



Big Pedal

Thank you for all your support so far with the Big Pedal, we're currently 37th nationally and 1st in the West Midlands. We have recorded 63% of pupils scooting or cycling to school however some other schools have 100% so a really big pedal on the last day would be fantastic!

Newport Carnival

This year's Carnival is on 9 June with an 'Around the World' theme. We hope that as many children as possible will be able to take part in our walking float, please remember to return the form to school by tomorrow indicating whether you can attend or not. Further information will be sent nearer to the time.

Newport Carnival—Royal Party

We have been asked to send the application form, attached to this Newsletter email, to enable anyone who is interested to apply to be a part of the 'Newport Carnival Royal Party' and attend all of the events listed within the Newport community. A 'Royal Party Selection Evening' will take place on Saturday 12th May 2018 from 5pm till 7pm at RBL Club in Newport – where the Royal Party will be chosen for this year.

Village Hall—work taking place on the car park

We have been advised of some work that is underway at the Village Hall, which will affect the car park. A storage facility is being delivered and installed and whilst this is happening there will be some restrictions on the car park in the area between the Hall itself and the road across the bridge. The hall will still be open for all of its normal activities.

Telford & Wrekin Council's grant scheme for young people

Telford & Wrekin Council's grant scheme for young people is now open and seeking applicants looking for financial support up to the value of £1,000. The monetary award will support children and young people living in the Borough of Telford and Wrekin up to the age of 25 years old who fall into one of these categories:

- * Education, Training and/or Employment
- * Performing Arts and Culture
- * Sport Programmes

They must be recognised as gifted, talented, exceptional or excellent by their teacher, professional worker or mentor. The panel is particularly interested in supporting children and young people who have overcome challenging circumstances to enable them to achieve their goal. *Those interested in applying can fill in the [online form](#) or call 01952 380320 for further information.*

Non school clubs guide

Attached to this newsletter email you will find a brief guide for parents relating to clubs your child(ren) might attend. This has been sent to us by the council and we are sharing it in case you find it helpful. Please note that it does not relate to any clubs or events your child attends at school, which we ensure are safe and checked, but concerns any clubs outside of school that you might enrol your child(ren) in.

Sponsored Swim

Thank you very much for all the contributions received so far for the Sponsored Swim—to date we have raised just over £500! If you have yet to return your Sponsorship money please send it in to us as soon as you are able to.

Uniform Sale

Our Friends of School have a huge amount of second hand school uniform available to buy. If you are interested, please speak to Becki Skingsley who will be able to give you more details. Then uniform is often available to look at and purchase at various school events so please keep an eye out for it.

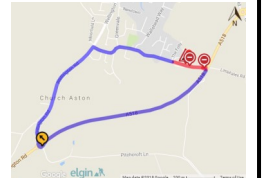
Invoices

April invoices have been sent out for Breakfast Club and 4 o'clock Club, we would be grateful for prompt payment, thank you.

Road Closure—we have been told that the road from school to the A518 will be closed again for a short period of time. As this road is very close to school it may affect your journeys to and from school. The information we have been given is as follows:

Western Power Distribution are planning to undertake cabling works. The work is set to commence on **Tuesday, 8th May 2018** and will last for a **duration of 4 days** with an end date of **Friday, 11th May 2018**.

The diversion route for vehicular traffic travelling in all directions will be signed on site.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 April to 4 May		Big Pedal
7 May		May Day—Bank Holiday
17 May		Special Royal Wedding Lunch menu—see attached details
24 May	7:30pm	Friends of School meeting, Three Fishes, Newport
25 May		Last day of the half term
4 June		First day back at school after the half term holiday
8 June		Whole school trip to the Exotic Zoo
9 June		Newport Carnival
18 June		Class 1 Pedestrian Training (more details to follow nearer the time)
20 June		Moorfield Year 3 transition afternoon
25 June		Class 2 Pedestrian Training (more details to follow nearer the time)
28 June		Shuffle Up Day—when all children are taught by their 2018/19 teacher
6 July	1pm to 3pm	Sports Day
14 July		Newport Show—come and see our potatoes get weighed if you are going to the show!
17 July	3pm to 5pm	Leaver's Party—whole school invited
19 July	3pm to 6pm	Garden Party to say goodbye to Mrs Cusack—all welcome
20 July	9:15am to 11:00am	Leavers Assembly
20 July		Last Day of Term



