

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Although this hasn't been the usual run up to Christmas the days have been packed full of Christmas learning and experiences and I would like to thank all the staff for making Christmas in school so magical for the children in such a creative way. In particular I hope you are enjoying the class virtual Christmas performances on Tapestry as much as I am. The actors and stage management are fantastic!

The children look so smart today in their party clothes and Christmas jumpers. The parties will be different this year as the children will enjoy a 'Party in the Classroom' rather than a whole school event but we have lots of fun planned. Activities will include party games, cupcakes (thank you, PTA) and at the end of the afternoon we are expecting a very special visitor and his reindeer to fly over the school building (on TEAMS!). If he is able to safely land his sleigh then Santa and some of his elves will make their way around our One Way system to wave and send happy wishes to the children in their classrooms. We do hope they can fit us into their very busy schedule!

We say a fond farewell and a massive thank you to three members of staff who are leaving Telford Infants today. Jenna Macfarlane, our School Business Manager, who has kept us safe, warm, well resourced, staffed and has made the most of every penny we receive in our school budget. Jenna is a true professional and we shall all miss her kind, calm manner –

17th December 2020



and her amazing ability to get an urgent Amazon order delivered in double quick time!

We also wish a very happy retirement to Helen Overton who has brought fun and happiness to so many children at SMILES club over the years and to Mary Hand, our Clerk to Governors, who has very efficiently kept the Governing Board in check for the last 3 years. We shall miss them both and look forward to hearing about their new adventures.

Thank you for the good wishes, positive emails and very kind words that so many of you have made to staff and governors over the last term. The school has had to make some very difficult decisions and I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your ongoing support and understanding during what has been an extremely challenging term and year for us all.

From all of us at Telford Infant School we wish you a Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher





VACANCIES

Telford Infant School has vacancies for a School Business Manager and a Clerk to Governors. Further information can be found on our website:

<https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/vacancies/313512>

LEAMINGTON OBSERVER



Young artists create animal magic

Young artists at Telford Infant School in Leamington have enjoyed a project that's taken them around the world. As part of Arts Week children created their own works of art, craft and design. Artist in residence Lynne Gougeon, from 'thisismyartandsoul@gmail.com', worked with the children, aged from four years old to seven years old, to create pieces of art to be displayed by the school. The topic was 'The Natural World' and earlier this year pupils created nine works of

art each displaying different habitats from around the world and the creatures that live within each habitat. Parents and grandparents were invited in to school to help produce the art. The finished artwork was expertly photographed by Dave Perry before being reproduced as aluminium panels and being mounted outside. The project was possible thanks to a community grant fund from Leamington Town Council, PTA funding and Dave Perry.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

INFORMING SCHOOL OF POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

If your child becomes poorly over the Christmas break and you get them tested for COVID-19 please alert us via email admin2326@welearn365.com if the date that symptoms first started - or, if asymptomatic, the date of the Covid test - was **Saturday 19 December or before this date.**

If the date of first symptoms - or, if asymptomatic the date of the test - was **Sunday 20 December or after this date,** there is no need to let us know.

The DfE has told schools to be on standby for contact tracing for 6 days and the school admin email will be checked for COVID related messages (as outlined above) up to and including Wednesday 23rd December.

Please note that the school answerphone will not be monitored between Saturday 19th December and Sunday 3rd January.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason on first day of the new term on Tuesday 5th January please contact us by phone or by email on Monday 4th or first thing on Tuesday 5th.

The school office will go back to normal hours - manned between 8am and 4pm - from Monday 4th January.



Parent Teacher Association



From all of us at Telford Infant School a huge THANK YOU to our amazing, creative, hard working PTA. We are extremely grateful for the fun that you give us and the money you raise for the children.

THANK YOU TO MRS SMITH FROM YEAR 2 FOR TREATING US TO TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS IN THE WISHING WOOD LAST WEEK!

THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS 2020 PTA RAFFLE

A huge thank you to Ellie, Claire, Andy, Kate, Fran, Laura, Viv and all the other helpers for all your hard work coordinating this year's PTA Christmas raffle. Thank you so much too for all the generous donations and to all the parents who bought and sold tickets. The PTA raised over £1,470!

WINDOW TRAIL

17th December to Christmas Eve

Come and enjoy the fun - help us find Santa's reindeer, spot the snowmen or track down the missing presents to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

PTA Christmas Trail Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/134781808029814/>

The PTA flyer with details of how to purchase maps is attached again to today's correspondence.



SOCKS IN THE BOX

Thank you for your very kind sock donations. All socks collected will be taken to charities for the homeless in Leamington. Once we have a final total we shall let you know how many pairs were collected. Thank you to Ellis and his Mum for organising this again for us.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COVID safe Christmas

Information about a COVID-Safe Christmas in Warwickshire: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirus



COVID Volunteers

Could you make a difference to your community during this difficult time?

Volunteers from across Warwickshire are needed to help support Warwickshire County Council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Can you help? Express interest:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeeVS7MR7GVYeRh17VoQz8crcKimvVRro7pSPCom8PMUQoHPA/viewform>

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Follow the link below for information about free advice services available locally which are there to support families in Warwickshire.

https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/family_information_service_briefing_for_families/529029

WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE - COMPASS

We are aware that after a year of upheaval and uncertainty, lots of parents/carers are trying to support their children with issues including challenging behaviour, difficult emotions, sleep disorders and many others. We would like to reiterate that help is available for Warwickshire families, and have posted this blog article - <https://www.compass-uk.org/news/parents/help-at-christmas/> - to inform parents/carers of how they can seek advice from our service and Family Lives, an organisation we are working with to provide a wider level of support. The article also contains useful websites, other local services and self-help resources.

WARWICKSHIRE EARLY HELP AND SUPPORT TEAM

As Christmas fast approaches and we reach the end of what has been a very challenging year, the Early Help and Targeted Support team wanted to share with you some recorded parenting presentations

The Christmas presentations include:

- [Top tips for co-parenting at Christmas](#)
- [Game plan for teenagers](#)
- [Christmas with children aged 5 - 11 years](#)
- [Internet safety advice at Christmas](#)
- [Top Tips for parents & carers of children with SEND at Christmas](#)

The Family Support Line - 01926 412412 will operate during the festive period offering advice, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Monday 21 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday 22 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Wednesday 23 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Thursday 24 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Day - closed

Boxing Day - closed

Monday 28 December - closed

Tuesday 29 December - closed

Wednesday 30 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Thursday 31 December - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Friday 1 January - closed

Monday 4 January - 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

The team are planning a comprehensive range of parenting programmes for delivery during 2021 which will be advertised on the Warwickshire website and can be booked through Eventbrite:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses>



DIARY DATES Latest Update 16.12.2020

DECEMBER 2020

Thursday 17 th	Last Day of Autumn term
Friday 18 th	Teacher Training Day School closed to the children
Thursday 17 th to Christmas Eve	PTA Christmas Trail

JANUARY 2021

Monday 4 th	Teacher Training Day School closed to the children
Tuesday 5 th	Spring Term starts for the children
Thursday 14 th	PTA Meeting on ZOOM

TERM DATES – SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2021

Spring Term 2021

Teacher Training Day (School closed): Monday 4th January

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday (School closed): Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July

