

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Half term is almost here! School is closed to all children next week and there will be no live lessons or remote learning set for the children. The children, and you, really deserve the week's break. I know that many of you will be working or catching up on work but I do hope that you manage to get some time to rest and recuperate.

The current teaching and learning arrangements will continue until at least 8th March. Let's hope that it will be safe for schools to fully reopen very soon and the government's forthcoming Roadmap for easing Coronavirus restrictions will provide more details and confirm whether this date is likely to go ahead.

Please look out for a special Tapestry post which will be published at 2pm tomorrow (Friday 12th). It is the Telford Infant Team's way of saying Happy Half Term and a huge thank you to all of you for your support and hard work this half term.

With warmest wishes and much appreciation for all of your support and kindness at this time.

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

KEYWORKER LETTERS

Thank you very much for the keyworker letters that have been emailed into school. There is just a handful outstanding – please email them to us or contact us for a chat if needed before midday tomorrow.

11th February 2021

TEST AND TRACE OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK

Message for parents of children attending school in person

If your child becomes poorly during half term and you get them tested for COVID-19 please alert us via email

admin2326@welearn365.com

if:

*the time that the **symptoms** first started was **before midnight on Sunday 14th February** – you will need to book a PCR COVID-19 test for your child. Please inform the school without delay if it is positive.

or

*if asymptomatic, the date of the COVID-19 test was **before midnight on Sunday 14th February**.

If the date of first symptoms or if asymptomatic the date of the positive test was **Monday 15th February or later** there is no need to let us know until the start of the new half term when you will need to phone school to inform us of your child's absence due to self isolation.

The school acts on advice from Public Health England and will contact families if a bubble needs to self isolate during half term due to a positive COVID-19 test.

The school admin email will be checked for COVID-19 test related messages but please note that the school answerphone or Tapestry will not be monitored during half term.



Tuesday was Safer Internet Day! A day celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of children joining in across the UK. It's a day when we celebrate all the great things about being online and remind ourselves how we can stay safe.

Normally at this time of year we invite parents in for Safer Internet Day assemblies led by the children. Sadly we have had to put that on hold but on Tapestry you can watch an assembly that our Online Safety Coordinator, Ms Roberts, has recorded for the children – published 9am on 9th February.

This year for Safer Internet Day we are looking at information online, and whether we can trust everything that we read or see on the internet. Although there is lots of great information online that is useful and trustworthy, it's important to remember that there is also information online that is not so trustworthy and may even be there to try and confuse us.

In her assembly Ms Roberts tells a story about a duck called Digiduck who loves to go online. It's called 'Detective Digiduck' and it's all about using the internet to find things out.

Information for parents:

- ✚ Attached to Ms Roberts's Tapestry post are two documents:
A family online safety plan you may wish to use to help you at home
and
Information for parents on what to trust online

- ✚ Here are 8 tips for keeping safe online during lockdown as children are using more and different technology to access their learning.
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/>

- ✚ We have a page on our website dedicated to Online Safety:
https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/online_safety