



## Telford Infant School Newsletter

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### LEARNING REVIEWS

It was lovely to see so many parents at Learning Reviews this week. We hope that you found these meetings useful. Please put the dates of our next Learning Reviews in your diary:

**Tuesday 27th  
February  
3.40pm-6.20pm**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
March 3.40pm -  
6.20pm**

### ATTENDANCE



Whole school  
attendance up to 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 2017  
**97.4%**

### LOVING LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,  
We held our first Open Morning for new Reception starters on Monday. We were overwhelmed by the interest shown in our school and our visitors were all very impressed with the learning they saw and the opportunities on offer. Showing prospective parents around school made me feel exceptionally proud as the children were so well behaved and focussed on their learning and the adults were as always delivering high quality lessons that captured the children's imagination!

And some sad news – I need to let you know that we have had unwanted visitors on the school site out of school hours who have caused damage to our Wishing Wood, school garden and Reception's outdoor classroom. The police and Local Authority are working with us to try and prevent a recurrence.

It's hard to believe but we are nearly through our first half term - school breaks up at 3.20pm tomorrow. Back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for 8 weeks of fantastic learning before the Christmas holidays. Have a wonderful half term, Everyone!

Best wishes,  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis  
Headteacher

## RECEPTION



A huge well done to all our Reception children for settling down so well in their new school. They have made a great start and we are so proud of each and every one of them!



## RECEPTION HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last week our Reception children performed songs and rhymes to their parents for Harvest Festival – they were brilliant!

A big thank you to our Reception families who made Harvest donations. At the end of last week Mrs Green took 6 boxes of food to Warwick and Leamington Foodbank. Donations were very gratefully received and staff at the Foodbank have asked us to pass on their thanks to you.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The children look so smart in their school uniforms! Please do make sure all items are clearly marked with your child's name so that we can quickly return any lost items to their rightful owners. Unnamed lost property is kept in a basket by the main school office.

## **HAIR ACCESSORIES**

Over the half term hair accessories have gradually become larger and larger and more and more colourful. They are now distracting learning and we have also had upset children who have lost or broken special hair bows during the busy school day. From the new half term onwards we ask that children wear small, plain hair accessories in blue, white, grey or black and that JoJo bows and other 'exciting' hair accessories are enjoyed after school and at the weekends. Please do ensure that long hair is tied back for school. Thank you.

## **HEALTH CHECKS**

### **NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS - ALL YEAR GROUPS**

For children whose parents have given consent for their child to receive the Nasal Flu Vaccinations these will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **RECEPTION HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS**

Advance notice that Height and Weight Checks for Reception children will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Further details to follow.

## **ONLINE SAFETY**



Our Online Safety Cadets led assembly last week reminding our Year 1 and 2 children how to keep safe online. Reception will also learn about this as the year progresses.

To find out more about Online Safety please do look at the following page on our school website. You will find online safety tips and further websites covering this very important safeguarding issue.

<http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/computing/>

## SCHOOL CLUBS

**We hope that we have followed up any queries that were included on the Welcome Meeting feedback forms. We have had a query about school clubs and hope that the following information is helpful. If you have any further queries please do contact the school office.**

### **SMILES**

SMILES before and after school club is part of Telford Infant School's extended services and serves children from Telford Infant and Junior schools. Further information can be found on our website – this includes details of times, club fees, key policies etc.

<http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/smiles-before-and-after-school-club/>

Please note that due to space we can only accommodate a restricted number of children at both before and after school clubs. SMILES is very popular and there is usually a waiting list for both clubs.

### **LUNCHTIME CLUBS**

A small number of lunchtime clubs are run at school. These are by invitation only.

### **OTHER EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS**

We lease our hall, classrooms and other areas of our building and outdoor areas to outside providers who run a range of clubs straight after school. Examples include:

Gogo Makers Craft Club, Bayleaf Cookery, Fit 2 Dance, Leamington Tennis Club, The Really Youthful Drama Club, Mad Science, Spanish Club, Top Corner Coaching Football and Multi Sports Clubs.

The school office emails flyers/letters to parents on behalf of the club providers giving details of club dates, times, cost etc. If parents wish to sign their child up for a club they follow the instructions given by each club provider. Parents register for clubs and pay directly with each club provider although the school office does take response slips, cheques etc for some of the clubs which are then passed on.

Most providers specify the age ranges/year groups the clubs are suitable for. If not they are open to all year groups. Reception children usually don't start clubs during their first term in school but we appreciate that some parents may wish to sign them up.

Each class teacher is given a list of children attending the various after school clubs and ensures that they reach the club safely. At pick up time parents should wait for their child outside the main school entrance where the club leader will hand them over. Children transferring to SMILES after school club are taken directly.

The school will not allow any club leaders to run their club without a DBS check.



Parent Teacher  
Association

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning and Second Hand Uniform sale last week. We made over £200 profit!

Coming up ...

Year 1 and 2 Discos – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Quiz Night – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Bag2 School Collection – 5<sup>th</sup> December

### OLD £1 COINS



If you have any old £1 coins that you no longer want our PTA would love them! Please pop them into the school office who will pass them on. The PTA will bank them and use your donations towards purchasing resources for the children. Thank you.



### **Our PTA have arranged our next Bag2School collection for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

If you are having a clear out over the next few weeks we would be very grateful if you would put aside for us your unwanted adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Bag2School collection bags will be sent home shortly to be brought back with any of the above unwanted items on 5<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow.

Bags are weighed and we receive payment depending on the weight of the collection. We are collaborating with the Junior School PTA in this venture and the proceeds will be shared. Thank you.

## DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE



- Please see the minutes of the Parent Forum meeting sent out last week for details of how we are working with parents to keep the roads around school safe for us all.
- We have a new PCSO – Joy Pannu – who we have contacted to come and support us with safe and considerate driving and parking around the school site.
- A local resident came into school to complain last week as the driveway to her home had been blocked by a parent's car at pick up time for 20 minutes. Overall we have a positive relationship with our local residents who are supportive of our school. Please help us to maintain and grow that community relationship by parking considerately.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL



After half term we shall be talking to the children about Remembrance and explaining why people wear red poppies at this time of year, at a level appropriate to Infant aged children.

If you would like your child to make a donation to the Royal British Legion and to buy a poppy please send in a small amount of money in a named envelope between Wednesday 1st and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Class teachers will store the named envelopes safely until later in the day when your child will be able to put their donation in the collection tin and bring home a poppy.



## **OCTOBER**

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

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

## **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Nasal Flu Immunisations

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> -7.30pm – PTA Quiz Night

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

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

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Reception Height and Weight checks

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Morning - Bring a bauble - children decorate the Christmas tree

Non uniform day – please bring a donation for the school fair

(tombola, cakes etc)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Evening - PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bag2School Collection

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Dinner

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am-11.15am– Open morning for parents of children starting school  
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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm SMILES Parent Forum and 7pm School Parent Forum