



Telford Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to Reception!

Thank you for supporting us with the parent visits and bravely leaving your children at the classroom door this week. It has been lovely to meet many of you on the playground and to see happy smiling children starting school. The children have settled well and are already showing us their independence in putting their coats, bags and water bottles away.

As parents, there is always a lot to take on board during the first few weeks and our aim is give you information as required. To help with this please always read the school newsletter to stay up to date about what is happening in school and look out for the reception emails on Thursdays. Sometimes we will also put posters outside our classroom doors, add quick reminders to Tapestry or ask the class PTA rep to add things to the class Facebook group (ran by parents not the school).

Please check that your child has the following items in school – please name EVERYTHING!

- Wellies (please pop on the welly rack outside the classroom)
- Spare clothes in a suitable bag that can hang on their peg (these stay in school unless used)

Each day your child should bring with them;

- Coat (we go outside a lot and the weather is very changeable)
- Water bottle (please fill before coming to school but do not put in book bags as bottles can leak)
- Book bag (even though there might not be much in it yet the children need to practise putting it away and looking after it)
- Piece of fruit - our free fruit scheme has restarted again, so we have fruit to offer the children however, you still may want to provide your own. Children cannot bring cereal bars, fruit pouches, fruit winders, fruit yogurts etc.
- Your child should not bring stationery, toys, pictures etc from home. If they have something special that they want to show their class teacher, please photograph it and put an observation on tapestry.

PE Kits - When we start teaching PE we will give you a week's notice to send your child's PE kit in. This term all PE will be outside due to the COVID restrictions around using the school hall.

Toileting accidents – if your child has a toileting accident they will be encouraged to change themselves with supervision. If your child needs support, a member of staff will wear the appropriate PPE to support them. Wet or soiled clothes will be bagged and given to you at the end of the day together with a toileting slip. Our Intimate Care and Toileting policy can be found on the school website https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/school_policies_key_documents/313502

Curriculum - this half term we will be spending the first few weeks getting to know your children and finding out what they can do and what their interests are. Please look at the observations on Tapestry on a regular basis and continue to upload your own from home. This provides us with a rounded view of your child. Please read our Autumn 1 Curriculum news to find out more about the learning your children will be focusing on this half term.

Pick up and drop off - please read the latest correspondence sent out on 8th September regarding staggered drop off and pick up times. We ask that only one adult comes to school to help ease congestion and that you do not arrive earlier than your specified time. Please do not ride bikes or scooters when on the school site, this is to keep everyone safe.

Birthdays - we love to celebrate birthdays at school. If you would like to you can send a birthday book into school to keep in your child's class library. Please do not send in sweets or cake as we have several children in school with food allergies who cannot share such treats.

Pirate ship – we are very lucky to have a fantastic pirate ship on our front playground. Due to COVID restrictions and insurance, children cannot play on this before or after school.

Outdoor classroom – our reception outdoor classroom is outside Magenta classroom – the children love using this space, and in order to be ready to teach this area is set up in the morning before school starts. Whilst it looks very inviting, we ask that reception children younger siblings do not play with the resources in this area before or after school.

Eschools – this is our school communication system and you will be receiving a login for this very soon. Our Welcome Meeting video will explain how this works.

Parent pay - this is how you pay for items such as school trips, PTA events etc and you will be receiving a login for this very soon. Our Welcome Meeting video will explain how this works.

*****Key dates coming up*****

Reception virtual welcome meeting – on Wednesday 23rd September we will post a video on Tapestry explaining lots of really useful information about reception routines, learning and how you can help at home. Please take the time to watch this.

PTA AGM – Thursday 1st October (this will be a virtual meeting) – the PTA is a great way to meet other parents and be involved in the life of the school. If you are interested in joining the PTA please email Ellie Hutchinson, PTA chair on pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com

Harvest celebration – we will be celebrating Harvest on Friday 16th October and will be asking parents for food donations for the local food bank – more details on how to donate will be sent out nearer the time

Learning reviews – these will take place virtually during the last 2 weeks of this half term and further details will be sent out nearer the time

If at any point you have any questions, please email the office and they will be directly answered or passed to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

The Reception Team

