

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and friends,
A very, very warm welcome back to the new school year, 2021-22.

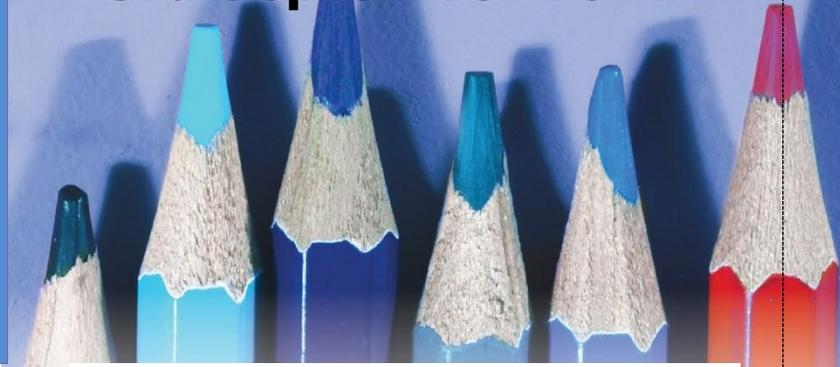
School might have been officially closed for the last 6 weeks but there has been lots of hard work going on behind the scenes preparing the school site and planning learning for the new school year. Thank you to all the team for their hard work.

We look forward to seeing our Year 1 and Year 2 children back on Monday next week and to welcoming our new Reception children when they join us for their very first visit to their new school.

Telford Infant School opened on Tuesday 5th September 1961 which makes us 60 years old on Sunday! We look forward to sharing this special occasion with our Year 1 and 2 children next week when they will learn about the Swinging Sixties. We shall include our Reception children in celebrations later on this term in a very special art project.
Happy Birthday, Telford Infant School!

The Telford Infant team look forward to seeing you and all the children next week, we have missed you!
Very best wishes,
Siân Oustayiannis Headteacher

3rd September 2021



REMINDER

School drop off and collection arrangements are going back to pre-COVID-19 timings:

Drop off: between 8.45pm - 8.55pm

Collection: 3.20pm

Parents indicated on the Summer Parent Questionnaire that they like the One Way system, this will remain in place and will be reviewed within the first few weeks of term.

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL PTA



We are delighted to announce that our summer raffle made an amazing £1,632.57 and our Sponsored Hop raised £1,255,90! Thank you so much to everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought tickets and who sponsored the children's hopping sessions. Thank you too to all the dedicated PTA members who worked so hard to put on these events. Your support is very much appreciated.

Next week we shall be treating the Year 1 and 2 children to the school's Birthday cake and a surprise class game from the 1960s! Also next week our new Reception children will each receive a Telford Infant Book Bag funded as a welcome gift from the PTA.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

The relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions means that school life will be changing again for us all. A new Risk Assessment has been created and this will be published on our website early next week. Our initial arrangements will be in place throughout September and will be reviewed after 4 weeks.

Key information for parents:

*Many control measures remain in place, eg. handwashing, cleaning regimes, ventilation, staff LFD testing.

*Bubbles no longer exist but year groups will be kept broadly separate at the start of term while the children settle down in their new year groups and get used to unfamiliar routines eg. lunch in the hall, face to face assemblies.

*Face masks and social distancing rules have been relaxed however Warwickshire LA guidance states: *'We would recommend that parents continue to wear face coverings on the school site when dropping off and picking up children.'* and *'We recommend that you continue to encourage social distancing where possible.'* You are likely to see most staff wearing masks during drop off and collection times.

*Children with the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 must not be brought into school, please contact us

*If there is a positive case in school then NHS Track and Trace will be responsible for getting in touch with close contacts. Children will not need to self-isolate unless they have the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms or have a positive test result – Remote Learning will be provided by the school.

*The Local Authority guidance also states that schools should: *'avoid bringing parents onto the school site other than to drop off and pick up their children. Where a meeting is required this should be done online if possible.'* We shall review this at the end of September and very much hope that we shall be able to open our doors to you very soon.

*SMILES is back up and running. We are contacting our other After School Club providers and will be reintroducing a variety of clubs shortly.

We shall keep you updated as things progress.

REMINDER – YEAR 1 AND 2

On Friday 10th September Year 1 and 2 children (and staff!) are invited to come to school in party clothes or in 1960s themed clothing. Please ensure your child wears sensible shoes and brings a coat if the weather is cold and/or rainy.

OPTIONAL SUMMER HOME LEARNING - YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Reading Challenge - Please send your child in with any completed Reading Challenge forms so that we can present your child with their certificate.

Preparation for the School's 60th Birthday Celebrations - If your child researched any facts about the 1960s over the summer please send any completed work in next week or load onto Tapestry.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

We love celebrating your child's birthday with them but as we have a number of children with allergies and other dietary requirements in school we do not give out birthday sweets, cakes or biscuits.

At Telford Infants we also love reading and over the past few years many children have brought in a book on their birthday to share with their friends at story time. Most parents are happy for the book to then be donated to the class book corner as the children love to reread them.

We are very happy to continue with 'Birthday Books' again this year. Books can be picked up fairly cheaply from supermarkets and we always enjoy preloved books from charity shops. If you can't buy a book and would like your child to take part in this we do have spares so do let your child's class teacher know.

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DIARY DATES

Latest Update 3rd September 2021

Thursday 2nd September Friday 3rd September	School closed for teacher training.
Monday 6th September	Children in Years 1 and 2 return to school and celebrate Telford Infant School's 60 th Birthday throughout the week.
Monday 6 th to Wednesday 8 th September	New Reception child and parent visits.
Wednesday 8 th September	Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2 on Tapestry
Thursday 9 th September	Reception children start part time attendance
Friday 10 th September	Year 1 and Year 2 Telford Infant School 60 th Birthday Party in the afternoon. Come to school wearing either your party clothes or 1960s themed clothes (Reception, please wear your normal school uniform).
Wednesday 22 nd September	Welcome to Reception on Tapestry

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS TERM DATES – 2021-22

CHANGE IN END OF SCHOOL YEAR DATE – FINAL DAY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOW BE THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2022

You may be aware that an additional bank holiday has been agreed for Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Warwickshire schools will already be on their summer half-term holiday on this date and we have been informed by Warwickshire County Council that an additional one day holiday will be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022 in all WCC schools across the county and in the majority of Warwickshire's neighbouring authorities.

Summer Term 2022 will now end at 3.20pm on Thursday 21st July 2022.

WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE

This year school correspondence will be sent out through eschools on Fridays - unless there are urgent messages that we need to send out to you earlier in the week.

Any PTA Correspondence will be sent out on Mondays.