

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the last Newsletter we have welcomed our new Reception children into school full time - it has been so lovely to meet them all. They all look extremely smart in their new school uniforms! The children in Years 1 and 2 continue to have lots of fun in their learning and I am so proud of how quickly and sensibly they have settled down into the routines and expectations of their new year groups.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding around the new routines we have had to adopt to enable the school to function under the terms of our COVID-19 Risk Assessment. The children have adapted really well and are not phased by the additional frequent handwashing, TEAMS assemblies etc.

That said we are constantly encountering new challenges and as the term progresses we now have pupils, and their siblings, who are becoming unwell. This is definitely not a new challenge for us as it is normal for children to develop coughs and sniffles this time of year, but it is significantly more complicated to manage under the current COVID-19 circumstances. Please read the letter I am sending to you today carefully as it outlines the steps to take in the event of illness.

Best wishes to you all,
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher

17th September 2020



Yesterday was National Teaching Assistants' Day and we were delighted to take the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful team of TAs.

The children said a huge Thank you in their classrooms and this was followed by tea and cake in the Hall when the TAs were able to put their feet up for a short while and have a well deserved treat!



BEHAVIOUR

Each July our School Councillors work with the other children in their classes to review our school rules and to set the rules for the following year. In line with our British Values statement we call these rules 'Rules Matter'. Sadly this year our School Council were not able to meet due to partial school opening and COVID-19 restrictions around mixing children so our 'Rules Matter' have not changed from last year.

Our school rules are below and it would be really helpful if parents and carers could discuss these rules and what they mean at home too.

RULES MATTER

***We always try to make safe choices.**

***We help keep our school safe, happy and caring.**

***We are kind and polite and look after each other and our grown ups.**

***We take care of and share our things in school.**

***We move sensibly indoors.**

Our Behaviour Policy and British Values Statement can be found on our website.

The links are:

Behaviour Policy

<https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/policies/313514>

British Values Statement

https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/british_values/313540

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



National Poetry Day is an annual celebration on the first Thursday of each October that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, National Poetry Day takes place on 1st October 2020. We would love you share this celebration of poetry with us by reading your favourite poems at home. It would be great if you uploaded your favourite poems onto Tapestry for us to share with all the children in your class.



PTA AGM and Meeting
Thursday 1st October at 7pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting is being arranged by our PTA on ZOOM.

All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

VIOLINS – YEARS 1 AND 2

If you are interested in your child starting violin lessons provided by a visiting County Music Services teacher in school please make sure you read the letter from our Music Leader, Mrs Jarvis, attached to today's correspondence.

You will need to return the form enclosed in her letter by Thursday 24th September. Please note there is a charge for these lessons.

READING

Please also see letter attached to today's correspondence.
At Telford Infant School we love Reading!



We are very excited to remind you of a brilliant online reading resource called Bug Club that we use in our school, children in Year One and Year Two will be very familiar with Bug Club. This web based resource contains hundreds of ebooks that your child can also access at home via a tablet or computer.

From the 21st September your child will have their own user name and password which provide them with access to all the ebooks available on bug club in their current book band or phonics phase e.g. Phase 3 phonics (this is set by their current class teacher).

To access this Go to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

1. Enter the login details.

Username: first four letters of first name and first four letters of surname (e.g. John Smith would be johnsmit)

If your child has less than 4 letters in one of their names eg. Ann Smith – this would be annsmit

Password: your child's current class name in lower case (e.g. cherry)

School code: s9ll (2 lower case Ls)

2. Your child's homepage will appear.

Children will of course be allocated hard copies of Reading books according to the phonics phase they are learning in school and once they reach phase 5 of the Letters and Sounds phonics scheme they will read colour banded books at their level. Please upload your comments onto Tapestry as your class teacher will love to hear about the brilliant progress your child is making at home.

Every Friday, your child will also bring home a book of their choosing to read for pleasure. This book may not be at their reading level but it is a text that they would like to share and read with you. Please ensure your child returns all the books once they have been read.



Parent Line -Text messaging service

Parents/Carers can text a school nurse from their mobile phone.
ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing.

Text Number: 07520 619376

DIARY DATES
Latest Update
03.09.2020



SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 23 rd	Reception Welcome Video uploaded onto Tapestry
Thursday 24 th	Deadline for Year 1 and 2 parents who wish their child to have Violin Lessons to return their form to school – see letter from Mrs Jarvis (17.09.20) for full details

OCTOBER – Further details to follow about these events

Thursday 1 st	National Poetry Day
Thursday 1 st 7pm	PTA AGM and Meeting (ZOOM meeting)
Friday 16 th	Harvest Day in school for all year groups
Thursday 15 th Tuesday 20 th Thursday 22 nd (after school)	Online Learning Reviews for parents
Wednesday 21 st	School Photographs
Friday 23 rd	Teacher Training Day – School closed to children
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2 nd	Teacher Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd	Children return to school