

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Another week of exciting learning is taking place here in school and the children are having lots of fun and are working hard!

The government has provided schools with some extra money to help pupils catch up on missed learning and this week we have welcomed back on a part time basis two teachers who used to work at Telford Infants - Mrs Hilary Wilson who has been assigned to the Year 1 bubble and Ms Rachel Pope to the Year 2 bubble. Unlike supply teachers, these teachers do not work in any other schools. Plans for catch up support for Reception are being finalised.

Best wishes to all our families,
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ PAGE 2
OF TODAY'S NEWSLETTER**

***TEST TEXT MESSAGE – PLEASE
RESPOND IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A
TEST TEXT/ESCHOOLS NOTIFICATION
TOMORROW**

***HOT DINNERS - PARENTS OF
CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 AND 2 PLEASE
EMAIL THE OFFICE BY END OF DAY
TOMORROW IF YOU DO NOT WISH
YOUR CHILD TO HAVE HOT DINNERS.**

12th November 2020



CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need Day is tomorrow
Friday 13th November.

Children should wear normal school uniform tomorrow but are invited to wear **'funky socks'**.

Collection tins will be placed outside classroom doors tomorrow morning for any donations and the money that we raise will go towards helping children and young people in need across the UK.

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Year 2 for leading our whole school Remembrance Assembly yesterday. We learnt about why people wear poppies at this time of year and why Remembrance is important. The children also watched a CBeebies animation about poppies https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_ub7Be7oA and observed a 2 minute silence.

TEXT MESSAGE ALERT – TEST ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

In the event of a child or member of staff receiving a positive test result for COVID-19 Telford Infant School may use our eSchools texting service to alert parents that they need to urgently check their school account/email for a letter providing further details.

We shall be testing our text messaging service tomorrow - **Friday 13th November** - via our usual communication tool e-Schools to priority 1 parents.

Parents who have downloaded the e-Schools App and allowed push notifications, will receive a notification in the usual way. However, should this message not be opened within 2 minutes, a text message will follow. Any parents who have not downloaded the App will only receive a text message.

If you do not receive a notification or a text from school saying 'TESTING' tomorrow please can you contact the school office.

As previously stated, this is a test message only and the so there is no need to call the school.



STOP PRESS

A few Christmas dates have been added to the Diary Dates page of this Newsletter. Further details to follow on these and other Christmas activities to follow in next week's Newsletter.

HOT DINNERS - YEARS 1 AND 2

From Monday 16th November, Educaterers will provide a choice of two hot dinners each day for children in Years 1 and 2 whose parents wish them to have school meals. School dinners are free for all children throughout their time at Infants.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions Year 1 and Year 2 children will continue to eat in their classrooms, supervised by their Midday Supervisor. In order to ensure that their main course remains warm - and arrives to them without being spilt - all meals will be served in a box which will be composted after use.

A menu for the weeks up to the end of term is attached to today's correspondence. The main dish will be served with potatoes where appropriate and vegetables. There will be dessert of the day or fruit. Children with dietary requirements will be catered for.

As this is a change to hot lunches it is easier for us to presume that ALL children will be taking this new offer and **if you do not want your child to have a hot lunch because you are providing a packed lunch from home please email the office by 4pm Friday 13th November (tomorrow)**. Children who bring their own packed lunch will eat this with their friends in the classroom.

Going forward, if your child wishes to swap from hot lunches to a packed lunch provided from home or vice versa, then you must inform the office by 4pm the preceding Wednesday of the week you wish you child to swap. We ask that children remain on either packed lunches or school dinners for a week at a time.



