



## Telford Infant School Newsletter

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Thankfully the horrid sickness bug that was doing the rounds last week has almost gone away and our whole school attendance up to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 is

**97.3%**

At Telford Infant School we believe that every school day matters and holidays in term time are not authorised. Term dates can be found on our school website:

<http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/term-dates/>

## LOVING LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The time is flying past very quickly at Telford Infants and the children are having lots of fun as they learn.

The adults have been very busy too! Our Full Governing Board has already met twice and several of our Governors have also visited school during the day. Our Governors take on a very important strategic role in our school and I am very grateful for all that they do for us. They are all volunteers who give many hours of time to help make Telford Infant School such a wonderful place to learn.

Our Chair of Governors this year is Colin Talbot and our Vice Chair is Zoe Mayhew. Further information about our Governors is on our website and later in this Newsletter you can find out more about Cath Errington who is one of our Governors with responsibility for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

At Telford Infants we like to work in partnership with parents and carers. Class Teachers, are always happy to work with you to resolve any issues – or to receive any plaudits! If you do have an issue that for whatever reason cannot be resolved by a class teacher please do speak to a member of our Leadership team or myself:

Mrs Kathryn Burns – Early Years Leader  
Mrs Suzanne Penton – SEND(Inclusion) Coordinator  
Ms Louise Roberts – Deputy Headteacher and Year 1 and 2 Leader

Do leave a message at the school office if we are unavailable and we will get back to you.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis  
Headteacher

## PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum Meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The meeting starts at 7pm and will last for approximately an hour. Items on the agenda currently include:

Parking and driving around the school site

School Dinners

Members of staff as well as two of our Governors, Mrs Libby Semple and Mrs Sarah Boad, will be in attendance. All parents and carers of children attending Telford Infants are warmly invited to attend.

Parents of children who attend SMILES who would like to have their 'voice' heard on any matter relating to our Breakfast and After School Club are welcome to come to SMILES Parent Forum in the school hall between 6.30pm and 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Mrs Michelle Hutton (SMILES Business Manager), Mrs Libby Semple (Governor with responsibility for SMILES), Mr Ben Wallace (previously Char of the SMILES Management Committee) and Mrs Siân Oustayiannis (Headteacher) will attend this part of the meeting.

## LEARNING REVIEWS

Learning Reviews for you to meet with your child's class teacher are at the following times this term:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 3.40pm-6.20pm**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 3.40pm-6.20pm**

Please see the separate sheet attached to this week's correspondence with details of how to sign up.

Each appointment lasts 10 minutes, please do try to keep to the agreed time limit so that other parents and carers are not inconvenienced. We are very happy to offer you a further appointment if you wish to have a more in-depth discussion.

These meetings are an opportunity to find out how your child has settled down in their new class, to celebrate your child's achievements and to find out the next steps in their learning.

At a Parent Forum meeting last year a number of parents said that they would prefer to attend without their children as these meetings can be an opportunity to discuss any concerns without them there. We are very keen to meet with all parents/carers and are happy for you to attend with or without your child, whatever suits your family. However, we are unable to supervise unattended children during your appointment.

Please enter and leave school through the main school entrance and wait outside your child's classroom for your turn.

## HARVEST

Thank you so much for your generous harvest donations which were very gratefully received by St Mary Magdalene's church on behalf of the Salvation Army, a local homeless shelter and a charity supporting local unwell, housebound people. We were overwhelmed by the quantity of delicious foods that were brought in.

Years 1 and 2 visited the church on Tuesday for their Harvest Festival. A huge Well Done to the Year 2 children who led the assembly and to everyone for singing so beautifully.



Reception will be celebrating Harvest next Monday which will be a celebration through songs, rhymes and a favourite Harvest Story. Reception parents, please see today's letter from the Reception team for further details.

## PHOTOGRAPHS AT SCHOOL EVENTS

Could all visitors attending school events please note that any video footage or photographs taken at these events should not be shared on social media sites. We ask that you take images of your child only. As you will be aware, parental consent is required for all children in our school relating to the publication of images and there are children in school who must not have their photographs uploaded onto the Internet.

This helps to ensure the safety and protection of our children and we thank you very much for your understanding and co-operation.

## MEET THE GOVERNORS



**CATH ERRINGTON**

Hi, I'm Cath Errington. I am a Fundraising Manager at Heart of England Mencap, who support adults with a learning disability. I am a co-opted governor, my three children went to the infant school and I decided to become a governor as I wanted to give something back to the school, and to learn about how it all runs. My husband is a primary school head in Bedworth, so I have a behind the scenes understanding of some of the difficulties and pleasures of running a primary school!

