

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you for your understanding regarding wearing face masks on the school site, we all appreciate how quickly you have adapted to this new routine.

I want to share with you a few changes that will be taking place in the school office in the coming weeks. Penny Malcolm, our Office Manager, is shortly due to move back to her home in Scotland and from the new year our School Business Manager, Jenna Macfarlane, is hanging up her calculator for a while to spend more time with her family too. Both will be missed hugely by all of us but we wish them both well in their new adventures. This has provided us with an opportunity to relook at how our business and admin support is organised in school and in consultation with Governors the school has decided to recruit a fulltime School Business Manager.

I am looking forward to this evening's PTA meeting and do hope to see some of you later on.

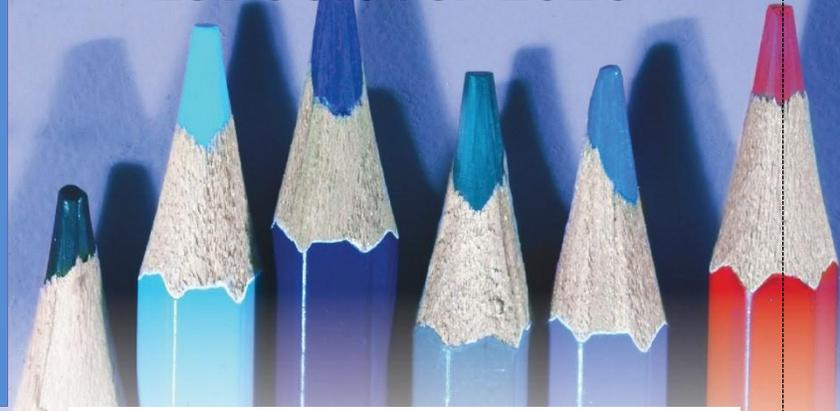
Stay safe and take good care of one another.
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

VACANCY: SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

Telford Infant School is looking to recruit a new School Business Manager – details can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/82708/school-business-manager/>

1st October 2020



Parent Teacher
Association

PTA AGM and Meeting 1st October 7pm on ZOOM

Attached to today's correspondence you will find agendas for both parts of this evening's PTA meeting and an overview of the various roles parents and carers can play on the PTA.

If you would like to attend our PTA meeting and do not yet have a link to access this on ZOOM please contact the PTA:

*email: pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com

* PTA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/telfordinfantspta/>

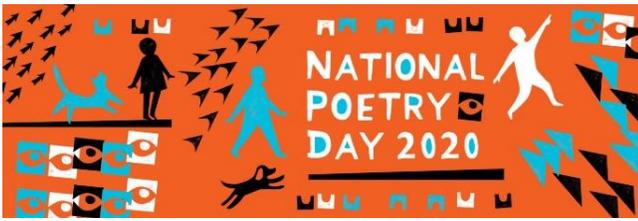
LETTER TO PARENTS AND CARERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Attached to today's correspondence is a letter to parents and carers from the Department of Health and Social Care.

Within this letter is a link that will take parents to an NHS website that provides helpful advice when trying to decide whether your child is well enough to attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



Today we are celebrating National Poetry Day and school is awash with rhymes and poems! Poems have been the focus of much of our reading this week and each class has received a gift of a new poetry book to share and enjoy.

Mrs Shippam and Turquoise class led an assembly for the Year 1 and 2 children yesterday afternoon on TEAMS. As part of the assembly some of the children recited poems with topics ranging from 'Going on a Walk' to 'Growing Up' to 'Big Budgerigars'!

We have also thoroughly enjoyed seeing clips of the children reciting poems that their parents have uploaded onto Tapestry and many of our Reception families entered the Reception Tapestry Nursery Rhyme challenge.

We are so sorry we can't mention them all in this Newsletter but to give you a flavour of what we have enjoyed listening to and seeing on Tapestry:

*A Maori Rhyme – 'Row Row Row your Waka'

*A recital of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' presented by a little boy dressed as a sheep

*An amazing farm built out of duplo to represent 'Old Macdonald had a Farm'

*A Football Poem recited by a boy in his Everton kit

*'The Land of the Bumbly Boo' read beautifully and punctuated with lots of giggles!

