

Pathway 2 Newsletter

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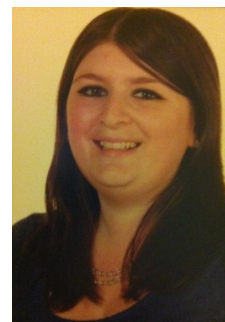
Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all our returning students and to our new Year 7 families joining us. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

It's been wonderful to see the students settling back into school life so positively. We have a busy and engaging term ahead, and your child's class team will be in touch to build strong, supportive relationships with you. They will be your main point of contact throughout the year. Helen Philliskirk (Assistant Headteacher) and Clare Oxspring (formally Clare Hines, Lead Teacher) will be overseeing Pathway 2. Please get in touch with us via the school email or phone if you have any questions or require any support.

Each week will end with a Friday Assembly, where we'll celebrate the week's achievements through our Talbot School Values. This term, we're focusing on the value of **Forming Friendships**, and our Sing and Sign song will be "You've Got a Friend in Me."

We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!



Helen Philliskirk
Assistant Headteacher
for Pathway 2

Please note:

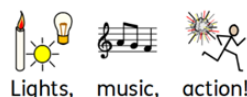
At the moment, the swimming pool is temporarily out of use due to circumstances outside of school's control. During this time, students will take part in alternative Physical Wellbeing activities during their scheduled swimming sessions. We will update you when the pool is available again.



Autumn Term Topic: Lights, music, action!

The students will engage with thematic learning linked to the following books:

- The lights that dance in the night – Yuval Zommer
- The music in me – Sophy Henn
- Room on the broom – Julia Donaldson



Clare Oxspring
Lead Teacher
for Pathway 2

Lunchtime clubs

Weather dependent the following with run:

Monday - Music
Tuesday - Dance
Wednesday - Film
Thursday - Yoga
Friday – iPads



There are also outdoor spaces available - the sensory garden and the quad area, and the bikes and scooters on the front yard.

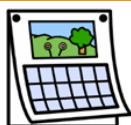
Reminders

- The school day starts at 9am
- The students start to leave from 3pm
- Please ensure your child's clothes and belongings are labelled with their name. They will need:
 - ⇒ appropriate clothes for all weathers – including a waterproof coat
 - ⇒ swimming costume/trunks and towel for Hydro/Swimming
 - ⇒ wellies for Outdoor Learning
 - ⇒ change as clothes (as needed)



Key dates:

- October is Black History Month
- Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day
- Monday 20th October Diwali activity afternoon
- Tuesday 21st October 3.30-6.30pm Parent/carer progress meetings
- Thursday 23rd October - Last day of half-term for students
- Friday 24th October – School training day for staff
- Monday 3rd November – Autumn 2 half-term starts



Communications:

Please check on Evidence for Learning for weekly updates on your child:
Domain: Talbot
Username: your email




Please use ParentPay to make payments and to access letters:



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