

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

7th February 2019



ASSESSMENT EVENING FOR PARENTS

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Assessment evening last Wednesday.

Powerpoints from the evening will be uploaded onto the curriculum area of our school website by early next week.

LEARNING VISIT TO THE NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

Monday 11th February

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The whole school will be visiting the National Space Centre on Monday 11th February.

We will be leaving school to get to the coaches at 8.50am and so classrooms will be open from 8.30am on that day.

If you arrive late on this day the only way that your child will be able to attend is if you drive them to the Space Centre. If this is not possible, a member of staff will be available to work with your child in school for the day.

Please don't forget to send your child's packed lunch into school. School packed lunches will only be provided for those children whose parents have requested them.

Dear Parents and Carers,
Tuesday this week marked Safer Internet Day and we all gathered together for a special assembly on Tuesday morning to remind ourselves how to keep safe when online.

We hope that you are still able to attend one of our Safer Internet assemblies this week when the children will share some very important messages with you.

In the meantime you can find out more on our school website:
https://telfordinfant.eschools.co.uk/web/online_safety/313539

You could also ask your child to sing our Safer Internet song to you. It's called 'Zip it, Block it, Flag it'. It's very catchy and I'm sure you will be joining in in no time!

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher



Safer
Internet
Day 2019 | Tuesday
5 February
Together for a better internet

YEAR 2 TITANIC DAY

Year 2 had an amazing Titanic day on 23rd January. We boarded the Titanic in Southampton and set sail excited to be on such a fabulous voyage. Luckily our Titanic didn't sink!

We are really grateful to all the adults who helped us make the mini Titanic rooms, thank you.



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



NEXT PTA MEETING

Wednesday 13th February 7pm-8pm in the school hall.

All parents and carers very welcome!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Friday 15th February

LEARNING REVIEWS

Tuesday 26th February 3.40pm-6.20pm

Thursday 28th February 3.40pm-6.20pm

Learning Review meetings will be held on the above dates this term.

Please see the letter enclosed with today's correspondence providing details how and when to sign up for a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher using our Online Booking System.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 7th February 2019 is **97.5%**.

PUNCTUALITY

Does your child arrive on time? School starts at 5 to 9!

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 is 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 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.



As we approach Science Week 2019, we would like to share some photos which show some of the exciting things we did last year to achieve the PSQM Gilt Award. We are extremely proud of science at Telford Infant School and the photos below show just a tiny part of what we did to achieve this very special award. A big well done to our whole school community for all your hard work!

There is a range of effective strategies for teaching and learning science which challenge and support the learning needs of the children.



Learning outside.



The Big Schools Birdwatch.



Trips.

There is range of up-to-date, quality resources for teaching and learning science which are used regularly and safely.



Composting.



Free resources brought in by parents.



Children using ipads to support learning.



The new science resource trolley funded by the PTA.

There is a shared understanding of the purposes of science assessment and current best practice.



A Reception teacher using an iPad to record observations on Tapestry.

Teachers can use Children's questions to assess learning.



Teachers use 'Exit Tickets' to make formative assessments.

There is a commitment to developing all children's science capital (knowing that science is all around us).



Children talking about the death of Professor Stephen Hawking in Picture News.

The Science Ambassadors doing a learning walk to see whether our Science Vision is reflected in the Science Areas.



Year 1 learning about animal classification on a trip to Mary Arden's Farm.

There are appropriate links with families, other schools, communities and outside organisations to enrich science learning.



The science leader and ambassadors from the Junior School visited to help with activities during Science Week.



Year 1 and 2 homework.



Science experts in children's families coming to talk to us.

Science Week 2018



At our launch assembly, each class was given a goldfish and a 'Blue Planet' book which was paid for by the PTA.



We went on a trip to the Sealife Centre.



"It's a delight to see children's innate scientific curiosity being so well supported. The portfolio evidences some lovely investigations that promote scientific enquiry across all year groups." "Wow! A super range of visits and experiences ... that appear to have had a very positive impact on teaching and learning." (PSQM assessor).

TERM DATES 2019-20



ALL DATES ARE INCLUSIVE

Autumn Term 2019

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 2nd September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd September

Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 4th November

Term Ends: Friday 20th December

Spring Term 2020

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 6th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January

Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday (School closed): Monday 4th May

Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 1st June

Term Ends: Friday 17th July

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 20th July



DIARY DATES

Latest Update 06.02.19

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Cherry, Amber and Indigo classes
Thursday 7 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Crimson, Sunshine and Sapphire classes
Friday 8 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Magenta, Primrose and Turquoise classes
Friday 8th	Year 1 – Road Safety
Week Commencing 11 th	Science Week
Monday 11th	Whole school Space Centre Learning Visit
Wednesday 13 th – 7pm-8pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 14th	Planetarium in school
Friday 15 th - 2.45pm	Parents and carers invited into school to share our Space learning
Monday 18 th – Friday 22nd	Half Term
Tuesday 26 th – 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews (Indigo class reviews to be rescheduled)
Thursday 28 th – 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews (Indigo class reviews to be rescheduled)

MARCH

Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 15 th	Red Nose Day/Comic Relief – School Council to arrange the theme for the day.
