# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers, This week we welcomed Mrs Lakhveer Virk who has joined our Midday Supervisor team and will be Primrose Class Midday Supervisor. It is lovely to have her join our school.

Please look out for an important letter regarding Learning Reviews and a Celebration of Learning event for parents attached to today's correspondence.

Have a lovely weekend, Siân Oustayiannis Headteacher

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**



Can we please remind parents and carers that nuts and products containing nuts should **not** be brought into school. Thank you.

#### CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS DESIGNS

The deadline for returning orders was yesterday but we are able to take any last minute orders up to 9am on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October providing payment has already been made to the company online. Please drop them off at the School Office.

# 7th October 2022

#### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



The School photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** to take photographs of individual children and of siblings who attend our school. The photographer will return in June to take whole class photos.

#### **MUSIC MARK**



We are proud to share the news that Telford Infant School has been awarded the Warwickshire Music Mark for 2022-23. The Music Mark recognises the value we place on music in our curriculum and the hard work we undertake to ensure that our children are able to access and engage with high-quality music.

A special thank you to Mrs Jarvis, Miss Taekema and all our staff for making Music so enjoyable in our school.

#### TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL'S MEMORIAL TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II



The children have created a memorial to Queen Elizabeth II to help us all remember the nation's longest serving monarch and to help them process her passing in a positive way.

Year 1 and 2 children created a memorial tree writing and drawing their memories of the Queen and thanking her for her service. The memories were varied but corgis, crowns and marmalade sandwiches featured heavily!

Our Reception children made some beautiful flowers for the Queen which are proudly displayed amongst home made union jack flags and other memorabilia. Thank you to Miss Orton and Mrs Pugsley for coordinating our memorial.



# **GREEN FINGERED GROWERS**

A massive thank you to 2 of our Mums – Kara and Jo – for all their hard work gardening around school. It is a mammoth task but they have already made a huge difference. If any parents, carers, grandparents, friends would be able to give some time to help keep the school site tidy and welcoming please do contact Mrs Madahar (Sandy) in the school office.

#### DIWALI



Our RE Leader, Miss Taekema, is busy organising a day of celebration on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November when we shall be learning about Diwali.

Can you help us? If you celebrate Diwali would you be happy to come and share your experiences with the children? Do you have any artefacts or photos that we can show the children? If you think you could help us we would love to hear from you – please contact the school office in the first instance.

### YEARS 1 AND 2 DATA COLLECTION SHEETS -REMINDER

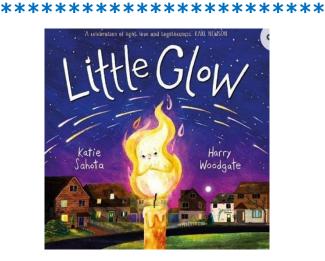
If you have not yet returned your child's Data Collection sheet please do so as soon as possible. It is essential that we have the correct details for your child. With many thanks.

### **DAY OF LANGUAGES**



26<sup>th</sup> September was the European Day of Languages and we joined in at Telford Infants by celebrating the languages spoken by children in our school. Miss Taekema led a special assembly to launch the day and then each class learnt about languages spoken by friends in their class. We soon found out that we have languages that extended way beyond Europe! We also enjoyed our special 'déjeuner européen'!

Thank you to those parents who helped us to learn about their culture and language. And thank you to Mrs Green, Miss Taekema and Mrs Walsh for organising a very memorable day.



#### **POETRY DAY**

We were so excited to meet Katie Sahota yesterday. Katie is the author of 'Little Glow' and the children absolutely loved listening to her reading her book to them.

'Little Glow' is a lovely book which talks through the many inspiring ways that communities celebrate light throughout the year and how even the smallest of lights have a really important purpose. The celebrations in the book range from Chinese New Year, Ramadan, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hanukah to Christmas.



Katie suggested that if we want to be writers that we keep a notebook with us as ideas will come to us when we least expect them. She told us that she has lots of notebooks everywhere and is always writing different ideas down.

The children wrote their own poems inspired by Katie – and here are Cherry Class's very own Little Glows!



# SAFE AND ACTIVE SCHOOLS



Telford Infant School is taking part in the Safe and Active Schools Programme again this year. The programme has been developed to promote and support road safety and active travel activities. It is designed to help schools encourage active travel journeys whether that be for the whole journey by walking, cycling, or scooting or for part of the journey using park and stride modes.

Active travel is proven to have many benefits for our children. With only fifteen minutes of exercise done through active travel, a child's mood can be improved, and concentration increased by up to 4 hours. This is a great way to meet the NHS' recommendation for children to have sixty minutes of exercise per day. Have you thought about changing **#JustOneJourney** per week? Why not consider Scoot / Bike /Walk on Wednesdays, or if you can't do the full journey actively, consider parking ten minutes away from the school and walking in?

To help your child(ren) become more active on the school journey, a list of useful resources can be found in the links provided. You can also find more information on Warwickshire Road Safety Education's dedicated Facebook page @WCCSafeActiveTravel and Twitter page @WCCSafe\_Active



Useful Websites

https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/

A UK based charity to get children walking.

#### https://www.sustrans.org.uk/

A charity based around getting more people walking and cycling

http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/

Brake the road safety charity https://www.think.gov.uk/road-safetylaws/

Rules of the road for drivers and pedestrians

#### SURVEY – JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

The Warwickshire Road Safety Team would like to invite parents and carers to fill out the following survey about their opinion on the journey to school. Every school has a unique link and ours is below.

https://forms.office.com/r/6QgPPT4KvT

In 2021-2022 we achieved the Safe and Active Bronze Award. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for all her hard work with the programme.



# **TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL - DIARY DATES** Latest Update 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022



#### October 2022

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest donations gratefully received. Donations will be given to the local foodbank – no fresh foods please: https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/warwickdistrict/
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 and 2 – Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalene Church – small
Morning	number of parents will be needed to help us walk to and from church.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Harvest Festival in school
2.45pm	*****PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHS AT
	SCHOOL EVENTS****
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Reviews
Thursdat 20 <sup>th</sup>	
3.45pm-7.00pm	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photographs
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> to	Half Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Teacher Training Day – school closed to the children

#### November 2022

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School reopens after the half term break
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of Learning
2.45pm-3.30pm	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA - Year 2 Pyjama Party
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school – Diwali Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Showrounds for families of children starting Reception in Sept 2023
after school	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA - Year 1 Pyjama Party
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Learning to Learn Videos on Tapestry
4pm	

#### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE - PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm-8pm

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#### \*\*\*\*\*PHOTOGRAPHS AT SCHOOL EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

Could all visitors attending school events please note that any video footage or photographs taken at school events **must not be uploaded onto the Internet, shared on social media** sites etc. **We also ask that you take images of your child only**. As you will be aware, parental consent is required for all children in our school relating to the publication of images and **there are children in school who must not have their photographs put into the public domain**.

We thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.