

# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,  
I am very pleased to welcome Mr Jesus Martin-Garrido who has joined the Telford Infant team as a Teaching Assistant working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children have already made him feel at home!

Also this week we held an Open Afternoon for parents of children who are due to start in Reception in September 2020. I was so proud of their very positive comments about our school environment and about our well behaved, polite and hard working children.

I do hope you will be able to attend our forthcoming Learning to Learn evening to find out more about your child's learning and how you can support them. I look forward to saying hello to those of you who can join us next Wednesday.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a mountain of unnamed Lost property that we want to return to its rightful owners!

Lost property will be available for you to collect outside the main school office next week from **8.30am to 4pm** on:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Any unclaimed lost property will be given to the PTA for their next second hand uniform sale or donated to charity.

## 21st November 2019



### CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER



What a wonderful Children in Need day we had! Thank you very much for all the donations received – we raised an amazing £329.28!

The children and adults all looked very spotty and the children enjoyed learning with their friends in their buddy classes across each year group in the school.

A special thank you to Mrs Marsh and all the kitchen team for our wonderful special Children in Need lunch.



## REMINDER YEARS 1 and 2 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**Tuesday 26th November  
3pm to 3.45pm**

This half term's Year 1 and Year 2 letters included an invitation to parents and carers of children in years 1 and 2 to a Celebration of Learning.

This popular event will take place in your child's classroom and provide you with an opportunity to look at the learning in their books and together to choose 3 pieces of learning that you are both really proud of. Special stickers will be provided!

If you are able to attend please come through the main pedestrian gate and turn right at the top (avoiding the front playground) and make your way to your child's outside classroom door. Gates and classrooms doors will be open from 3pm.

## RECEPTION – TAPESTRY

We hope you are enjoying keeping bang up to date with your child's learning by checking into Tapestry.

If you are having problems logging in please speak to your child's class teacher.

## HEADLICE

We have had reports of head lice this week. The following website provides helpful information on how to treat head lice. We strongly recommend that long hair be tied back for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## REMINDER LEARNING TO LEARN EVENING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm to 7pm**

Your support in helping your children progress and develop is very important to us. In order for us to work together to achieve this we are running a parents 'Learning to Learn' evening on Wednesday 27th November. The evening will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm and is for all parents/carers. (Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate children at this event).

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to attend workshops in your child's year group. The letter we have previously sent out about this has been included again in this week's correspondence.

## ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS



Great news – we have filled our Aldi Kit for Schools Sticker chart. Thank you so much to everyone who sent in stickers. We are now waiting for our Aldi sports kit and we are also in with a chance of winning one of twenty £20,000 prizes. Fingers crossed!

## SOCKS IN THE BOX



Instead of, or as well as, writing out Christmas cards for friends at school this year children are invited to donate a pair of warm socks that will be passed on to Leamington's charities for the homeless.

Our Socks in the Box Postbox arrived today and is in pride of place just inside the front door of the main school entrance. A huge thank you to Erin and her Mum for coordinating this lovely initiative and for creating such a fantastic collection box!

## YEAR 1 PERFORMANCE

We are aware that one of the Year 1 Christmas performances falls on the day of the General Election – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. A number of parents have already made arrangements to take time off work to attend the Thursday performance and we are therefore not changing the date.

Parents can book a maximum of 2 places choosing whichever performance(s) suit them best - but due to Health and Safety requirements and limited space in the hall we are sorry that we cannot accommodate any additional places for Junior siblings who are not at school on the Thursday.



Our PTA are currently very busy beavering away in the background preparing for the Christmas Fair. We are very grateful for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Thank you to all of the householders who agreed to have a Christmas Fair Promo Board outside your properties – they are popping up all around the local area! Thank you to Newman Property Experts for promoting our Fair and the donation you have made to the PTA.

The annual Quiz Night last Friday evening was another huge success. Great fun was had by all but a special Congratulations go to 'Only here for the Prosecco' who came first and also to the staff team 'Discombobulated' who came second by half a point!

## ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 is **97.2%**

## PUNCTUALITY

Does your child arrive on time? Classroom doors are open for you to drop off your child each morning from 8.45am to 8.55am.

# ENHANCING SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

We take safeguarding and safety very seriously at Telford Infants and we continuously review all our procedures, taking into account even those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this process, and in line with most other schools, we have a Lockdown procedure.

## When might we use Lockdown?

Our lockdown procedure would be used if there was a threat to the safety of children, staff and visitors in school, and when it would be safer for everyone to remain in school than to evacuate. The aim is to keep everyone safe.

Situations where our lockdown procedure may be used include:

- A potentially dangerous person or animal on the school site
- A disturbance or dangerous situation in the local community that could affect the school
- A nearby chemical incident or other risk of air pollution
- An incident related to terrorism

## Our Lockdown Procedure

Over the past few weeks teachers have taken time to talk to the children about lockdown, in a similar way to how we talk with them about Fire Drills. Please be reassured that this has been at a level appropriate to Infant aged children and we have emphasised that practising procedures like this will make sure our school remains a safe place for us to learn.

We periodically undertake a Lockdown practice so that in the unlikely event of such a situation our children and staff are fully prepared. Such practices also provide us with an opportunity to check that the procedure we have put together is effective and make any changes if necessary.

We are sharing this information with you now as we are due to hold a Lockdown practice shortly and wanted to explain the context behind it should your child mention this to you.

If you have any queries please do speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Oustayiannis.



## DIARY DATES Latest Update 21.11.2019

We will do our utmost to try to keep to these dates but please check future Newsletters for any changes

### NOVEMBER 2019

8.30am-4pm: Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lost Property available for collection outside main school entrance
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 3pm-3.45pm	Years 1 and 2 Celebration of Learning for parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> 6pm-7pm	Learning to Learn Evening for Parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> 9.30-10.30 and 2.00-3.00	Grandparents Glitter Event

### DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> morning	Primrose class visit to Lillington Library
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> morning	Reception Visit to see Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' at Warwick Arts Centre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Sapphire Class Drumming Concert for Parents and Carers
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> 5.30pm-7.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Bag2School Collection
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Play
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Year 2 Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am	Reception Nativity
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> pm	Children's Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of the Autumn Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Jan)	Christmas Holidays

### JANUARY 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET (Teacher Training) Day School closed to children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to the children for the Spring term
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> morning	Open Morning for parents of children due to start Reception September 2020 (please contact school office to book a slot)