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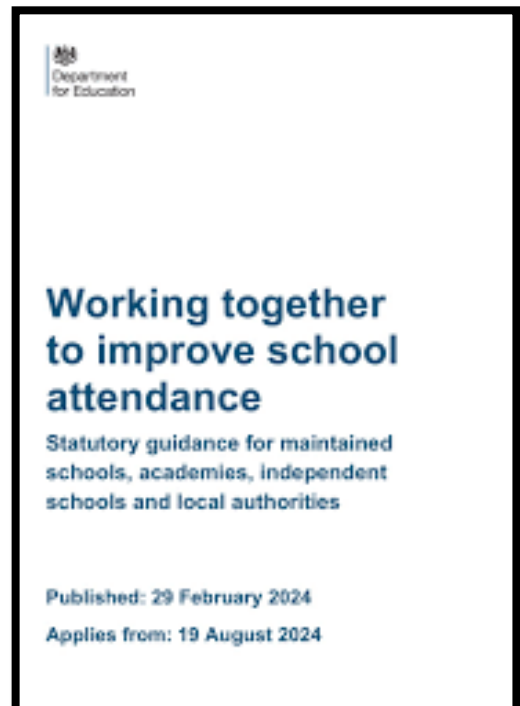
Important: Changes to attendance

In February 2024 the Government's Department for Education published a new national framework for penalty notices that will come into force from 19th August 2024. In doing so, the Government have renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term time. Students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. The Government state that 'family holidays or leave in term time for leisure activities are not exceptional circumstances'.

As a school we are asked to inform you that, in line with the national framework for penalty notices, 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school rolling weeks may be subject to a **Penalty Notice fine of £160** payable per parent, per child, which can be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days, but only if it is the first Penalty Notice issued to you from 1st September 2024. If this fine is not paid within 28 days this may lead to Court proceedings which could ultimately result in a criminal record and a fine of up to £2500 and/or an alternative sentence which can include up to three months imprisonment.

If any unauthorised absence results in a second Penalty Notice issued to you within three years of the date of the first one, (from 1st September 2024) a flat rate of £160 will apply. A third Penalty Notice will not be issued within a three-year rolling period. Therefore, alternative action or legal measures will be utilised when the criteria of 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10-school week rolling period are met.

Our key priority is to ensure that children are as successful as possible and can achieve their full potential. I would hope that, upon reflection you are able to support this decision in line with the government and local authority policy that leave should be restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.





Family Picnic

We were very sorry that we were forced to cancel our family picnic due to poor weather conditions. If the weather brightens up in September and the field is dry enough, we will try to fix another date for this as the children enjoy it so very much. I'm very sorry for any disappointment caused.

Sports Days

As you know, we will be holding key stage one and two sports days on Monday and Tuesday. It would be lovely if you could come to support your child or children. Both sports days will start at approximately 9:00am. The Key Stage 2 sports event runs a little longer than Key Stage 1, approximately 2 hours.

Could we please ask that you do not come across the track to make

contact with your child. If it is a hot day, please ensure your child has sunscreen on and is wearing a hat. Please ensure they come with a nice full water bottle too. If we continue to have wet weather and the field is not dry enough, we will be forced to cancel sports events.



We will send Parentmail out on Sunday night ONLY if we have to cancel. Many thanks for your support, we very much appreciate it.



Leavers' Assembly

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held here at St Mary's next Thursday at 9:00am. We hope that parents and carers of the children in Year 6 will be able to attend for about an hour, so we can mark the end of the children's journey here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School together. I suggest you bring some tissues along with you as there are sure to be some tear-jerking moments!! I hope to see you all there, some of you for the very last visit to our school :-)

Summer Reading

We are not collecting-in reading diaries this year in the hope that children will continue with their reading at home over the summer.

I have listed a number of challenges for children in different year key stages. Any

reading your child can do over the summer will really benefit their academic achievement in September.



Reading challenges for EYFS children

1. Share a book outside.
2. Share a book about your favourite TV character, such as Peppa Pig, Thomas and Friends, Fireman Sam or Paw Patrol.
3. Share a book of poetry (or find poems online to read together).
4. Make a den to share a book in.
5. Find a picture book with no words and make up a story to go with the pictures.
6. Share a rhyiming book.
7. Choose a book you can try to read yourself.

