

# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

11th October 2018



### VOLUNTEERING

Can you help us? Do you have any spare time? Would you be able to come to school to work with small groups of children, to listen to children read, to share a skill or to help with site/gardening or admin tasks?

If you think that you would be able to offer us some time, please let the school office know. We would of course need to carry out a DBS check for anyone who will be working with the children. Thank you.

### DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE



We are trying very hard to encourage sustainable travel to school. However, if you need to drive please drive and park safely and considerately around our school. This will help ensure that we keep congestion to a minimum, maintain a good relationship with our neighbours and most importantly keep our children safe.

#### Please, please remember:

- **Do not park on the yellow zig zag lines.**
- **Do not block local residents' driveways.**
- **Do not park on pavements as children, parents/carers and buggies need to pass.**
- **Do not double park and block the road.**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Years 1 and 2 visited St Mary Magdalene Church last Friday for their Harvest Festival. A huge Well Done to the Year 2 children who led the assembly and to everyone for singing so beautifully!

Reception will be celebrating Harvest next Thursday in school which will be a celebration through songs, rhymes and a favourite Harvest Story.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of families who donated food items for people in need in our community – thank you very much indeed for your kindness.



Don't forget tomorrow's PTA Coffee Morning and Second Hand Uniform Sale. All parents, grandparents and carers are very welcome!

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

### REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.  
Don't forget to smile!

# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL SCHOOL LOVING LEARNING

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Thank you very much for all the donations you made towards our recent Guide Dogs for the Blind collection. We raised £85.02!

Here is Telford Infant School's sponsored Guide Dog in training. His name is Teddy and in this photograph is just 6 weeks old. Teddy is a german shepherd/golden retriever cross and his Mum and Dad are called Violet and Boris. Teddy loves nothing more than playing with his toys before snuggling up with his siblings for a nap!



We will share regular updates about Teddy but parents can join his Facebook group:

[Facebook.com/groups/puppy.teddy](https://www.facebook.com/groups/puppy.teddy)

*If you consent to this you will provide Guide Dogs with your facebook ID which they will remove if you leave the group at any point. The information is only used for administration to access the Facebook group.*

You can also find out more about Teddy by following this link:

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/sponsor-a-puppy-today/teddy/>

## LEARNING REVIEWS

Learning Reviews for you to meet with your child's class teacher are at the following times this term:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 3.40pm-6.20pm**

Please see the separate sheet attached to this week's correspondence with details of how to sign up.

Each appointment lasts 10 minutes, please do try to keep to the agreed time limit so that other parents and carers are not inconvenienced. We are happy to offer you a further appointment if you wish to have a more in-depth conversation.

These meetings are an opportunity to find out how your child has settled down in their new class, to celebrate your child's achievements and to find out the next steps in their learning. Please enter and leave school through the main school entrance and wait outside your child's classroom for your turn.

We do not encourage you to bring your child into the appointment.

## HOLD THE DATE – FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 6.30pm-7.30pm – all year group parents**

'Learning to Learn' Evening for all parents and carers.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Years 1 and 2 – pop in anytime between 3pm and 3.45pm – Years 1 and 2**

Invitation to pop into your child(ren)'s classroom(s) for a Celebration of Learning - for parents and carers of children in Years 1 and 2.



## 2017-18 PERFORMANCE DATA

We are now in a position to share our 2018 attainment data with you. Although this data is still provisional it is unlikely to change significantly. The data compares the results of our children to data for children nationally.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of our children and the progress that they make from their individual starting points - across all areas of the curriculum as well as personally, socially, emotionally and with regard to their effort and attitudes to learning. Please note that this nationally collected data shows attainment and in Year 2 is for core subjects only.

### Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (end of Reception)

% of children achieving a Good Level of Development

Telford Infant School - 77% National - 72%

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (end of Year 1)

% of children working at and above the National Standard Telford Infant School - 87% National - 83%

### End of Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2)

% of children working at the expected standard and above

|  | Telford Infant School | National |
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| Reading  | 87%                   | 75%      |
| Writing  | 79%                   | 70%      |
| Mathematics  | 85%                   | 76%      |
| Science  | 98%                   | 83%      |
| Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined          | 76%                   | 65%      |
| Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science combined | 76%                   | 65%      |

% of children working at greater depth

|   | Telford Infant School | National |
|---|-----------------------|----------|
| Reading                                   | 46%                   | 26%      |
| Writing                                   | 24%                   | 16%      |
| Mathematics                               | 35%                   | 22%      |
| Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined | 20%                   | 12%      |

## CHRISTMAS

Sorry to even mention Christmas in the middle of October but we are aware that many parents appreciate lots of notice so they can arrange time off work to attend Christmas performances.



We are already planning for Christmas at Telford Infants! Here are the dates of our Christmas performances - further information about how to book performances for Reception and Year 1 will be sent out to you nearer the time and you are guaranteed the 2 tickets per child that you request.

To clarify ticket allocation for families with twins – as we have the capacity to accommodate up to 2 guests per child in each year group all parents can request 2 tickets per child.

Please arrange for any younger siblings to be cared for whilst you enjoy your chosen performance.

✚ **Reception** will perform the Nativity Story at 9.15am in the School Hall on:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Each Reception family will be able to book 2 tickets for the performance(s) of their choice:

1 for Tuesday and 1 for Wednesday or

2 for Tuesday or

2 for Wednesday.

✚ **Year 1** will perform their Christmas Production at 9.15am in the School Hall on:

Wednesday 12th December

Thursday 13th December

Each Year 1 family will be able to book 2 tickets for the performance(s) of their choice:

1 for Wednesday and 1 for Thursday or

2 for Wednesday or

2 for Thursday.

✚ **Year 2** will perform Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church, Lillington on:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

There is no need to book. 2 guests for each Year 2 child are welcome to attend – please do not bring more guests as the church cannot accommodate greater numbers.

✚ **Grandparents of children at Telford Infant School**

Watch this space for an invitation to come into school in early December for a special Grandparents' Christmas Glitter Extravaganza – a glittery, gluey Christmas craft experience with the children!





## DIARY DATES

### Latest Update 11.10.18

#### OCTOBER

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| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>8.45am-3.45pm                  | PTA Second hand uniform sale (outside main school entrance)               |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>9am-10.30am                    | PTA Coffee Morning for parents and carers in main school hall             |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>9.15am-11.45am                 | Open Morning for parents of children starting Reception in September 2019 |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                                  | School Photos   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>2.30pm                       | Harvest Festival – Reception<br>School Hall                               |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>7pm-8pm                     | PTA Meeting   |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November | Half Term   |

#### NOVEMBER

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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | School opens after Half Term break                               |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup><br>3.40pm-6.20pm  | Learning Reviews   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>3.40pm-6.20pm | Learning Reviews   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>7.30pm         | PTA Quiz Night   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>                | Learning to Learn Evening for Parents                            |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>3pm-3.45pm  | Celebration of Learning for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 |

#### DECEMBER – further information of all events will follow

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

#### JANUARY

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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Teacher Training Day                     |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> | School opens after the Christmas Holiday |