join training sessions and promote our work







## **Time Commitment** Flexible – even one hour a

month can make a difference! Training and support provided.



We'll Support You Advice, guidance, and training Reimbursement for travel and related expenses.



Are you interested? For more information Contact: Participation@hpcn.org.uk

















