

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and friends,
This term is flying past but we have used Children's Mental Health Week as an opportunity to pause and reflect on everyone's wellbeing this week.

It has been wonderful to see the children's photos and video clips on Tapestry where they have dressed to express and impress. You can find a list of some of the outfits worn later in this Newsletter. To my delight lots of pets appeared on Tapestry as part of mental health week too – it seems that our animal friends are a huge part of our wellbeing!

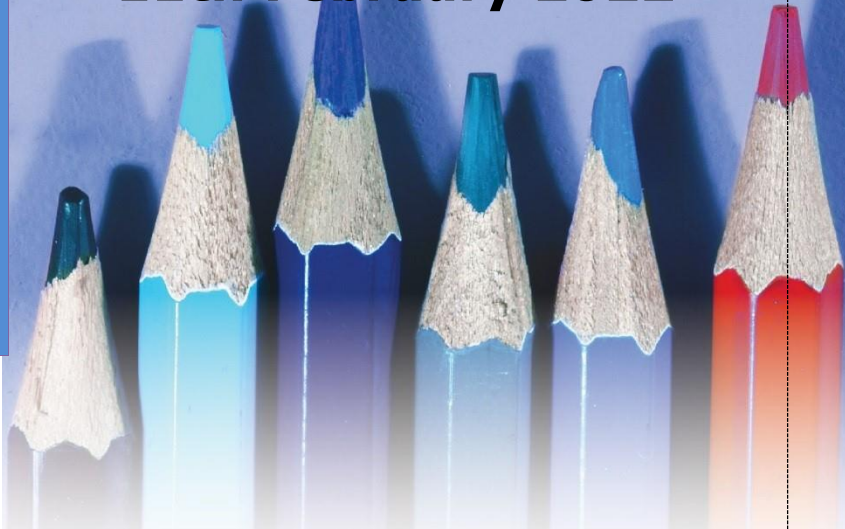
Wishing you all a very happy weekend!
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
Headteacher

COVID-19 UPDATE

Thankfully the number of positive cases of COVID-19 reported to the school has reduced this week.

In terms of Lateral Flow testing – as from Monday the recommendation for close contacts to take daily Lateral Flow Tests for 7 days prior to attending school will only apply to Year 2 children. We shall of course be in touch with Reception and Year 1 parents should this change.

11th February 2022



DANGEROUS PARKING AND DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL

The school has received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking during drop off and collection times, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school.

Leamington Police Safer Neighborhood Team visited the school yesterday and are aware of the ongoing issues being caused by dangerous driving and parking.

Please remember:

- *Do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines.**
- *Do not block local residents' driveways.**
- *Do not park on pavements as children, parents/carers and buggies need to pass.**
- *Do not double park and block the road.**

Our children's safety is everyone's responsibility and this includes during their journeys to and from school. We need you to work with us to keep the children, and the rest of our school community, safe.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Tuesday was Safer Internet Day! A day celebrated across the globe in over 170 countries, with thousands of children joining in across the UK. It's a day when we celebrate all the great things about being online and remind ourselves how we can stay safe.

The children took part in a virtual assembly led by Ms Roberts and then completed a range of activities in their class around this year's theme.

This year for Safer Internet Day, we explored respect and relationships online. The children thought about how they should behave when they are online and why is it important to be kind online.

In her assembly Ms Roberts told a new story about a duck called Digiduck who loves to go online but sometimes needs help to make safe choices. It's called 'Digiduck and the Magic Castle' and it's all about using the internet safely to play games, to ask a grown up for help when games ask for money or passwords and how to be kind to others online.

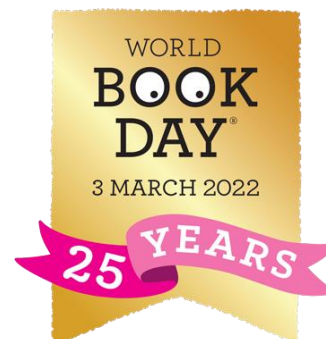
If you would like to read this story or any of the digiduck stories with your child it can be downloaded from <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>

Further information about Online Safety can be found on our website: https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/online_safety

WORLD BOOK DAY

3rd March 2022

REMINDER



<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Visit from a children's author:

We are looking forward to a visit from children's author, Loll Kirby who is coming to join us on World Book Day.

You can find out more about her and the lovely books she has written on her website

<https://www.lollkirby.co.uk/my-books-and-other-writing>

Dressing Up:

Children are also invited to dress up as a character from their favourite story and bring the book into school to share with a friend.

World Book Day Tokens:

Children will receive a World Book Day token – further information can be found on the World Book Day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Some ideas for exciting books to read:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



The children have really enjoyed all the activities that they have taken part in as part of Mental Health Week – yoga, mindful colouring and much more!



