

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As yet another week of Lockdown comes towards an end all of us at Telford Infant School continue to think of you and we are missing the children more than ever.

We are managing to maintain contact with the vast majority of our families via one method or another and are delighted that so many of you are now keeping touch through Tapestry – the feedback from parents has been extremely positive.

There has been much speculation over the past couple of weeks about the reopening of schools. We know no more than you do what the government's expectations of this will be both in terms of logistics or timing. We are expecting a public announcement in the next few days, probably on Sunday, at which point we will be able to create plans. As soon as we are in a position to share any further information with you we will be in touch but please be patient with us and allow us to use our time to deal with this fresh challenge.

The challenges just keep coming!!

Stay safe and keep well.
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher

7th May 2020



MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Hello Everyone,

A little message to say hello from all of the grown ups at school. We hope you are all staying safe and are managing to get some time outside in the lovely sunshine.

**You might not be in our classrooms
but you are in our thoughts!**

Mrs Oustayiannis and all the staff

VE DAY

Telford Infant School had been planning to hold celebrations in school today to commemorate 75 years since Winston Churchill's declaration that World War II had come to an end in Europe.

From the Union Jacks and bunting decorating the houses around the local it looks as though many families won't let Lockdown stop them and will still be commemorating the day!

Best wishes to all our families on this very important occasion.



WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL GETTING UP TO?



As you know only working dogs are normally allowed on the school site but with only 2 children in school last Friday we had a couple of unexpected animal visitors who came in to make up the numbers!



RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2020

School places for September 2020 for Reception and Year 3 were offered on Thursday 16th April. Don't forget to accept your child's new school place with Warwickshire Schools Admissions as soon as possible. The second round of offers will be sent out by Admissions shortly.

Our new Reception families are due to receive a letter and a google form requesting information about their child from ourselves today. We are really looking forward to welcoming our new children!

ACTIVE LEARN BUG CLUB



Bug Club

To make sure a broader range of users have the best login experience Pearson is making some updates to the ActiveLearn Login on **16th May**.

This update means you will need to re-enter usernames and passwords again when you first login after this date as any saved details won't be shown by the browser.

SCIENCE TRIP REFUNDS

At the time we cancelled our whole school learning visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park we very much hoped that we would be able to reschedule this event for the Summer term. This trip obviously cannot now go ahead and we are now in a position to refund those parents who have paid. Look out for further details from Viv attached to today's correspondence.

EDUCATERERS

A massive thank you to Educaterers who are continuing to cook hot meals each day for the children currently attending both Telford Infants and Telford Juniors. Here are Ally and Natalie who are making sure we are all well fed!



Thank you from all of us for the delicious meals you are preparing for the children and for always making us smile!

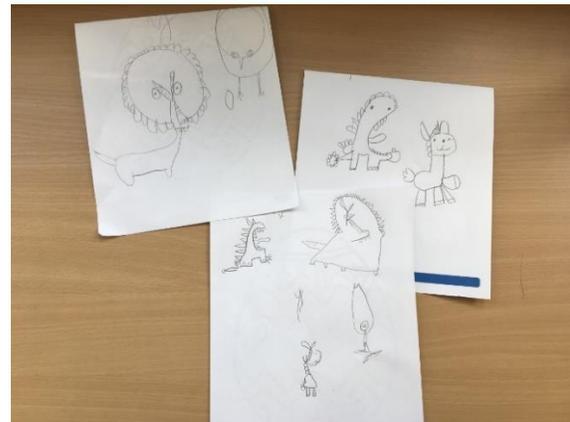
SCHOOL ICT EQUIPMENT

We understand that one of the challenges of home schooling is access to ICT equipment for children and do appreciate that this can be a difficult situation for some families. The ICT equipment the children use in school is leased from Warwickshire ICT Service and is only insured for use whilst on our school site. On this basis we trust that parents and carers will understand that the school is not in a position to lend equipment to families.

The teachers are working hard to ensure that the learning they are setting for the children provide a balance of activities, many of which do not need to be completed on ICT equipment. Whilst we appreciate you need a device to view the work set on tapestry and on the school website this can be done on a smart phone.

The government have launched a scheme to help some pupils with ICT equipment and internet access, but infant school aged children are unfortunately not eligible for this support.

ART CHALLENGE



Mr Hemming was in school on Tuesday and the children enjoyed working on the drawing with capital Y and C art challenge he had set on Tapestry!



**CHILDREN
& FAMILY
SUPPORT SERVICE**



Would you or someone you know benefit from parenting advice and support at this difficult time?

The family support duty helpline operates, Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 01926 412412.

Support is available regarding all aspects of parenting and family life.



To contact the Family Support Team please telephone 01926 412412 or send an email to the your local family support team:

North Warwickshire: familysupportnorthwarks@warwickshire.gov.uk

Nuneaton and Bedworth: familysupportnunbed@warwickshire.gov.uk

Rugby: familysupportrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwick District: familysupportwarwick@warwickshire.gov.uk

Stratford District: familysupportstratford@warwickshire.gov.uk

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messaging or emails to suit your individual needs.



Parenting programmes and workshops are also available.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses>