

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun filled half term – the break now seems a very long time ago! I can guarantee that the weeks ahead will be packed full of lots of learning and excitement in the run up to Christmas. Please do check the diary dates in each Newsletter for a reminder of what's coming up.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Learning Reviews just before half term – I hope you found your meetings informative and supportive.

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis – Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 7th November 2019 is **96.6%**.

PTA

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



Parent Teacher Association

Thank you very much to all our PTA helpers who organised the recent 2nd Hand Uniform Sale. We made a total of £56.30 and had lots of happy parents who were able to pick up items of uniform at a bargain price.

7th November 2019



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2019



It's not too late to buy a poppy! The final day will be Monday 11th November.

If your child would like to buy a poppy please send in a small amount of money in an envelope marked 'POPPY' and your child's name.

Thank you to our Year 2 Poppy Sellers for doing a grand job each afternoon.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER



Please look out for a letter with today's correspondence from our School Council who are organising this year's Children in Need Day for us.

SMILES BREAKFAST CLUB



We have small number of places available at Breakfast Club. Please email SMILES if you are interested in your child attending – smilesclub@welearn365.com

RECEPTION DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



Happy Diwali, Everyone!

Reception have been learning about the Hindu and Sikh festival of light - Diwali. We watched a video about a little girl called Jessica and how she celebrates Diwali with her family. The children have been creating Rangoli patterns, Mendi patterns on handprints, tasting poppadoms and mango chutney and dressing up to celebrate.



RECEPTION HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Reception children really enjoyed performing their Harvest Celebration of songs and a story to all the grownups that came to watch. They did such an amazing job for their first time performing in the hall, we are very proud of them. Thank you so much for the donations of food which have gone to the local food bank who were very grateful to receive them.



Thank you too for all the pumpkins that Reception families sent into school. The children really enjoyed using them in their learning and the left overs were composted or put out for the local wildlife to enjoy.

PTA BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER



Our PTA has arranged a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 10th December

<https://bag2school.com/>

If you are having a clear out over the next few weeks we would be very grateful if you would put aside for us your unwanted adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

Bag2School collection bags will be sent home shortly to be brought back with any of the above unwanted items on 10th December.

Bags are weighed and we receive payment depending on the weight of the collection. We are working with the Junior School PTA in this venture and all proceeds will be shared equally between the two schools. Thank you.

GENERAL ELECTION - SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN

Please note that Telford Infant School is **not** used as a polling station and will be open on the day of the General Election – Thursday 12th December. All children are expected to be in school as normal and SMILES before and after school club will operate its usual hours.

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS



The ALDI sticker promotion ended on 3rd November but we are still happy to receive any stickers you may have collected.

DRIVING AND PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL SITE

A local resident has made a complaint as the driveway to his home is being repeatedly blocked by a parent's car at pick up time.

Overall we have a very positive relationship with our local residents who are supportive of our school. Please help us to maintain and grow that community relationship by parking considerately.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE AND HEALTHY - AIR POLLUTION

If you need to travel by car for the school run we ask that you keep your engine running to an absolute minimum when your car is stationary.

When a stationary vehicle's engine is kept running the amount of exhaust fumes in the air are significantly increased. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

On behalf of the children - thank you for keeping our journeys to school pleasant and clean.



2018-19 PERFORMANCE DATA

We are now in a position to share our end of academic year 2018-2019 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 rather than progress.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (end of Reception)

% of children achieving a Good Level of Development

Telford Infant School - 73% National - 72%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (end of Year 1)

% of children working at and above the National Standard

Telford Infant School - 79% National - 82%

End of Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2)

% of children working at the expected standard and above

	Telford Infant School	National
Reading	81%	75%
Writing	73%	69%
Mathematics	81%	76%
Science	94%	82%

% of children working at greater depth

	Telford Infant School	National
Reading	35%	25%
Writing	18%	15%
Mathematics	31%	22%



DIARY DATES Latest Update 07.11.2019

We will do our utmost to try to keep to these dates but please check future Newsletters for any changes

NOVEMBER 2019

Tuesday 12 th - morning	Amber class visit to Lillington Library
Friday 15 th	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 th - morning	Sunshine class visit to Lillington Library
Tuesday 19 th afternoon	Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start Reception September 2020 (NOW FULLY BOOKED)
Tuesday 26 th 3pm	Years 1 and 2 Celebration of Learning for parents
Wednesday 27 th 6pm-7pm	Learning to Learn Evening for Parents

DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 3 rd - morning	Primrose class visit to Lillington Library
Thursday 5 th morning	Reception Visit to see Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' at Warwick Arts Centre
Friday 6 th 5.30pm-7.30pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 th	PTA Bag2School Collection
Wednesday 11 th 9.15am Thursday 12 th 9.15am	Year 1 Christmas Play
Friday 13 th 10am	Year 2 Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church (2 guests for each Year 2 child will be welcome to attend – please do not bring more guests as the church cannot accommodate greater numbers. No need to book.)
Monday 16 th	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 th 9.15am Wednesday 18 th 9.15am	Reception Nativity
Thursday 19 th pm	Children's Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas
Friday 20 th	Last day of the Autumn Term
Monday 23 rd to Friday 3 rd (Jan)	Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2020

Monday 6 th	INSET (Teacher Training) Day School closed to children
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens to the children for the Spring term
Thursday 9 th morning	Open Morning for parents of children due to start Reception September 2020 (please contact school office to book a slot)

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