I am also the SEND governor, linking closely with Sue Penton, SEND co-ordinator (Special Educational Needs and Disability). We meet termly to look at how the school supports children with SEND, the provision we offer, how children progress with the support they are given, policies and procedures, and monitoring of the action plan for the school in this area. I can be contacted about any SEND related issues on Errington.C@welearn365.com, or I am usually around the playground at school drop off!

Please look at our website for further information about our Governors:  
<http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/governors/>

## OUR NEW KITCHEN



Over the summer holiday our fantastic new kitchen was fitted. This area will be used for Food Technology lessons and Mrs Walsh is already planning a whole school event when all the children will cook up lots of goodies for parents to sample.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Neil Macfarlane a local joiner who fitted the kitchen completely free of charge. He has done a wonderful job and we would definitely recommend his services. If you are looking for a joiner please pop into the school office who will pass onto you Neil's business card or contact him direct on 07900 444047.

Thank you too to our PTA for funding the materials.

## SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Please can all parents remind their children to walk into the school grounds pushing any bikes and scooters. A busy playground with small children is not a good place for riding bikes and scooters and we have already had a couple of near misses.

Children are very welcome to leave bikes and scooters in the racks outside school but please be aware that we do not bring them in overnight and cannot be responsible for their safekeeping.

## DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE



We are trying very hard to encourage sustainable travel to school. However, if you need to drive please drive and park safely and considerately around our school. This will help ensure that we keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with our neighbours and most importantly keep our children safe.

### **Please, please remember:**

- **Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines.**
- **Do not block local residents' driveways.**
- **Do not park on pavements as children, parents/carers and buggies need to pass.**
- **Do not double park and block the road.**



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### **COMING UP ...**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9.10am-10.30am  
Coffee Morning in the School Hall

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9am-3.45pm  
Second Hand Uniform Sale outside the main school entrance

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Sparkle Disco – 5pm-5.45pm Year 1  
6pm-6.45pm Year 2

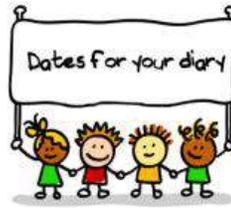
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm  
PTA Quiz Night with Fish & Chips supper (adults only at this event)

# CHRISTMAS



We are already planning for Christmas at Telford Infants!  
Here are the dates of our Christmas performances.  
Further information will be sent out to you nearer the time.

- + **Reception** will perform the Nativity Story in the School Hall on:  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm  
Each Reception family will be able to book 2 tickets for the performance(s) of their choice:  
1 for Tuesday and 1 for Wednesday or  
2 for Tuesday or  
2 for Wednesday.
  
- + **Year 1** will perform their Christmas Production in the School Hall on:  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm  
Each Year 1 family will be able to book 2 tickets for the performance(s) of their choice:  
1 for Wednesday and 1 for Thursday or  
2 for Wednesday or  
2 for Thursday.
  
- + **Year 2** will perform Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church, Lillington on:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.  
The church is able to accommodate 2 guests from each Year 2 family.
  
- + **Grandparents of children at Telford Infant School**  
This year we would like to invite grandparents to a Christmas Sing along at school where they will be entertained by the children who will sing songs from their Christmas productions. This will be followed by coffee, tea and mince pies. We envisage that this will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December but need to get an idea of numbers first. More than one Sing along may have to be arranged if interest in this event indicates that we can't fit all the grandparents who wish to attend into the hall! Further details to follow.



## **OCTOBER**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm – Reception Harvest Festival – Parents invited

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm -8pm - Parent Forum (6.30pm –7pm - SMILES Parent Forum)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.10am-10.30am – PTA Coffee Morning and Second Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.15am-11.15am – Open Morning for Parents of children starting Reception

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 3.40pm-6.20pm - Learning Reviews

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 3.40pm-6.20pm – Learning Reviews

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – School reopens

## **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm – Years 1 and 2 Learning to Learn Workshops for Parents

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – PTA Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm-2.30pm – Open Afternoon for Parents of children starting Reception

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sparkle Disco – 5pm-5.45pm Year 1  
6pm-6.45pm Year 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November -7.30pm – PTA Quiz Night

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30pm – Reception Learning to Learn Workshops for Parents

## **DECEMBER - Further details about all Christmas activities to follow**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December morning - Bring a bauble - children decorate Christmas tree

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December evening - PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> pm – Grandparents Christmas Sing along - TBC

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am - Year 2 Carols at Christmas for parents at St Mary Magdalene Church Lillington.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.15am – Year 1 Christmas Production for Parents

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm – Year 1 Christmas Production for Parents

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.15am - Reception Nativity

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm - Reception Nativity

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> afternoon - Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of term

## **JANUARY**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Training Day – School closed to children

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring Term starts for all year groups