

## A note from Mrs Farren....

### Look who's Talking

GAPH (Gloucester Association of Primary Heads) are keen to get children talking. For many children (nationally), the pandemic limited some experiences, including opportunities for speaking and communicating with different people. Speaking and listening skills are crucial for children's learning and for their confidence. 'Look who's talking' is a speaking competition which any child from year 2 upwards can enter:

- Children can choose any topic they are interested in (a favourite toy, a hobby, an experience...)
- They then need to speak for around 2 minutes on that subject (prompts are allowed)
- On the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January, class heats will be held and Miss Bussey and myself will pick a winner from each class; each winner will then talk in front of the whole school and a winner will be chosen from year 2, lower key stage 2 (years 3 and 4) and upper key stage 2 (year 5 and 6); the 3 finalists will then go on to compete against other schools across Tewkesbury.

Children in Reception and year 1 are also welcome to join in and we will celebrate their achievements in school.

Children will have some opportunities to practise in school but please do support them at home.

### Online Safety Resources

<https://tech.ed.gov/publications/digital-learning-guide/parent-family/>

Parent Info: help and advice for families in a digital world

Your involvement in your child's education can lead to better learning results and outcomes. This "Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide" will inform you, as a parent or caregiver, as you monitor your child's progress as your child accesses and uses technology for learning.

This guide aims to help all parents and caregivers, including those who have limited experience with digital tools, those who are expert with these tools, and anywhere in between. Each section starts with foundational pieces and builds from there.

### Lateness

30 children (20%) have been late this week, please ensure you child/ren are in school on time every day.

### Church Service

As you know, we didn't get to Sandhurst Church for the Christmas Service due to the weather. We hope to have the Easter Service at Sandhurst Church, therefore all monies paid will be carried over.

Minutes of the last FoNS meeting are available on the school website.

Day	The School Day	After School Activities	Lunch Menu Week 3
Monday		3:30pm — 4:15pm Cooking, Fitness & Wellbeing, Infant Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Macaroni Cheese</li> <li>♦ Vegetable Hot Dog</li> <li>♦ Jacket potato &amp; tuna (or cheese)</li> </ul>
Tuesday		3:30pm — 4:15pm Junior Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Pork Sausage Hot Dog</li> <li>♦ Vegan Pasta Bake</li> <li>♦ Jacket potato &amp; beans</li> </ul>
Wednesday		3:30pm — 4:15pm Board Games, Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Roast Chicken</li> <li>♦ Vegetable Gratin</li> <li>♦ Jacket potato &amp; cheese</li> </ul>
Thursday		3:30pm — 4:15pm Times Table Rock Star, Dance, Craft, Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Chicken Casserole</li> <li>♦ Vegetable Meatballs</li> <li>♦ Jacket potato &amp; tuna (or cheese)</li> </ul>
Friday	2.40 Sharing Assembly—all welcome		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Fish Fingers</li> <li>♦ Cheese &amp; Red Pepper Frittata</li> <li>♦ Jacket Potato &amp; beans</li> </ul>