



Telford Infant School Newsletter

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SPORT RELIEF REMINDER TOMORROW



For a small donation to Sport Relief, children are invited to come into school wearing school uniform and a red accessory - hairband, socks, t-shirt the choice is yours.

Tomorrow we are also looking forward to taking part in skipping sessions throughout the day.

Happy St Patrick's Day!
We hope our Irish families enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day last weekend!

LOVING LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,
Last week the whole school thoroughly enjoyed their time as eager scientists using the theme of Blue Planet to celebrate British Science Week. The children demonstrated a wide range of learning powers as they researched, investigated, enquired, predicted and learnt so many new facts.

Following a visit from Marine Biologists Year 2 have become very aware of the importance of protecting seas and oceans from plastic pollution and I have already been asked what I am going to do about this in school! Watch this space.

Last week also saw the sad passing of Stephen Hawking, one of the greatest scientists of the modern time. If we were to adopt a quote for school I really think that the following words from Professor Hawking would be just perfect for Telford Infant School:

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

I hope you enjoy looking at the Science Week document that Miss Booth our Science Leader has put together that is also being sent out today.
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher

LEAMINGTON NORTH CLUSTER DANCE FESTIVAL



On Thursday 8th March our cheerleaders took part in a Leamington North Cluster Dance Festival at Trinity School. Our cheerleaders were a real credit to Telford Infant School and performed in front of other schools. We also got to experience street dance, dance through drama and zumba. Well done to all our cheerleaders!

PARENT VIEW

Parent View also gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Either follow the link on our website:

<https://telfordinfant.eschools.co.uk/web/ofsted/313513>

Or access Parent View directly from the Ofsted website

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



LOST PROPERTY

Unnamed Lost Property will be available for parents and carers to collect outside the main school entrance from 8.30am to 3.45pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Unclaimed items will be given to the PTA for the next 2nd hand uniform sale or will be donated to charity.

ATTENDANCE

Telford Infant School Attendance Target 2017-18 – 97.5%
Whole School Attendance up to 22nd March 2018 – 97.3%

To enable our children to be the very best learners they can be it is crucial that they attend school regularly and arrive on time. At Telford Infant School we do all we can to ensure maximum attendance for every child.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

If your child is poorly we ask you to contact the school office on the morning of your child's absence to inform us of this. If it is essential that if your child misses school for any reason other than illness you will need to complete a leave of absence form in advance which can be obtained from the school office. Absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Term dates have been shared with families up to Summer 2019 so that holidays can be booked in advance when school is closed to the children – 175 days in total. Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

PUNCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

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

External classroom doors open at 8.45am each morning for children to come in, settle down and get ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time often feel flustered and unprepared for the day. They miss vital early morning messages, instructions and learning.

Please note that when the school bell rings at 8.55am the adult manning the classroom door looks out to check no one in their class is coming across the playground before locking the door. They do not want children to be late but need a cut off time to start the school day. And, in order to safeguard our children, external doors are locked.

If you arrive after 8.55am, please take your child to the main school office and sign them in as they have missed the class register. This is our procedure for making sure they are accounted for. We understand that children may occasionally be late but ask you to put the reason for lateness in the signing in book so that we can try and work with families whose children are frequently late coming into school.

We fully appreciate that mornings can be stressful, especially when you are running late, but we ask that all parents and carers treat our staff with respect especially when signing children in at the office.

PERSISTENT ABSENCE

Over the past few years the Department for Education has been changing the definition of "persistent absence" to deal with the issue of pupil absenteeism in schools and its impact on their learning. The definition of persistent absence has been reduced from 20% to 15% to 10% absenteeism.

We are already working with a small number of families whose children's absence is below 90%. We have just monitored attendance for the Spring term and will be contacting parents of children who now have an attendance rate below 90% so that we can work together to improve their child's attendance.

BREAKFAST CLUB SPACES



SMILES Breakfast Club has a small number of spaces available.

Our Breakfast Club is held in our school hall and runs from 7.45am till 8.45am each school day. Children can be dropped off at any time between 7.45am and 8.45am and are cared for by our play workers. They can choose from a variety of nutritious breakfast options and enjoy a range of activities. At 8.45am the children are taken to their classrooms by one of our play workers and handed over to their class teacher.

Breakfast Club costs £4 per session and places are booked in advance

If you are interested you can find out more by taking a look at our webpage:
http://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/extended_school/313547

You can get in contact with Karen Gale our SMILES Club Supervisor or Michelle Hutton SMILES Business Manager by:
Phone: 07925 823386 (between 2.30pm and 6.30pm weekdays during term time)
Email: smilesclub@welearn365.com

You can also leave a message for one of our SMILES staff to contact you at the school office.



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EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale outside the school office each morning and after school from Friday 23rd March. There are over 40 prizes from luxurious Easter eggs to mini eggs! Only 50p a ticket.

Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 29th March and the PTA will ensure eggs are sent home with the lucky winners.

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Please have a look at the letter attached to today's correspondence. A hard copy of the letter with sponsorship forms will be put in book bags over the next couple of days. Thank you for your support with this wonderful event.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Thank you to everyone who donated items of uniform for the second hand uniform sale – we made nearly £50 and had some very happy parents who managed to pick up a bargain.

We accept donations of uniform at any point in the year. Please remove any name tags; put in a bag marked 'PTA' and hand into the school office.

MOTHER'S DAY PRESENT ROOM

Thank you to our willing PTA members who organized this wonderful event. Father's Day Present Room to follow!

MATCH FUNDING

Do you work for a company that offers Match Funding? You might be able to help donate hundreds of pounds to the school without any cost to you! Match Funding is when companies offer to 'match' funds raised by charitable organisations such as our PTA.

Lots of companies will match any fundraising event that their employees are involved in. For every pound raised, up to a certain amount, the company will match it.

At our Christmas Fair Barclays Bank Match Funded an amazing £1,800!

If you think your company can help us please pop into the school office and we will pass on your details to our PTA. Alternatively you can contact our PTA directly at the following email address:

pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com



Remember to also check the calendar on our school website:
<http://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/calendar>

MARCH

Friday 23rd – Sport Relief Day

Friday 23rd – Sapphire Class Drumming Concert for Parents
2.00pm-2.30pm

Monday 26th – Years 1 and 2 Easter Service at St Mary
Magdalene Church (Parents needed to help us walk to and from
church)

Thursday 29th – PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg raffle
3.20pm Break up for Easter holiday

Friday 30th – Friday 13th April – Easter Holiday

APRIL

Monday 16th - Term starts

Friday 20th – PTA Sponsored Bounce

Tuesday 24th – Year 2 Warwickshire Road Safety Club

Thursday 26th – 6.30pm SMILES Parent Forum
7pm Parent Forum



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PTA SUMMER FAIR 2018 – PLEASE HOLD THE DATE!

**SATURDAY 7TH JULY
12NOON TO 2PM**