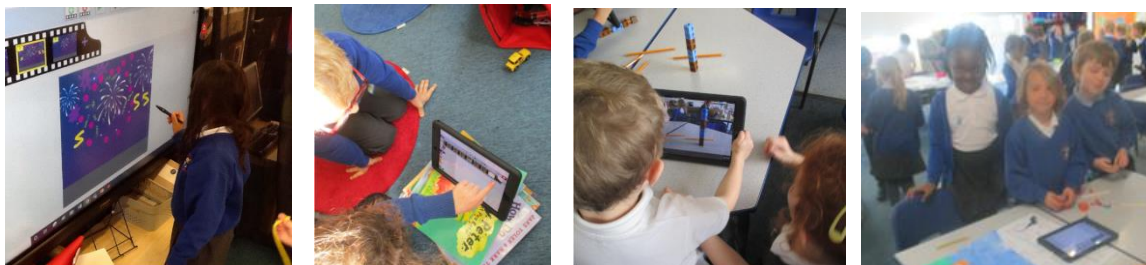
ARTS WEEK 2020/21

Many moons ago, in a time when Corona meant something else the idea of exploring how best to bring Art and Design together with IT was discussed within our cluster of local schools. Hence this year's Arts Week having an IT focus. Who knew back then how relevant learning through IT would become!

Each year group has explored and discussed the making of their favourite animations; Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep and Pingu. Using 2Animate in Purple Mash, each class produced their very own animations.

In Reception, the children made animations of fireworks exploding in the sky! In Year 1, based on the story 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke, the children photographed toys and household objects to re-enact each scene. Steven Spielberg watch out! In Year 2, based on their topic this half-term 'Jack and the Beanstalk', the children sculpted characters and scenery from plasticine. Next, using 2Animate, they photographed the magical beanstalk growing! Music was added and tah-dah...the children produced incredibly sophisticated animations!

Your child's work has now been uploaded onto Tapestry for you to enjoy. I'm sure you'll agree that they have produced fantastic animations having learnt many skills, both in Art and Design and IT in a hugely enjoyable week of creativity. What a great way to kick off this half-term!



ARTS WEEK 2019-20



Last year's Arts Week, 'The Natural World' doesn't seem like five minutes ago! Yet so much has happened in that short space of time. Back in January, we welcomed the marvellous Lynne Gougeon into school as our Artist in residence. She worked with each class, guiding them in a wide range of Art and Design skills culminating in each class producing a wonderful piece of Art from all around the world.

Our wonderful photographer, Dave Perry (Belle's Dad), then came into school to professionally photograph their work and this was sent off to the printers to turn the artwork into aluminium sheets that could be mounted. One stumbling block was the state of the fencing coming along the path into school, it wouldn't have done the children's artwork justice to mount it in that condition. Hence our amazing PTA were then primed and ready to go, armed with the monumental task of painting the fencing along the path into school. And then Corona hit...! With visitors no longer allowed on site, Plan B came into force and a crack team of school staff gave up the last two weeks of their Summer break to clean and paint the fence. Finally, months later than expected, the artwork was ready to be mounted just in time for the start of the Autumn term!

Dave very kindly gave up his time to come back to take photos of the finished project for an entry in the local press, coming soon!

Lynne warmly invites families to come and see her work in her new studio at East Lodge Gallery in Jephson Gardens
or find Lynne on [facebook.com/thisismyartandsoul](https://www.facebook.com/thisismyartandsoul) or www.thisismyartandsoul.co.uk





DIARY DATES Latest Update 12.11.2020

NOVEMBER 2020

Friday 13 th	Children in Need Day – Funky Socks
Monday 16 th	Diwali Afternoon in Reception
Tuesday 24 th	Year 1 and Year 2 – Celebration of Learning on Tapestry
Wednesday 25 th	Virtual Learning to Learn Videos for parents: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 1 st	School decorated for Christmas
Friday 11 th	PTA Christmas Raffle drawn
Monday 14 th	Year 2 – Phonics Screening Results uploaded onto Tapestry
Monday 14 th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16 th	Class Christmas Performances uploaded onto Tapestry
Thursday 17 th - afternoon	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th	Last day of Autumn term

JANUARY 2021

Monday 4 th	Teacher Training Day School closed to the children
Tuesday 5 th	Spring Term starts for the children

TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE:
https://telfordinfant.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/316881