We have also thoroughly enjoyed sharing all the photos and videos that you have uploaded of your children on Tapestry dressing to express and impress.

Sadly there isn't space in this Newsletter to name them all, but here are some of the outfits we have loved seeing: onesies (of various themes!), dinosaurs, favourite 'best' clothes, Harry Potter, football kits, a Stormtrooper, ballet tutus and ballet shoes, Christmas themed clothes, gymnastics outfits, colour themes (purple and blue are amongst the favourites!), unicorns, the Incredible Hulk, a skateboarder, spotty tops, varnished nails, special socks, Victorian Day outfit, sunglasses, special toys being hugged, snugly pyjamas...

PTA



Thank you for all your Bag2School donations – a mountain of bags appeared in the Junior School Year 3 and 4 playground on Monday morning this week! We'll let you know how much was raised in due course.



Coming up...

- *Second Hand Uniform Sale – Friday 4th March
- *Mother's Day Present room – Friday 25th March
- *Easter Raffle – Late March/Early April
- *Sponsored Bounce – Friday 29th April
- *Date of next meeting – Wednesday 4th May at 7pm

Email:

pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com

PTA Facebook Helpers' Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/telfordinfantspta>

SPARE UNDERWEAR



A huge thank you to the parents who have dropped off bags of spare underwear - this has helped replenish our stocks!

Please drop off any unwanted, but still usable, pants, socks and tights at the school office at any time. We are always in need!

DO YOU USE AMAZON?

PTA AMAZON SMILE ACCOUNT



The PTA has a Smile account on Amazon so your online shop can help to raise money for the school (at no cost to you).

All you need to do is go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and choose Telford Infant School Parent Teacher Association as your charity.

Or you can sign in to Amazon and go directly to this link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1071470-0>

The PTA will receive 0.5% of all purchases you make if you make us your chosen charity.

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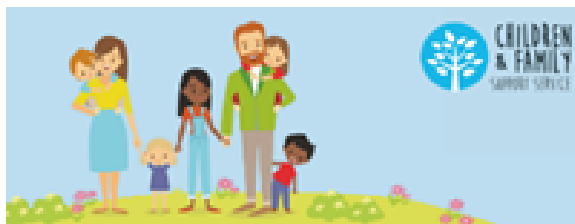
Throughout the year we always need lots of different resources to make our learning the very best it can be and we are often asked how you can help. The school has an Amazon Wishlist for anyone interested in adding an item for the school to their Amazon orders. The list changes throughout the year, so check back often if you'd like to send the children of Telford Infant School a gift. Orders can be mailed directly to the school. Items on the list start at just a few pounds and we would be extremely grateful for anything you might be able to purchase for us – however small.

Find the list here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3LTJ0UVBNL3VM/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

and please do pass on these details to friends, family and colleagues who may be interested.

WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE



The Warwickshire Family Information Service is brilliant for pointing you in the right direction if you need advice. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

They have a Facebook page too: <https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFIS>

You can sign up for their newsletter here:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/familyinfoservice>

SMILES CLUB VACANCIES

SMILES Club are still seeking playworkers to support children at our After School Club. This is a really rewarding role. If you, or someone you know, is interested our SMILES Manager, Francesca Berry, would love to hear from you for an informal chat about the role and the various contracts that are available.

Contact Details:

Email: smilesclub@welearn365.com

Phone: 07925 823386 (term time between 7.30am and 8.30am or between 3.30pm and 6pm, or leave a message on the answerphone)

SMILES Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Latest Update 11th February 2022

FEBRUARY 2022

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| Friday 18 th | Warwickshire Road Safety Team Visit – Year 2 |
| Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th | Half Term |
| Monday 28 th | Teacher Training Day – school closed to children |

MARCH 2022

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| Thursday 3 rd | World Book Day Visit from Loll Kirby, children's author |
| Friday 4 th | PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| Wednesday 9 th | Reception Height and Weight |
| Friday 18 th | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 25 th | PTA Mother's Day Present Room |
| Week Commencing 28 th | Whole School Science Week |
| Monday 28 th | Whole School Learning Visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park |
| Wednesday 30 th | Visit from The Animal Man |

APRIL 2022

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| Late March/Early April Date of draw tbc | PTA Easter Raffle |
| Monday 4 th | Learning Reviews |
| Wednesday 6 th | Learning Reviews |
| Friday 8 th 3.20pm | School closes for Easter Holiday (SMILES open to 6pm) |
| Monday 25 th | School reopens for the Summer Term |
| Friday 29 th | PTA Sponsored Bounce |