

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

29th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,
A huge thank you again for all your support, particularly during our recent OFSTED inspection. The outcomes will be shared with you as soon as possible – this should be within the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our Celebration of Learning in Years 1 and 2 yesterday - the feedback from parents and children has been very positive.

The children might have mentioned to you that our school cook Kim Fryer, left the school on 16th November after 12 years of service – we really struggled to calculate how many school dinners she has cooked over the years! She will be much missed and we wish her well in her exciting new adventure. Our new Educaterers team have made a fantastic start!

Please take time to look at the diary dates and Christmas arrangements outlined later in this Newsletter – we have got a busy few weeks ahead!

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 29th November 2018 is **97.7%**.

PUNCTUALITY

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

CHARITY



Our recent poppy appeal raised £209.23 for the Royal British Legion! Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy this year.



What a wonderful Children in Need day we had! Thank you very much for all the donations received – we raised £422.22!

Further charitable events coming up this academic year ...

Comic Relief
DSA (odd sock day)
Save the Children Den Day

Guide Dog for the Blind

We are very sad to have to inform you that our guide dog puppy, Teddy, has sadly and unexpectedly passed away following a stomach complication.

The Guide Dog Association has allocated us a new puppy, Fletcher, and we will be sharing this news with the children shortly.

WANTED!



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

If you are having a sort out before Christmas we might be able to put your unwanted items to good use:

Scooters and Balance Bikes

Our Reception children would love some more scooters and balance bikes so if you have any that your child no longer rides and are still in good working order please could you consider donating them to the school. Unfortunately we cannot take bikes with chains.

Toys and children's books

Please do send these in on the day of the Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December – for our second hand toy stall.

Stationery and Craft items

The children (and staff!) are always delighted to receive any unwanted pens, card, scrap paper, pencils, post-its, highlighters, glue sticks, notebooks, envelopes, staplers, paperclips, felt tips, rubbers, pencil sharpeners ... our list is endless!

Textiles

Our next PTA Bag2School Collection is on Tuesday 4th December.

Please drop off unwanted men's, ladies' and children's clothing, shoes, bags, hats, scarves, ties, jewellery, belts, curtains, linen, towels, bedding in a bag at the bottom of the Junior Playground between 7.45am and 9.15am on 4th December.

<https://bag2school.com/>



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

YEAR 2 VISIT TO HERBERT ART GALLERY, COVENTRY

Last week Year 2 had an exciting trip to Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry. We had lots of fun making sculptures of our faces and looking at the patterns in artwork before making our own printing tiles.

Amrit "My favourite part of the day was when we made patterns."

Isobel "My favourite part of the trip was when Bea showed us how to make models."

George "I loved making patterns and seeing the paintings."



CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO TELFORD INFANTS...



GRANDPARENTS CHRISTMAS GLITTER EVENT – Monday 3rd

Session 1- 9.30-11am

Session 2 – 1.30pm-3pm

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents to join the children on this special Christmas Craft day. Please inform the class teacher if there is a grandparent who wishes to attend but hasn't yet booked as booking on eschools has now closed.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to our PTA who have purchased our school Christmas tree. We have lots and lots of baubles left over from previous years so no need to send any in this year. We are really looking forward to decorating the tree next week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Monday 3rd to Friday 21st

Each classroom will have a display where cards that have been sent to the whole class will be pinned up for everyone to enjoy. However, if your child wishes to send individual cards then between Monday 3rd and Friday 21st there will be a stocking on each internal classroom door for children to post their cards.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NON UNIFORM DAY – Friday 7th

Don't forget that Friday 7th is a non uniform day and we would appreciate any items for the Xmas Fair:

- *Donations for the Adult's Tombola
- *Donations for the Children's Toy Tombola.
- *Bottles of wine for the Water to Wine stall
- *Secondhand toys and children's books – good quality only please.
- *Cakes: Home made cakes can be brought into school on Friday 7 December. Get those recipe books out!

Don't forget to return raffle ticket stubs and money into school – there are some fantastic prizes to be won!

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 7th 6pm-8pm

Our annual PTA Christmas Fair will be held from 6pm-8pm on the evening of 7th December. We do hope you can join us. Please let your class rep know if you can offer any help either setting up, clearing away or during the fair.

STAGE

Thank you very much to Isla's Mum who has sourced a stage for the Reception and Year 1

Christmas Productions again this year. This has been very kindly loaned to us by Hawthorn Theatrical Ltd and was delivered earlier this week – THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

RECEPTION NATIVITY

Tuesday 18th 9.15am and Wednesday 19th 9.15am

IMPORTANT – See letter attached to today's correspondence for details of how to book up to 2 places for this event.

YEAR 1 SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Wednesday 12th 9.15am and Thursday 13th 9.15am

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YEAR 2 CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Friday 14th 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.

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

Reception and Year 1 - At the end of each performance a collection plate will be available should you wish to make a donation to the school. All money collected will be put towards the purchase of classroom resources for the children.

Year 2 – as above but any money donated will be shared with the church to say thank you for welcoming us when we visit at Harvest, Easter and Christmas time.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Monday 17th

Our whole school Christmas Dinner will be on Monday 17th December – further details to follow. If you could send your child in with a cracker on that day that would be wonderful. We will buy in some spares for anyone who isn't able to provide one.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Thursday 20th

Our whole school Christmas Party will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 20th December. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform and with a named bag of party clothes to change into. They will all make party hats in the morning so no headgear required!





DIARY DATES

Latest Update 29.11.18

NOVEMBER

Thursday 29th	Year 1 – Library Visit
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DECEMBER

Monday 3rd	Grandparents' Glitter Christmas Craft Sessions
Tuesday 4th – 7.45am-9.15am	Bag2School Collection
Tuesday 4th	Fire Brigade Visit – Year 1
Wednesday 5th	School Health - flu vaccines
Friday 7th	Non Uniform Day Please bring a donation for the PTA Xmas Fair
Friday 7th 6pm-8pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12th 9.15am	Year 1 'Sugar Plum Fairy'
Thursday 13th 9.15am	Year 1 'Sugar Plum Fairy'
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