



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to our new academic year at Talavera Junior School. We are so excited to continue working closely with you to support your child. There are already lots of events and activities in the pipeline which we will be sharing with you.

As you will remember, I will be supporting Wellington Community Primary School and Marlborough Infant School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In my absence, our Strategic Team will be leading Talavera. If you need anything, I know that they will be able to assist you.



I can't wait to see what this year brings.

Our School Team: Please see our school team below to help you find the right person to talk to if you would like any support. We are passionate about working closely with you.

Laura Harman-Box Deputy Head	Amanda Webb Headteacher	Clare Litwin Assistant Head
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Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Wright Mrs Hemming Year leader/ Blue Whale	Miss Coombs Mrs Cummings & Mrs Ranapaili Year leader/ Indian Elephant	Naomi Heaton Mrs Opoku, Mrs Pepperall, Mrs Barton & Ms West Year leader/ Spider Monkey	Alexis Pinto Mrs Geere, Mrs Gurung & Mrs Russell Year leader/ Manatee
Mrs Tichbon Mrs Keon Axolotl	Mr Willcocks Mrs Armit Mountain Gorilla	Francesca Mead Mrs Robinson & Ms Carden -Moore	Lucy Manser Mrs Swanapoel Snow Leopard
Miss Bremner Mrs Duffill Green Turtle	Hannah Casey Mrs Gill & Miss Stew Giant Panda	Holly Carter Mrs Ross Polar Bear	Jodie Cooke Mrs McHale & Ms Wheeler
Mrs Gething Mrs Shackleton Emperor Penguin	Chloe Coomasaru Mrs Cluness & Mrs Mayuran Nicola Beal Mrs Creighton, Mrs Casey, Mrs McTaggart & Mrs Hooper		Charlotte Horner Mrs Hatton Porpoise

**Mrs Gailey:  
Freddie and  
Phoenix**

Office staff: Ms Wilson, Mrs Kirkham-Wingate & Mrs Long	Caretaker: Mr Hardy	Other teaching staff: Mrs Winter, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Howard & Mr
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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.

Chatting to your child about their learning helps them to remember. You can see each year group's own newsletter for more information but here is an overview. Please do make use of your local library to find more texts to explore with your child.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p><b>Digging Up The Past</b></p> <p>Explore dragons and the Stone Age with your child.</p>	<p><b>Robots Assemble</b></p> <p>Learn about technology and how things work.</p>	<p><b>Anglo-Saxons</b></p> <p>Try looking at maps to see where the Vikings travelled to and from.</p>	<p><b>Seven Seas</b></p> <p>Discover how adventurers explored new lands.</p>

You will remember that we are implementing Mental Health Champions this year in order to support your child's wellbeing. Please keep an eye out for updates from the Mental Health Champions team.



The children will be undertaking their own training to help build their understanding of mental health. Please chat to your child about what they are learning.

**100%**

Attendance at school is vital in ensuring your child does not miss learning, as well as in building resilience. We will be working closely with you to ensure your child's attendance is above 97% as a minimum. If necessary, we may work with the Educational Welfare Officer to support you in helping your child attend school.

All children need to be confident in their times tables—they are the foundation of a huge amount of other learning. Your child's teacher will let them know if they need additional practice. Watch out for your child's TT Rockstars log-in.



Your child's homework may look different from last year—we are designing it to target the arithmetic and vocabulary that your child will need for that half-term. Alongside this, your child will be bringing home weekly spellings. Please play games with them to help make this learning fun. If you have any concerns or need support, please contact us.

## Key Dates for Autumn 1

- 8th September: Prefect applications due in
- 11th September: Parent meeting for new year 3 families
- 12th September: Year 3 Stone Age workshop
- 12th—14th September: Prefect interviews
- 15th September: Prefect names posted/ Play Leader applications due in/ School Council names chosen
- 18th September: Aspiration Week
- 22nd September: Azaylia Foundation fundraising event
- 25th September: Year 4 and Pangolin trip to Legoland
- 2nd—5th October: Baseline SATs practice
- 6th October: HOUSE EVENT: Tug of War
- 9th—13th October: Drop-in meetings for IEPs (you will be contacted)
- 13th October: Fijian Day
- 16th October: Macmillan cake sale
- 17th October: Year 6 Chessington trip
- 18th October: Talavera Treat
- 20th October—cross-country competition for whole school

Online Safety: ChildNet has some excellent resources to help you feel confident in supporting your child with staying safe online.

If you have specific concerns about your child online, please come and talk to us. We teach Online Safety in every year group from the first half-term so your child will be aware of how to protect themselves.

Remind your child to be SMART online by following these rules.

**S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**M MEET** Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information - or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk).

**A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

This term, we will be working with parents to support the Azaylia Foundation, a charity providing support for families of children with cancer. Please support us in working with this incredible cause and keep an eye out for more information to follow shortly. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



This year, we will be inspiring our pupils with assemblies held by experts. If you know someone with an unusual and exciting job, please get in touch. Our pupils would love to hear from them and have big dreams for their future.

# Calling all adventurers!

1st Aldershot Scout Group (based on Eastern Road) have some limited spaces available in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts!



**Beavers**  
ages 6 - 8

Wednesday nights  
contact:

[val.crockford@bvscouts.org.uk](mailto:val.crockford@bvscouts.org.uk)

**Cubs**  
ages 8 - 10.5

Tuesday nights  
contact:

[julie.tyler@bvscouts.org.uk](mailto:julie.tyler@bvscouts.org.uk)

**Scouts**  
ages 10.5 - 14

Thursday nights  
contact:

[firstaldershotscouts@gmail.com](mailto:firstaldershotscouts@gmail.com)

#1staldershot #goodforyou

Please see a selection of local clubs and activities which may interest your family.



Kaizen karate academy

# Karate

**FIRST LESSON FREE**

*Learn the basics, discipline & self-defense*

**St Augustine's church hall**

**Tuesday Kids 5.30-6.30**

**Adults 6.30-7.30.**

**St Andrew's church hall**

**Wednesday Kids 5.30-6.30.**

contact: 07958630048 or 07960888978

## Hampshire Libraries



Have you signed up to your local library yet? It is free and will give you access to an incredible range of texts. There will definitely be something that you enjoy!

You will see below the image for The Reader Teacher. We highly recommend this website to help your child find similar books that they will enjoy. There is something to interest anyone!

## The Reader Teacher

Reads, Reviews & Recommendations!



Aspiration  
Integrity  
Resilience



Watch this space for more information about our Mental Health

Champions programme. Your child will receive excellent quality training to help them understand how to protect their mental health and to recognise if they are finding any element of their mental health difficult.

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please come and talk to us. We are here to support you and your family.

Thank you!