

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,
It is very hard to believe that 8 weeks have passed since Telford Infant School reopened for all children in all year groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of the Telford Infant team for their hard work this half term in keeping the children safe and happy despite the immense constraints of the pandemic situation.

Thank you too for the positive emails and very kind comments that so many of you have made to staff over the past 8 weeks – every single one has given us a huge boost.

All schools have had to make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions around full reopening and I am very aware that in order to comply with the government guidance there have been several changes to our systems and processes this term. When things are 'different' please know that our aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible in the current climate and that the children are at the heart of every single decision the school makes.

I hope that you all have a safe half term and remain well. However, should your child or a member of your household test positive for COVID-19 during the half term break please inform the school by emailing

admin2326@welearn365.com

Very best wishes to you all,
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

22nd October 2020



HALF TERM

We hope you all enjoy a well deserved break over half term. As this year we have teacher training days at each end of the half term school will be closed to the children from

Friday 23rd October to
Monday 2nd November

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November.

SCHOOL DINNERS UPDATE

Reception

Hot dinners will resume for Reception children from **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Full details are being shared with Reception parents and carers in a separate letter attached to today's correspondence.

Years 1 and 2

As mentioned on last week's Newsletter hot dinners for children in Years 1 and 2 will resume as soon as Educaterers can offer this. The date we are expecting this to start is **Monday 16th November.** As soon as the school is given a firm date we will pass this on to parents and carers of Year 1 and 2 children with further details and menus.

LEARNING REVIEWS

We are so pleased that apart from a very few minor technical issues Learning Reviews on TEAMS have worked very smoothly so far and the feedback from parents has been extremely positive. In particular many parents have told us they were pleased that both parents could easily attend, even from different locations. Thank you so much for embracing the technology so we could offer these 'face to face' reviews with you.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

WARWICK DISTRICT FOODBANK

Our local Foodbank works using a voucher referral system - Mrs Oustayiannis and our School Business Manager, Mrs Macfarlane, are authorised to issue vouchers to families in need. If you ever feel that your family need support please contact either Mrs Oustayiannis or Mrs Macfarlane who will treat all conversations in confidence - they know that anyone can find themselves in need of help for a number of different reasons at any time. They will need to take some basic details from you to complete the voucher. Once a voucher has been issued it can be exchanged for emergency food at your nearest foodbank centre. Further details can also be found by contacting the Foodbank website.

<https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Additionally, if you ever need support in providing uniform and/or PE kit for your child please do contact Mrs Oustayiannis or Mrs Macfarlane - email or phone the school office and ask for one of us to get back to you. Our PTA have a supply of good quality second hand uniform and we can arrange to get hold of what you need - free of charge and in complete confidence.

WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES



There are lots of fun things going on online at Warwickshire libraries for children this half term:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/the-latest-news-from-warwickshire-libraries-7f28ic0btx-1192324>

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE



The Warwickshire Family Information Service is a great source of information and is brilliant for pointing you in the right direction if you need help.

<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/familyinfo-service>

AIR POLLUTION

A parent has commented on the number of parked cars outside the school with their engines running now that winter is setting in.

Young children are at particular risk of harm from exhaust fumes so if you drive your child to school please remember to turn off your car engine when you are parked near school.

Thank you.

HARVEST DAY Friday 16th October



The children enjoyed celebrating Harvest and World Food Day last week. They enjoyed learning about what happens at Harvest time and why it is celebrated. The children learnt about how Harvest is a time to be thankful and they thought about some of the things they are thankful for, such as food and their families and friends.



Thank you for your kind donations for Warwick District Foodbank. We are in the process of counting the money which will then be sent to the Foodbank so they can purchase the items they need to support people in our local community.

Reception Wellie Walk

To celebrate Harvest Day our Reception children went on a wellie walk around the school grounds. On our walk we looked carefully at the changing colours of the leaves on the trees and thought about how special our world is.

We wore our Harvest Crowns that we made which made us look really colourful. As we walked around the school grounds we waved to the big children and grown ups in the classrooms that we have not been able to meet yet which was lots of fun!

We even went to the office window to wave to the office ladies and Mrs Oustayiannis.





Parent Teacher
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OCTOBER PHOTO COMPETITION.

Send us your pictures of your pumpkin carvings to be in with a chance of winning an Amazon Fire Tablet kindly donated by Central Warwickshire NFU Mutual.



For a donation of £1 per photo which can be paid via your child's parentpay account, send your photos to pta.telfordinfants@gmail.com by Tuesday 3rd of November and our impartial judges will choose their favourite to win the

GDPR: All information provided will only be used for the purposes of the competition and will be deleted immediately afterwards.



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**A massive thank you to
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for their very generous donation of an Amazon Fire Tablet as a
prize for this competition.**




DIARY DATES **Latest Update** **22.10.2020**

OCTOBER

Thursday 22 nd (4pm to 6.30pm)	Online Learning Reviews for parents on TEAMS
Friday 23 rd	Teacher Training Day – School closed to children
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term

NOVEMBER

Monday 2 nd	Teacher Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 3 rd	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 6 th	Art Afternoons – 'Art through ICT'
Wednesday 11 th	Whole School Remembrance Day Assembly led by Year 2 on TEAMS. 2 minute silence at 11am.
Friday 15 th 	Children in Need Day The children are making suggestions as to what they would like to do to raise some money for this cause! Further information to follow.

DECEMBER

**Christmas 2020 at Telford Infants is currently being planned...
We shall make it as special as we can, despite the current
restrictions.**