



Telford Infant School Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

We are looking forward to a busy Summer term and with today's correspondence you will receive topic webs and letters from your child's year group team giving you lots of information about this half term's learning.

Let's hope the sun keeps shining all term long!

Mrs Oustayiannis
Headteacher

PARENT FORUM

Thursday 26th April
6.30pm SMILES Parent Forum
7pm Parent Forum

Please let the school office know if you have any items for the agenda.
All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

LOVING LEARNING

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS OUR SCHOOL BUDGET

The last year has been a difficult one financially for us. You may recall that I wrote to you about a year ago to explain that, along with other local schools, we were going to have to make cuts to some of our provision and staffing. Those cuts were made and although the staff worked hard to give your children a first class education it was a tough year. The PTA and many families have been incredibly generous in donating resources and money to help ease the strain, so thank you very much for that.

This year our budget has improved slightly, meaning that we will be able to offer your children a little more support, but we are still not back to the levels of funding that we were receiving previously. If you are able to continue to support the school through taking part in PTA events, making small donations of resources and letting our politicians know your views about the level of school funding that would be fantastic.

You can read the facts about school funding from this independent, impartial charity: <https://fullfact.org/education/spending-schools-england/>

Please remember that if you want to contact me or any of the other governors you can do so through the school office.

Colin Talbot
Chair of Governors

SPORT RELIEF



17-23 March



Thank you for your very generous donations to Sport Relief – we raised an amazing £289.63.

Thank you too to Mrs Smith, Mrs Leech and our School Council for all their hard work organising the skipping event. The children also enjoyed wearing flashes of red clothing to school on Sport Relief Day and great fun was had by all!

SAPPHIRE CLASS – DJEMBE DRUMMING



On Saturday 24th March approximately 20 children from Sapphire Class played Djembe Drums with pupils from Woodloes Primary at Warwickshire Music Service Concert on the main stage at Warwick Hall.

They played brilliantly and with real confidence led by our Djembe Drumming teacher, Mrs Honey. Parents were extremely proud – Mrs Shippam and Mrs Oustayiannis both nearly burst with pride! Well done, Sapphire Class.

PE APPRENTICE

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mr Joshua East as our new PE Apprentice. Mr East will aid teachers in PE lessons, run lunchtime clubs, support children's gross development skills and organise sports activities for the children.

We look forward to welcoming Mr East when he starts in his new role on Monday 23rd April.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS! **Whole School Attendance up to 19th April 2018 – 97.3%**

As soon as an individual child's absence falls below 90% they fall into a recorded category called persistent absence as it then means that they are missing at least 1/2 a day of school every week - time which is then very difficult to catch up.

If you are ever concerned about your child's attendance or are having difficulty getting your child to school, please do not hesitate to ask us for support. We are more than happy to help.

PUCTUALITY – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! **Does your child arrive on time?** **School starts at 5 to 9!**

READING VOLUNTEERS



Do you – or a grandparent - have a spare half hour just after drop off time one or two mornings a week to listen to children read?

If you are interested please pop into the school office for more information.

LOST PROPERTY

Despite displaying Lost Property at the end of term a huge amount still remains unclaimed. This will now be given to the PTA or put out for the Bags2school collection in May. We are unable to return unnamed property to its rightful owner so please do make sure all items of uniform, PE kit, water bottles etc are clearly marked with your child's name.

SITE SECURITY

Security Fencing

We are pleased to inform you that the Local Authority has agreed to install Security Fencing around the Telford Infant and Junior School sites. It is anticipated that work will start this term. There will be some changes to the entrance points into school on Kelvin Road and further details will follow as the work commences.

We do still receive unwanted visitors out of school hours and anticipate that the security fencing will solve this. In the meantime we ask that you call Leamington Police if you see anyone trespassing. Following the arson attacks last term the police react very quickly to any concerns we have.

CCTV

The Local Authority has also installed a new CCTV system at the back of school during the Easter break. We now have excellent coverage of the back playground and garden area.

EASTER SERVICE AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH



Thank you to St Mary Magdalene Church for hosting our Easter Service for Years 1 and 2 – we had a lovely service and we had a lovely spring walk to and from church. Thank you to all the parents who helped us on the day.



Parent Teacher
Association

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter goodies and to all who bought tickets. We raised an amazing £310!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge hit. Thank you to all the PTA helpers for making this such a wonderful event for the children.

COMING UP THIS TERM ...

Sponsored Bounce

Friday 20th April

Bags2School

Wednesday 2nd May

Father's Day Present Room

Friday 15th June

Summer Fair

Saturday 7th July 12noon - 2pm

PARENT VIEW

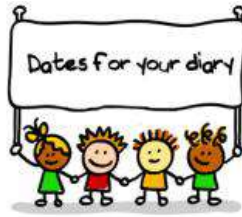
Parent View also gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Either follow the link on our website:

<https://telfordinfant.eschools.co.uk/web/ofsted/313513>

Or access Parent View directly from the Ofsted website

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>





Remember to also check the calendar on our school website:
<http://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/calendar>

APRIL

Friday 20th – PTA Sponsored Bounce

Tuesday 24th – Year 1 Visit to Mary Arden's Farm

Tuesday 24th – Year 2 Warwickshire Road Safety Club

Thursday 26th – 6.30pm SMILES Parent Forum
7pm Parent Forum

MAY

Wednesday 2nd - PTA Bags2School Collection

Thursday 3rd – Reception Pirate & Mermaid Day

Monday 7th – Bank Holiday - school closed

Friday 18th – Royal Wedding Celebration Day

Wednesday 23rd - 2pm Shakespeare afternoon for Year 1
parents

Monday 28th - Friday 1st June - Half Term

JUNE

Monday 4th – Teacher Training Day - school closed to children

Tuesday 5th – Children back to school

Wednesday 6th – Whole class photographs

Friday 15th – PTA Father's Day Present Room

JULY

Saturday 7th - 12noon-2pm PTA Summer Fair

Friday 20th – Last day of school year