Happy Poetry Day, Everyone!

PTA – COIN SNAKE CHALLENGE

Coin Snake Challenge!



Year 1 and 2 parents will remember last year's PTA Coin Snake Challenge. Over £460 was raised for the school and this week the children were delighted to receive their class prizes following a Coin Snake Assembly on TEAMS.

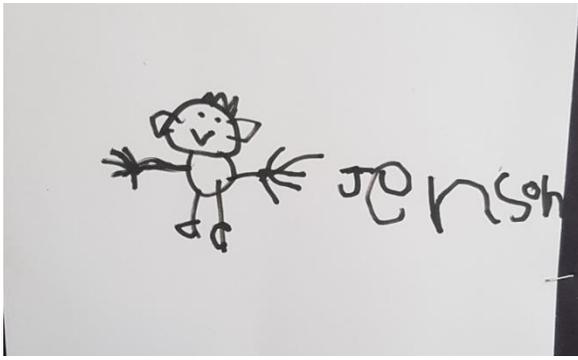
Every class received a book related to snakes and the winning class in each year group received additional books and a snake related game. The overall winners are current Indigo class who also won a special snake trophy which now lives in pride of place in Indigo classroom!

The children who participated and are now in Year 3 had their prizes given to their classes in the Junior School.

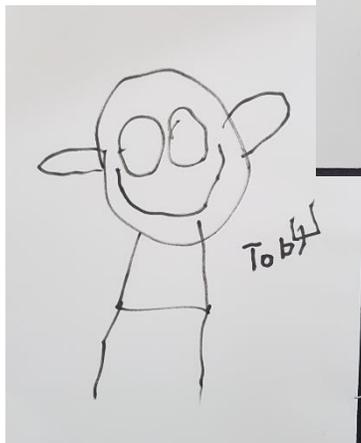


THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PTA!

RECEPTION



It has been a pleasure to meet our new Reception children over the last few weeks. They have made a brilliant start to their time in big school and we are very proud of them all!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

At this time of year we normally start issuing dates for activities and events for Christmas. We started making plans in the summer hoping that restrictions would be lifted in time for December but as you will appreciate this is looking less and less likely. That said we are busy behind the scenes revisiting the government guidance to see what we are permitted to do and will share our plans with you as soon as we are in a position to do so. We shall do our absolute best under the current restrictions.

Harvest celebrations will also look different this year as the Year 1 and 2 children will not be able to visit St Mary Magdalene Church and we are not allowed to invite Reception parents into school to share Reception's celebrations. However, we do have a Harvest Day planned for Friday 16th October to tie in with World Food Day and we shall be asking for donations for Leamington and Warwick Food Bank that week. A letter with full details will follow

FRUIT



The government's free fruit scheme has restarted and we have fresh fruit delivered to school for the children. You do not need to send fruit in for your child unless you wish to as we now have plentiful supplies.

If you do send fruit in please do not provide kiwi, pineapple or strawberries due to allergies. Also, please do not send in cereal bars, fruit winders, fruit yoghurts etc.



DIARY DATES
Latest Update
01.10.2020

OCTOBER

Thursday 1 st	National Poetry Day
Thursday 1 st 7pm	PTA AGM and Meeting (ZOOM meeting)
Thursday 8 th	Children's Christmas card designs sent home
Thursday 15 th	Deadline for children's Christmas card designs to be sent back into school (Payment needs to be made direct to Cauliflower cards by Tuesday 5 th November)
Friday 16 th	World Food Day Harvest Day in school for all year groups
Thursday 15 th Tuesday 20 th Thursday 22 nd (4pm to 6.30pm)	Online Learning Reviews for parents on TEAMS
Wednesday 21 st	School Photographs (individual children's photos only – no whole class)
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
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 6 th	Arts Week