



# Telford Infant School Newsletter

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## SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Our school photographer will be visiting us on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children. Proofs will be sent home for you to place an order if you wish.

Please note that this year we are trying a different approach to school photos and whole class photographs will be taken on 6th June. We will remind you nearer the time.

Remember to practise those smiles!

## LOVING LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,  
The children have settled down very happily into their new classes over the past few weeks and learning is in full swing.

Our new Reception children have now joined us and are enjoying making new friends and getting used to school life. They look super smart in their brand new school uniforms we are so proud of how well they are getting on.

Many thanks to everyone for such a great start to the new school year.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

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Whole school attendance up to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
**97.9%**

## YEAR 2's LEARNING VISIT TO THE HERBERT ART GALLERY

# Herbert

Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry



Last week at The Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry Year 2 had an amazing time being artists creating colourful pattern prints. Later in the day, as sculptors, we used our Noticing and Imitating Building Learning Powers. We acted out different feelings and imitated each other's facial expressions to make our own clay models.



## RULES MATTER

Each July our School Council create our School Rules for the following academic year. This year our 'Rules Matter' are:

*We make good choices in school.*

*We help keep our school safe and happy.*

*We are kind and polite and look after each other.*

*We walk sensibly indoors.*

*We take care of and share our things in school.*



Please be aware that we have children in school who have nut allergies. If you prepare a packed lunch for your child please refrain from including nuts or any foods including nuts in their lunchbox. Thank you.

## WELCOME MEETINGS

Thank you to those parents and carers in Years 1 and 2 who were able to attend our Welcome Meetings. Feedback was extremely positive and we are pleased you found them so useful. You can find the powerpoint presentations used during the evening on our school website:

Year 1: <http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/year-1/>

Year 2: <http://www.telfordinfant.co.uk/year-2/>

Our Welcome to Reception Meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm**

All Reception parents and carers are very welcome to attend. We are sorry that we cannot accommodate children at this meeting.

## YEARS 1 AND 2 FIT2DANCE WITH LIZ ENGLAND

To finish off a very exciting first week back at school the children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fun dance session. Liz England who runs Fit2Dance after school club and often leads dance sessions in school taught us some amazing new moves. Thank you, Liz!



Parent Teacher  
Association

### **Telford Infant School PTA Treasurer Wanted!**

The PTA is looking for another Treasurer to help support the various events they run throughout the year. You don't need to be an accountant but a general interest in money and figures will help!

You will work alongside Emma, our other Treasurer, to collect money from the school office, organise floats, pay expenses and count up the takings from our fairs and other events. On average, we run about 2-3 events each term.

Please get in touch if you are interested: [pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com](mailto:pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com) or leave your name and address with the School Office.

We raised over £10,000 last year so this role is essential to our success!



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## **Thank you very much to everyone who joined us for last week's PTA meeting.**

### **Class Representatives**

This year the PTA has decided to trial having class reps. Parents were invited to become the representative for their child's class during our AGM last week and we were delighted that so many signed up!

Our class reps will be an extra line of communication between teachers, parents and the PTA. They will attend PTA meetings, when possible, and pass on comments and suggestions from the other parents in their child's class as well as informing them of upcoming PTA events.

Your class reps this year are as follows:

Cherry: Rosetta Rizzo

Magenta: Amanda Williamson

Crimson: Kirsten Davies

Amber: Swetha Iyer

Primrose: Lisa Jackson

Sunshine: TBC

Sapphire: Lynsey Brannan

Indigo: Kathy Wheeler

Turquoise: Kathy Wheeler

We have a vacancy in Sunshine class so if you are interested please get in touch – [pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com](mailto:pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com) or leave your name and email at the School Office.

### **PTA events coming up ...**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9.10am-10.30am: PTA Coffee Morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 5pm-5.45pm: Year 1 Disco  
6pm-6.45pm: Year 2 Disco

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: PTA Quiz night (adults)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas Fair

Further details of events to follow.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school ‘regularly’ means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is ‘exceptional’ and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the ‘resident’ parent.

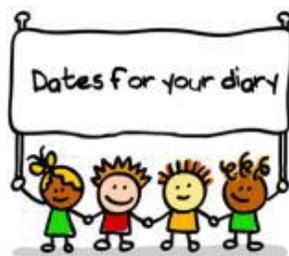
*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

**Your child’s progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**

## DIARY DATES



SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 6.30pm	Reception Welcome Meeting for Parents
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	National Poetry Day
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 10am	Years 1 and 2 Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church (a small number of parents will be needed to accompany us – more details to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> 2.45pm	Reception Harvest Celebration for parents
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm	Parent Forum Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 9.10am- 10.30am	PTA Coffee Morning and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am- 11.15am	Open Morning for families of children starting Reception September 2018
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 3.40pm-6.20pm	Learning Reviews
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term