

17th January 2019

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,,
Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the start of a brand new term and an action packed 2019. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

The year group newsletters and topic webs sent with last week's correspondence should provide you with a good overview of learning for this half term and the children are already immersed in their learning.

A very warm welcome to Mrs Jo Williams who joined us as Cherry class teacher last week covering Mrs Green's maternity leave. We are still awaiting news of the arrival of Baby Green!

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher

ASSESSMENT EVENING FOR PARENTS

Wednesday 30th January 6.30pm-7.30pm

We do hope that you will be able to join us for this important information session. Further information was provided in last week's Year Group Letters. Please note that this session is not suitable for the children.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 17th January 2019 is 97.5%

VOLUNTEERING

Calling parents, carers and grandparents
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 and would like some more information, please contact the school office for a chat. We would of course need to carry out a DBS check for anyone who will be working with the children.
Thank you.

PGCE STUDENT TEACHERS



Telford Infant School works in partnership with the University of Warwick in the training of student teachers. Next week we welcome Una Brennan and Catherine Orton who will be placed in Amber and Sapphire classes. They will work alongside the class teachers and will be mentored by Miss Booth. We welcome them both to our school and hope they will find their time with us productive and enjoyable.

WARWICK DISTRICT FOODBANK



GIVING HELP

As a school we have an all year round collection point in our main school entrance where parents and staff can drop off donations of long-life food and toiletries at any time. The Foodbank website provides further details.

<https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

GETTING HELP

The Foodbank works using a voucher referral system and Mrs Oustayiannis and our School Business Manager Mrs Macfarlane are authorised to issue vouchers to families in need.

If you ever feel that your family need support please do speak to either Mrs Oustayiannis or Mrs Macfarlane who will treat all conversations in confidence – they know that anyone can find themselves in need of help for a number of different reasons at any time. They will need to take some basic details from you to complete the voucher. Once a voucher has been issued it can be exchanged for emergency food at your nearest foodbank centre.

WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE



The Warwickshire Family Information Service offer free information and advice to parents and carers on a wide range of issues affecting every day family life. Further information is available on their website:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Fantastic news from our PTA – the Christmas Fair raised approximately £3,000! This is an amazing amount of money that will go towards providing the children with some fantastic new computing equipment – further details to follow.

Thank you so much to our extremely hard working and enthusiastic PTA and to everyone who donated items and attended the fair.

A huge thank you too to Barclays and DHL who match funded stalls at the fair boosting the final total even further. The next PTA Newsletter will give further information.

**Date of next PTA meeting:
Wednesday 13th February 7pm-8pm in
the school hall.
All parents and carers welcome!**

**Date of next Second Hand Uniform
Sale:
Friday 1st February**

HEAD LICE AND THREADWORMS

We have had cases of head lice and threadworms reported to us since returning from the Christmas break.

Please click the links below to access NHS guidelines on how to identify and treat.

Head lice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Threadworms:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

WEATHER WEEK

What a great week Mrs Healy our Geography Subject Leader has chosen for Weather Week this year. We have had rain, sunshine and even a sprinkling of snow this morning!

The purpose of Weather Week is to encourage the children take an interest in the world around them and understand how the changes in the weather affect them. Learning that takes place is then built upon as the weather changes throughout the year.

RECEPTION

Each of our Reception classes has a teddy on their classroom wall that each day they dress in clothes appropriate for the weather.



YEAR 1

Each class has a weather chart with Velcro weather symbols to attach (a bit like the old fashioned TV weather forecasts!). Each morning the class weather monitors undertake this task.



YEAR 2

Year 2 weather monitors take the outside weather temperature using our school outdoor thermometer each morning. The temperature is recorded on Weather Whiteboards.



**HAPPY WEATHER
WATCHING, EVERYONE!**

SCHOOL CLOSURE IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER OR OTHER UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES



If we are forced to close the school before the start of the school day then:

- A notice will be uploaded onto the Home Page of our school website as soon as possible after the decision to close has been made:
<https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/>
- We will endeavour to send a message to parents informing them of the closure via the school App.
- You will also find a list of school closures on the following website:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures
Warwickshire County Council offers a free service for parents to enable them to receive emergency closure texts and e-mail alerts for up to three schools.
We strongly recommend that you register for this service by going to:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures
- Local radio stations will also announce a list of school closures in the region.

In the event of us being forced to close the school during the school day then:

- We will send a message to parents informing them of the closure via the school App.
- We will put a notice on the home page of our website.
- We will send an update to the Warwickshire Council website
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures



DIARY DATES

Latest Update 17.01.19

JANUARY

Week Commencing 14 th January	Whole School – Weather Week
17 th January	Special American Lunch
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 2 - A day aboard the Titanic
Wednesday 23 rd 1.30pm-3pm	Year 2 parents – Come and learn with your child designing and creating a miniature Titanic cabin.
Wednesday 23 rd 3pm-3.45pm	Year 1 and 2 parents - Celebration of Learning for parents
Thursday 24 th 2.30pm-3.00pm	Violin concert for parents of children who have violin lessons in school
Wednesday 30 th 6.30pm-7.30pm	All year groups - Assessment Information Evening for Parents

FEBRUARY

Friday 1st	Second Hand Uniform Sale
Tuesday 5th	ESafety Day
Wednesday 6 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Cherry, Amber and Indigo classes
Thursday 7 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Crimson, Sunshine and Sapphire classes
Friday 8 th – 2.50pm	ESafety Assembly for parents of children in Magenta, Primrose and Turquoise classes
Week Commencing 11 th	Science Week
Monday 11th	Whole school Space Centre Learning Visit
Wednesday 13 th – 7pm-8pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 14th	Planetarium
Friday 15 th Afternoon – time tbc	Parents invited to share our Space learning – further details to follow
Monday 18 th – Friday 22nd	Half Term
Tuesday 26 th – 3.40pm-6.30pm	Learning Reviews – details of how to book to follow
Thursday 28 th – 3.40pm-6.30pm	Learning Reviews – details of how to book to follow