



Telford Infant School Newsletter

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Lest We Forget.

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HELP WANTED
to sweep up outdoors
and get the school
garden ready for
winter

**DRY WEATHER
PERMITTING...**
Friday 17th November

2pm-3pm
Clearing Up
Outdoors

3pm-3.15pm
Warming Up
Tea, coffee and
biscuits in the
staffroom

**Please come to the
school office for 2pm
wearing suitable
clothing.**

**DBS checks preferred
but not essential - you
will not be working
with the children.**

LOVING LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun filled half term – the break now seems a very long time ago! I can guarantee that the weeks ahead will be packed full of lots of learning and excitement in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you to the parents and carers in year 1 and 2 who attended our Learning to Learn Meeting last week. Reception parents are warmly invited to attend Reception's Learning to Learn evening at 6.30pm on Tuesday 21st November. Please do refer to our school website for lots of information on learning at Telford Infants.

We are also very excited to let you know that behind the scenes we are busy preparing for the launch of our brand new school website as well as a Parent App. Further details will follow soon.

Finally, you may be aware that all schools now need to have a Lockdown plan. We have now created a Lockdown procedure and will be practising with the children next week. Further information so given at the end of this Newsletter.

Best wishes,
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis

Headteacher



Whole school attendance up to 9th November 2017
97.4%

REMEMBRANCE



Telford Infant Poppy Sellers

A huge thank you to Nathan's grandad for sharing with us the story of Nathan's great, great uncle, Captain George Sanders VC, MC & Oakleaf, 1894-1950.

Captain Sanders fought in the First World War and was awarded the Victoria Cross as Corporal Sanders on 1st July 1916 and the Military Cross as Captain Sanders VC on 15th December 1917.

Nathan will be helping to lead our Remembrance Assembly tomorrow when he will show us medals, photos and tell us a little more about his great, great uncle's life. Nathan will also signal the start and end of our whole school minute's silence.



Parent Teacher
Association

Thank you to everyone who came to our PTA meeting yesterday evening.
Date of our next meeting Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. All welcome!

TELFORD INFANTS
GRANDPARENTS CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON



Thursday 7th December

1.30pm-3.30pm various activities and songs in classrooms

2.30pm-3.20pm – coffee, tea and mince pies served by our PTA in the school hall.

For further details please look out for our Grandparent's Afternoon Flyer attached to this week's correspondence and pass on to all interested grandparents.

Due to the number of grandparents we are expecting to attend we are sorry we cannot accommodate parents or younger siblings at this event.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH NOVEMBER...

Reception had a wonderful time last week learning about the Gunpowder plot and each class enjoyed making their very own guy and having an indoor 'bonfire'. The hot dogs and hot chocolate were a particular hit!



TESCO – EVERY LITTLE HELPS ...



Please vote for us!

Don't forget to vote for Telford Infant School's 'Woodland Adventure Project' if you visit a Tesco store in Leamington or Warwick throughout November or December.

You will receive a blue plastic token each time you make a purchase which you can then put into our plastic collection container in store. Make sure you cast your vote for us as there are two other community groups also wanting to win the most votes to get the full £4,000 towards their cause.

If you are not given a blue token when you buy something please ask at the checkout. If you use a self service till please ask a member of staff for your blue token.

Please note that you do not need to purchase a bag to get a token.

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 for all the old £1s that have been donated so far.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

Message from our new PCSO Joy Pannu

I am the new Police Community Support Officer covering North Leamington, and including Telford Infants School. It was a pleasure to meet some of you while patrolling the roads outside of school last week.

Please could I take this opportunity to highlight some ways in which road safety can be improved outside of school. It is really important that all parents/ carers who drive to school, park safely and considerately in the local area. This will ensure that your children are as safe as possible while walking into school.

Please do not park near junctions, in front of residents' driveways, or on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school. There have been a number of 'near misses' where children have been unnecessarily put at risk through the inconsiderate driving of parents. In addition, please do not park on the kerb as this makes it difficult or impossible for parents with pushchairs or wheelchairs to get past.

School safety and parking is a local forum priority and the Police will be patrolling as much as possible throughout the schools in North Leamington to work with you in improving everyone's safety.

I look forward to working with you.

Joy Pannu

PCSO 6282, Safer Schools and Youth Engagement Team

Community Forum Police Priority



As mentioned by Joy above, the Community Forum Police priority, as voted by local residents, is currently school safety and parking. As part of this drive we were also visited earlier this week by two police from the Safer Neighbourhood team – Andy Whiston and Steven Sample. Andy and Steven will be making regular, unannounced visits to the local area to help make the start and end of each school day safe for everyone. If necessary police warnings will be given for unsafe parking and driving and tickets issued.

ENHANCING SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOL LOCKDOWN

We take safeguarding and safety very seriously at Telford Infants and we continuously review all our procedures, taking into account even those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this process, we have introduced Lockdown procedure.

When might we use Lockdown?

Our lockdown procedure would be used if there is a threat to the safety of children, staff and visitors in school, and when it would be safer for everyone to remain in school than to evacuate. The aim is to keep everyone safe.

Situations where our lockdown procedure may be used include:

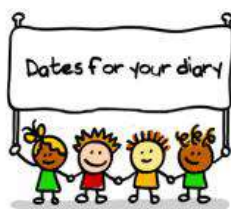
- A potentially dangerous person or animal on the school site
- A disturbance or dangerous situation in the local community that could affect the school
- A nearby chemical incident or other risk of air pollution
- An incident related to terrorism

Our Lockdown procedure

This week teachers have taken time to talk to the children about lockdown, in a similar way to how we talk with them about Fire Drills. Please be reassured that this has been at a level appropriate to Infant aged children and we have emphasised that practising procedures like this will make sure our school remains a safe place for us to learn.

Next week we will have our first Lockdown practice so that in the unlikely event of such a situation our children and staff are fully prepared. It will also provide us with an opportunity to check that the procedure we have put together is effective and make any changes if necessary. Once we have had our first practice we will have a clearer picture of how Lockdown will operate.

If you have any queries at this point please do speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Oustayiannis.



NOVEMBER

Tuesday 14th – 1.30pm-2.30pm – Open Afternoon for Parents of children starting Reception
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Thursday 16th - Sparkle Disco – 5pm-5.45pm Year 1
6pm-6.45pm Year 2

Friday 17th -7.30pm – PTA Quiz Night

Friday 17th - Children in Need Day – non uniform and silly socks!

Tuesday 21st 6.30pm – Reception Learning to Learn Workshops for Parents

Wednesday 29th – Reception Height and Weight checks

Thursday 30th – Reception Visit to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

DECEMBER - Further details about all Christmas activities to follow

Friday 1st morning - Bring a bauble - children decorate Christmas tree

Non uniform day – please bring a donation for the school fair (tombola, cakes etc)

Friday 1st 6.00pm-8.00pm - PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5th – Bag2School Collection

Thursday 7th 1.30pm-3.20pm – Grandparents Christmas Afternoon

Friday 8th 2.00pm – Indigo Class Drumming Concert

Monday 11th 10am - Year 2 Carols at Christmas for parents at St Mary Magdalene Church
Lillington.

Wednesday 13th 9.15am – Year 1 Christmas Production for Parents

Thursday 14th 2.15pm – Year 1 Christmas Production for Parents

Tuesday 19th 9.15am - Reception Nativity

Monday 18th – School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th 2.15pm - Reception Nativity

Thursday 21st afternoon - Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas

Friday 22nd - Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 8th – Teacher Training Day – School closed to children

Tuesday 9th – Spring Term starts for all year groups

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