8. Share a book that you loved when you were a baby.
9. Read out loud to your mum, dad, grandma or grandad.
10. Share a book whose cover is your favourite colour.

Reading challenges for KS1 children

1. Read to your pet. If you don't have a pet, read to a soft toy.
2. Read a book in the bath – mind you don't drop it!
3. Read under the covers with a torch.
4. Read a comic.
5. Read a book about animals.
6. Read for 20 minutes straight (or a time that you think is right for your child's reading level).
7. Listen to an audiobook.
8. Read a bedtime story to your mum or dad, instead of them reading one to you.
9. Read a book from the library (most libraries let you borrow e-books online).
10. Read a book by an author who has the same initials as you.
11. Read a book about your favourite hobby or interest – for example, performing, football, art, rugby, superheroes or space.

12. Read a book set in the past.
13. Read a book by Roald Dahl.
14. Read a book with a one-word title.
15. Read a joke book.
16. Read a book by Enid Blyton.
17. Draw a picture of a character from your favourite book.
18. Read an adventure story.
19. Read a book that your teacher loves.
20. Read a book that teaches you a new skill – for example, a recipe book, or a book of magic tricks.
21. Read a non-fiction book.
22. Read a book by Dr Seuss.
23. Read a book set in a school.
24. Read a book by Michael Rosen.
25. Read a book with more than six chapters.

Reading challenges for KS2 children

1. Read a book that was written in the year you were born.
2. Read a magazine or newspaper (e-editions count, too).

3. Read for an hour straight (adapt the time according to your child's reading ability).

4. Read to a younger brother or sister, if you have one.

5. Read a book with over 100 pages.

6. Read a book with a friend – take it in turns to read a chapter out loud. You can do this on FaceTime, Zoom, Houseparty or Messenger while schools are closed.

7. Read a biography.

8. Find a word that you don't know in your reading book and look it up using a dictionary. You could find a notebook and make your own list of new words.

9. Read your best friend's favourite book.

10. Read a graphic novel such as the Tom Gates or Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

11. Read a book that your mum or dad loved when they were little.

12. Review a book that you've enjoyed – you could do this on a website like Topsta or Scholastic, or write a review to share with your teacher.

13. Read a Narnia book.

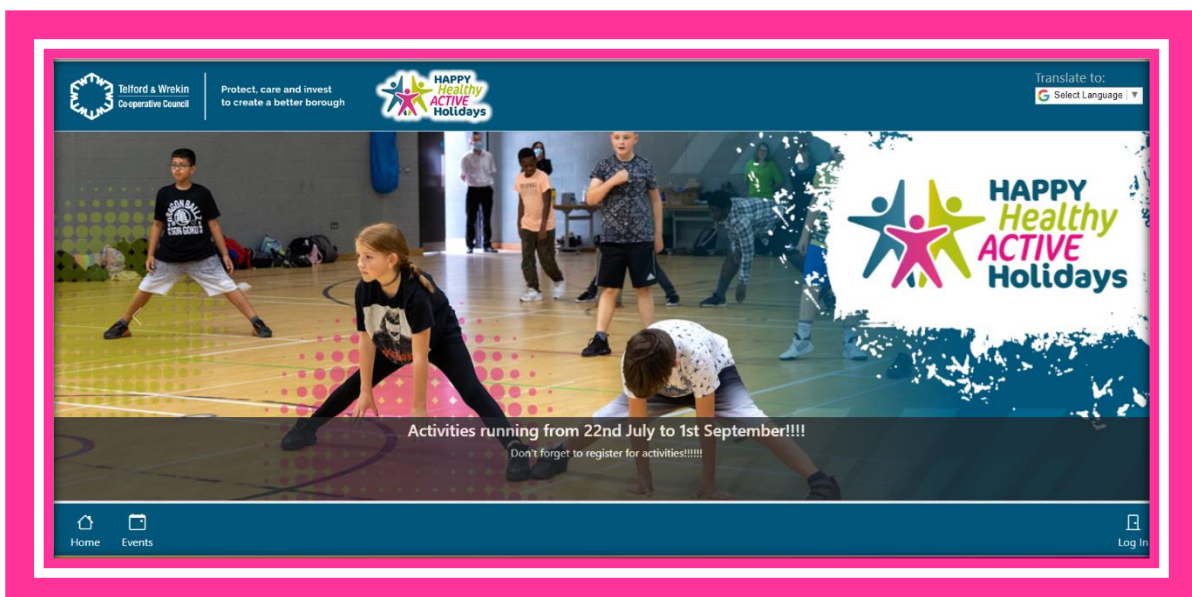
14. Read a mystery story like a Famous Five story.

