

Telford Infant School

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Dear Reception Parents,

As we come to the end of the children's first full half term in reception we have lots of exciting news to share with you ready for next half term.

Outside classroom

All the children really enjoy learning in the outside classroom and we are very excited that the whole area will be undergoing a transformation over the next few weeks. A new canopy to enable the children to be outside all year round will be installed first (to replace the existing worn one), followed by a new climbing frame on artificial grass (to replace the broken used sandpit). Rainbow markings on the floor will brighten up the whole area. Please see the examples below.





This work will take approximately 4-6 weeks and whilst this happens, we will be transferring elements of the outdoor classroom to the front playground and front garden area to create a temporary outdoor classroom. Please note that the children should not use the outdoor classroom resources during drop off or collection. You will be able to see the progress of the revamp as you walk around the one-way system and we will take many photographs of the children enjoying their area when it is completed. (Please note this work has been delayed due to COVID and should have taken place over the summer break).

School lunches

As you will have read in last week's newsletter from Tuesday 3rd November all reception children will be having their lunch in the school hall. This means that they will be able to choose a red or green lunch from Educaters normal hot menu. When we start back, we will be on **Tuesday Week 3**. As this is a change to hot lunches we are presuming that ALL children will be taking this new offer. If you do not want your child to have a hot lunch because you are providing a packed lunch from home please email the office by 4pm Friday 23rd October (tomorrow). Children who bring their own packed lunch will also eat this in the hall. As the term progresses if your child wishes to swap from hot lunches to a packed lunch provided from home, then you must inform the office by 4pm the preceding Wednesday of the week you wish you child to swap.

Please talk to your child about the red and green choices, which are attached. The main dish will be served with potatoes/pasta/rice and vegetables. There will be dessert of the day or fruit. Children with dietary requirements will be catered for as needed. The half term break would also be a great opportunity for the children to practise using a knife and fork.

Forest School

This half term Magenta class have been taking part in Forest School with Mrs Smith on a Tuesday afternoon and will continue to do so until Christmas, engaging in different activities. Therefore, ready for the first week back after half term all **Magenta children** will need to bring the following

- A pair of welly boots (these should already be in school)
- Old trousers
- A warm jumper
- A coat (that you don't mind getting dirty)
- A warm hat
- Gloves

Please send all of the above in a named bag that can stay on your child's peg (wellies will stay on the welly racks). Please name all items. Kits will stay in school unless they have got excessively dirty and need to be sent home to be washed.

Cherry class will be taking part in Forest School in the Spring term and Crimson class in the Summer term – further information will be sent to these classes nearer the time.

We hope you have a relaxing break. All the children have coped so well with their first half term at school, we are very proud of them. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November for our Arts Week.

Kind Regards

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