

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

25th October 2018



RECEPTION HARVEST FESTIVAL



Dear Parents and Carers,
It's hard to believe but we are nearly at the end of our first half term - school breaks up at 3.20pm tomorrow. We are all back to school on Monday 5th November for 7 weeks of fantastic learning before the Christmas holidays. Have a wonderful half term, Everyone!

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of parents have asked whether we are planning to make any changes to our school uniform. The answer to this is no as we are very proud of our school uniform which is practical and smart. Our uniform can be purchased cheaply from most supermarkets, our online school uniform shop and at our regular PTA second hand uniform sales. However, if any parent is struggling to purchase uniform for their child please do speak to Mrs Oustayiannis or your child's class teacher in confidence.

LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property basket is overflowing! All items will be put out on tables for you to look through and collect outside the main school entrance from 8.15am to 3.45pm tomorrow. Uncollected items will be donated to the PTA or given to charity. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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

A huge thank you to our Reception families who made Harvest donations which have been delivered to Warwick and Leamington Foodbank. Your donations were very gratefully received.

Thank you too for all the pumpkins that Reception families sent in for the children this week. They are really enjoying using pumpkins in their learning and all left overs will be put out for the local wildlife to enjoy.

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL LOVING LEARNING

NEW STAFF

We look forward to welcoming Miss Georgia Yearby who will be covering Miss Leech's maternity leave starting in late November and Mrs Jo Williams who will be covering Mrs Green's maternity leave starting after Christmas.

We also have 2 new members of our Midday supervisor team – Mrs Helen Worthington in Cherry class and Miss Hayleigh McAleese in Sunshine class. A big thank you to Mrs Grant who has been a wonderful Midday supervisor. We will miss her at lunchtimes but look forward to still seeing her at SMILES club.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 25th October 2018 is **98.7%**.

Our whole school attendance target this year is 97.5%. We monitor each child's attendance carefully and at Learning Reviews you will be provided with your child's attendance % so far this year. Please note that requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised.

PUNCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

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

Classroom doors are open between 8.45am and 8.55am for you to drop your child at school.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

A local resident has made a complaint as the driveway to his home is being repeatedly blocked by a parent's car at pick up time. Overall we have a very 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 2018



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 Monday 5th and Friday 9th 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.

SMILES BREAKFAST CLUB



We currently have spaces at our SMILES Breakfast Club which runs from 7.45am to 8.45am each school day at a cost of £4 per session. The club is held in our school hall and the children are provided with breakfast as well as a range of activities that they can choose from.

Application forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website which also provides further information about the club:

https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/smiles_out_of_hours_club/315930

You can also contact SMILES directly by either:
Phone - 07925 823386 (between 2.30pm and 6.30pm) or
Email smilesclub@welearn365.com

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Remember to look out today for your child's Christmas Card design and please remember that should you wish to place an order that you will need to return your child's design and the order form to your child's class teacher by Monday 5th November. Payment should also be made by 5th November on ParentPay and we can only process your order on receipt of payment by that date.

PTA



Thank you very much to all our PTA helpers who organised the recent Coffee Morning and 2nd Hand Uniform Sale and also to everyone who joined us.

The coffee morning and cake sale made £175.30 and the 2nd Hand Uniform Sale made £65.15.



Our PTA have arranged Bag2School collections this academic year on the following dates - Tuesday 4th December and Wednesday 8th May

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 after half term to be brought back with any of the above unwanted items on 5th December.

Bags are weighed and we receive payment depending on the weight of the collection. We are working with the Junior School PTA in this venture and all proceeds will be shared equally between the two schools. Further details to follow next half term. Thank you.



DIARY DATES
Latest Update 25.10.18

OCTOBER

Monday 29th - Friday 2nd November	Half Term
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NOVEMBER

Monday 5th	School opens after Half Term break
Tuesday 6th 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews
Thursday 8th 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews
Friday 16th	Children in Need Day – Non uniform. Bring your own Pudsey Ears and a small donation.
Friday 16th 7.30pm	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 19th	Yr2 Indigo Class – Herbert Art Gallery Trip
Tuesday 20th	Yr2 Sapphire Class – Herbert Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 21st	Yr2 Turquoise Class – Herbert Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 21st	Learning to Learn Evening for Parents
Wednesday 28th 3pm-3.45pm	Celebration of Learning for parents of children in Years 1 and 2

DECEMBER – further information of all events will follow

Monday 3rd	Grandparents' Glitter Christmas Craft Sessions
Wednesday 5th	School Health - flu vaccines
Friday 7th	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12th 9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 13th 9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 14th 10am	Year 2 Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church
Monday 17th	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18th 9.15am	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 19th 9.15am	Reception Nativity
Thursday 20th afternoon	Christmas Party and special visitor from the North Pole
Friday 21st	Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 7th	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 8th	School opens after the Christmas Holiday