15. Read a book that's been made into a film, or watch a film based on a children's book.
16. Play 20 Questions about book characters: think of a character, and see whether your parents, brother or sister, or friends can guess who it is.
17. Read a book written by an author who has the same first name as you.
18. Read a fantasy book.
19. Read a Harry Potter book (or if you know every Hogwarts story, try a book that other Harry Potter fans love).
20. Read a book written by an author who also writes books for adults.
21. Read a book set in the future.
22. Choose a word from a book and use a thesaurus to find other words that the author could have used.
23. Read a biography or a book based on a true story.
24. Choose and read a book just because you like its cover.
25. Try to read a book every week for a year and make a list of their titles.



Happy healthy active holidays

Spend a few minutes to find this website. You will need to create an account, but it gives you access to lots of activities for children across the borough over the summer holidays. Some of the activities have massive discounts, reduced in price or totally free. Please take a look.



<https://hhah.telford.gov.uk/>

Telford residents are invited to Early Years Family Fun Day on Saturday 6 July 2024

Next month we will host a new family fun and information event in Telford Town Park to help families understand more about the different childcare support options which are available to them.

The Early Years Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 6 July between 11am and 4pm in Telford Town Park.

The event is aimed at providing families with vital information on the different funding entitlements and resources which are available to them as they navigate their way through parenting. This includes:



Childcare funding entitlements for 0-5-year-olds

Happy Healthy Activity Holiday clubs for 5-16-year-olds

Wrap around childcare options for 5- 11-year olds

Family Hubs

Experts will be on hand to offer advice about the various types of childcare support for families as well as provide guidance on what they are entitled to and how to apply.

As well as being an information event, there is also plenty of family fun activities organised to keep the whole family entertained from storytelling with Sal Tongue to workshops by Telford & Wrekin Music and Lola's Caribbean Kitchen who will be demonstrating her exquisite Caribbean cooking.

There will also be a sporting theme to the event as local provider 'Active Future' offer children the chance to take part in their Nerf battles and 'Cyclone's Football' who will be encouraging children to improve their footballing skills whilst having fun.

Dinner Monies Owing

Could we kindly ask you to pay for any outstanding dinner money owing as soon as possible. Thank you.



Muxton Extra Holiday Club
Summer Half Term
Open to all children aged school 4—11 years old

Monday 22nd July-Tuesday 3rd September
(Closed Monday 26th August)
8:00am-3:30pm £17.00
8:00-6:00pm £20.00
(These prices include breakfast)

- ❖ All day arts and crafts
- ❖ Sports including football, dodgeball, gymnastics etc
 - ❖ Our very own sports day morning.
 - ❖ Local walks
 - ❖ Baking/cooking activities
 - ❖ Water play
 - ❖ Games, BINGO, art competitions, quizzes etc.

Booking available through your child's scopy.

For more information: [Email:muxtonextra@muxtonprimary.org.uk](mailto:muxtonextra@muxtonprimary.org.uk)
Or phone the school office 01952 327007



Dates for your diaries

Date	Event	Notes
Monday July 15 th	Key Stage 2 Sports Day	9.00am – 11.00am. All parents and family members invited. More information will be provided.
Tuesday July 16 th	Key Stage 1 Sports Day	9.00-10.30am. All parents and family members invited. More information will be provided.
Thursday July 18 th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	8.50am- 10am. All parents of Year 6 children invited.
Friday July 19 th	Break-up	Tee-shirt signing day for Year 6