GENERAL INFORMATION / REFERENCE NOTES FOR PARENTS

Contact your Head or School Business Manager: Email—A2033@taw.org.uk or telephone—01952 386390

ABSENCES—All absences should be reported to school by **9.00 a.m.** Telephone calls will be made to ascertain the reason for any absence not known to us. On return to school, please let us have a **note explaining the reason for ALL absences** for our records. Parents are reminded that following illness with symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea and in order to limit the spread of symptoms, it is the policy of Telford & Wrekin Council that he/she should not attend school for 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided. Should a child show symptoms whilst at school, you will be contacted to collect your child immediately.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINE IN SCHOOL—If it is necessary that medicines need to be administered in school a request form detailing the medicine, timing etc. must be completed before this can be done. Forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the website from the Parents tab.

4 O'CLOCK CLUB - 4 - 5 p.m. £3 per session for **all** children. Parents will be invoiced monthly.

BREAKFAST CLUB—Children may be brought to school at **8.00 a.m.** and breakfast will be provided for them followed by activities. Let us know the day before so that Mrs Jane Egan may make the necessary arrangements. There is a cost of £3.50 per session for the first child, £3.00 for the second and £2.50 for the third. Pupil Premium children's fees are free to parents (paid from the Pupil Premium Grant.) Invoices issued monthly.

BOOKS (READING BOOKS)—Reading **book bags** must be in school **every day** together with the Reading Diary.

BOOK BAGS (HOMEWORK) - Shared book bags can be brought into school on **Tuesdays** for changing.

COATS AND JACKETS—All the children need to have waterproof coats with them every day.

PE SESSIONS—PE is every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, please can children come in to school in their uniforms with their PE kits in a named bag to change into on these days. Jogging bottoms can be worn when the weather is cold.

JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL—The only jewellery that should be worn in school are studs for children who have pierced ears. As the back of the stud can cause a nasty injury to the child's neck, it must be sufficiently covered by you on P.E. days. If the stud does not have enough padding, your child will be unable to take part in the lesson.

MONEY BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for and put in the locked post boxes in the class porch.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME—Parents should **apply in good time, and before booking a holiday**, to the Head Teacher for any request for leave in term time by completing a request form available from school. (DfE guidance states schools should not authorise leave retrospectively). The Government has renewed appeals to parents not to take their children out of school during term-time. The Governors and Head Teacher of the school support this and have decided that pupils will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Each application will be considered and the Head Teacher will determine the duration of any leave if it is agreed and authorised. However, if the application is not agreed and the absence occurs, the dates will be unauthorised. Parents will be notified of any decision in writing. This notification may be hand delivered directly to the parent or posted to the parents' home address/es. As a school, we are asked to inform you that, in line with Telford & Wrekin Council Policy, unauthorised absence may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable per parent per child, increasing to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If this fine is not paid within 28 days this may lead to court proceedings.

REGISTRATION FOR PUPIL PREMIUM/FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 or 2 can notify us at any time (e.g. if family circumstances change) that they are a low income family who meet the means-test assessment criteria for Free School Meals. The school can then claim the Pupil Premium Grant which may be of great benefit to our school by bringing additional funding for valuable support like extra tuition, after school activities etc. Pupil Premium children benefit by free after school clubs, free breakfast clubs and extra support whatever the child's ability. An application form for completion is held in the school office and/or can be found on the website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE—www.churchastoninfantschool.co.uk All newsletters, letters and consent forms are available on the website, together with photographs of what your children are doing in school.