



Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic first month back we've had! We've seen Stone Age children roaming the corridors, Titanic passengers have luxuriated in first class, had a blast at Legoland and tried to avoid the monster Grendel. Wow!

Did you see the news that just ten minutes a day of reading, sports or creative play between a child and their father (or a male figure in their lives) can have a significant impact on their academic attainment? If you want any help or ideas, please get in touch with us.



I am looking forwards to all that is coming up over the next month. Thank you for your continued support!



Thank you to everyone for your support for our fundraiser that we held for

the Azaylia Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have raised **£2825.55!** We offer our sincere gratitude to all of the local businesses that contributed towards the raffle, as well as yourselves and your families for their sponsorship.



Remember to use The Reader Teacher, a great website which can recommend books for each year group. The recommendations change monthly so keep an eye on it!

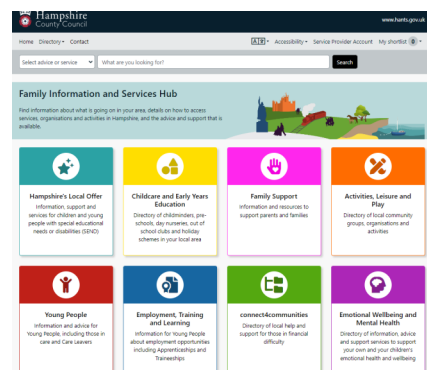
If your child sees one they would like, pop to your local library or get them to check if we have it. We may be able to request in in our regular stock changes!



We know that there are a lot of stresses on families at the moment. If you would like to know about any of the resources, classes or other activities which Hampshire offers (many of which are completely free), please take a look at the website below:

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

If you need any help making contact or finding something suitable for your family, please let us know. We are always happy to help.



Please remember that we can only take bookings for Breakfast Club and Hangout at least 24 hours in advance due to staffing ratios. We understand that emergencies come up but must ensure that your child is safe with the correct number of adults. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Being Talavera Smart is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. Here is a guide to our uniform. If you need support with your child's uniform, we are here to help.



Red school jumper (can be branded from Edgar Jerome)

White polo shirt

Black skirt, shorts or trousers

Leggings are not school uniform.



Indoor PE: red or white t-shirt (plain or Talavera-branded) and black shorts

Outdoor: as above, with red or black jumper. Leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Socks and trainers.

Year 4 took a trip to Legoland recently, where they took part in robotics workshops to help them with their topic for this half-term. After they learned some fantastic new skills, they celebrated with some rollercoasters!



Do you think that you could make a difference to life at Talavera Junior? We are looking for Parent Governors to make a contribution to our school community. If you would like more information, or would like an application form, please pop in to the office. We thank you for any interest that you show in improving and maintaining our school.



We are continuing to work on raising funds for our Mental Health Champions project. Our staff held their sponsored walk up Pen Y Fan this weekend!



100%

We are excited to announce that our

attendance for September was **98.4%**, compared to the national level of **95.3%**.

Please remember that we are here to support you and will work with you to help your child get to school on time. Thank you.



Remember that times tables are the foundation of so many other areas of maths: from division to fractions, ratio to percentages. Please help your child make use of their TT Rockstars account (and keep an eye out for more information about a Rockstars Day coming up!).

Try cutting up some pieces of paper and writing times table calculations on some and answers on others. Don't forget to include commutative examples (4×3 on one piece and 3×4 on another)!

For an extra challenge, include division equations too. Then, play Snap as a family!



Key Dates for Autumn 1

2nd–5th October: Baseline SATs practice

2nd October: Cake sale

5th October: Poetry Day

5th October: Year 3 Science morning

6th October: HOUSE EVENT: Tug of War

13th October: Fijian Day

17th October: Year 6 Chessington trip

18th October: Talavera Treat for selected children

20th October: Cross-country competition for whole school

21st October–29th October: HALF-TERM

30th October: INSET day—no school for children

2nd November: Reading workshop year 5 & 6 (you will receive an invitation)

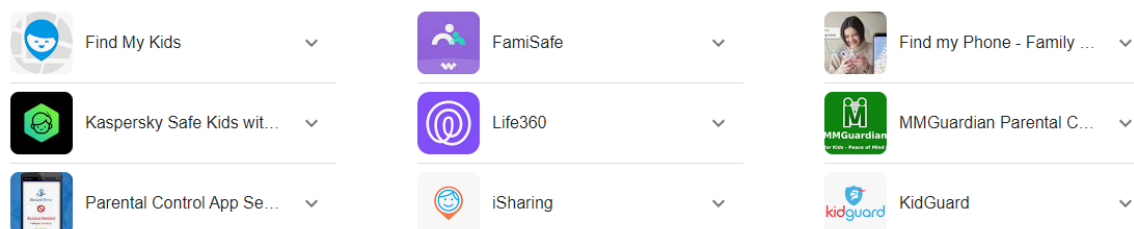
2nd November: Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm trip

3rd November: French Manners morning



We have recently been made aware of ParentShield, a child-safe mobile network which allows you to monitor your child's phone usage. You purchase a ParentShield SIM card and pop it into an unlocked phone. You then log into a secure online portal. You can then listen back to all calls made and read all messages—even if they have been deleted!

Please note that we cannot recommend you purchase a specific product. However, we wanted to make you aware of this one and give you the opportunity to research to see if it would work for your family. Below are some more examples of apps you could try.



Forest School have had a fantastic start! They have observed animal dens, used nature to make crafts, and foraged. We have also been so impressed by the way

they have embraced being out in all weathers! Please make sure that your child has weatherproof clothing so that they can fully take part.

Please remember that we do not allow phones in school.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns. Thank you for your support.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

LEARN TO
DRAW
CARICATURES
MONDAY 23

CUT HALLOWEEN
FIGURES
IN PAPER
TUESDAY 24

CREATE CRAFTS
USING MANY
MATERIALS
MONDAY 23

CREATE
FABRIC
MONSTERS
TUESDAY 24

MAKE
FUN AND SPOOKY
HALLOWEEN
BUTTONS
TUESDAY 24

CREATE
CHRISTMAS DECOR
WITH CLAY
TUESDAY 24

