# TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

November was a very happy month at Telford Infant School with lots of exciting learning. Now that December has arrived our Christmas activities and learning are in full swing.

Our PTA helpers have also been extremely hard at work preparing for the Christmas Fair and do hope that you will be able to join the fun tomorrow evening.

I look forward to seeing you at the children's Christmas performances over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher



Having fun decorating the Christmas Tree

# ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance up to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 is **96.8%**.

# 5th December 2019



Parent Teacher Association

CHRISTMAS FAIR FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 5.30PM – 7.30PM Come along, have fun and support our school! Entry - £2 per family.

### Remember to wear a Christmas jumper or a Christmas accessory with your uniform to school tomorrow!

In return donations requested include: \*Children's Toy Tombola – great condition toys / books / games that children can win as prizes

\*Adults' Tombola – great condition / unwanted gifts that adults can win as prizes

\*Water to Wine stall – bottles of wine please!

\*Cakes / biscuits (no nuts please) – homemade or supermarket we don't mind as long as they're yummy!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PTA would be very grateful for helpers at the following times on 6<sup>th</sup> December: 9am-11am and 3pm-5:30pm, meet at school reception.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGLON POPPY APPEAL



Our recent poppy appeal raised £238.12 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy this year.

## LEARNING TO LEARN EVENING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Thank you very much to those parents who were able to join us for our Learning to Learn evening last week. The feedback was extremely positive. The powerpoints used can be found on our website:

Reception: <u>https://www.telford-</u> inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/reception/313722

Year 1: <u>https://www.telford-</u> inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/year\_1/313723

Year 2: <u>https://www.telford-</u> inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/year\_2/313724

# PTA BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION



#### https://bag2school.com/

Please leave bags at the bottom of the Juniors Year 3 and 4 Playground between **7.30am and 9am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you.

# GRANDPARENTS GLITTER EVENT



Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for our Christmas Glitter Art and Craft day last Friday. We really enjoyed having you!







# CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



A huge well done to our violinists who showcased their skills at a Violin Concert for the whole school last week.





The children have been very busy practising their Christmas concerts and are looking forward to welcoming you to their performances.

We are very sorry but due to Health and Safety regulations and lack of space we cannot provide any additional places for performances – including Junior school children who won't be at school on election day.

Please also note that parents and carers are welcome to video record and take still photographs of their **own children only** during performances. We understand that at times images of other children and/or school staff may be inadvertently captured and these must not be shared publicly, including not being uploaded onto social media. Thank you.

## **STAGE**

## A huge thank you to A&I Events in association with Jewson

for providing us with a stage for the Reception and Year 1 Christmas productions. The children are delighted!

# CHRISTMAS DINNER Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December



Allie and her kitchen team have had a very busy term and now beginning to prepare for our Christmas dinner.

In the past the children have enjoyed having crackers at the Christmas lunch and as in past years we invite you to send in a cracker with your child.

We are aware that crackers aren't always environmentally friendly so if you want to send in a homemade one using recycled materials then please do. We will also recycle as much packaging as we possibly can.

We do have some spare crackers here in school if you cannot provide one.

#### ADVICE FOR PARENTS RE PURCHASING TECH GIFTS

You may find the advice contained in the Internet Matters site below helpful if buying tech Christmas gifts this year: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources /tech-guide/smart-toys-and-wearablegadgets/#smart

Please do not send smart watches into school with your child. If you wish your child to wear a watch then an analog or digital watch that does not 'beep' and that just helps your child learn to tell the time is appropriate but school cannot be held responsible for damage or loss. Watches need to be removed during PE lessons. Our whole school Christmas Party will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 19th December

Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform and with a <u>named</u> bag of party clothes to change into. They will all make party hats in the morning so no headgear required!

In the afternoon, the children will change into their party clothes and enjoy party games in their classes. Later on they will all come together and enjoy a Christmas Feast in the school hall. The PTA will treat the children to their party food and drink. After a play outdoors the children will come back inside.

Father Christmas has been invited to visit us so please keep your fingers crossed that he will be available to join us, he can be very busy this time of year!

If you do not want your child to attend the party please let your child's class teacher know.

Thank you to the PTA for organising our party again this year.



# DIARY DATES Latest Update 05.12.2019

DECEMBER 2019	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sapphire Class Drumming concert for parents and carers
2.30pm – 3.00pm	
Friday 6th	Christmas Jumper/Christmas Accessory Day in return for a
198	donation to the school fair.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Annual Christmas Fair
5.30pm – 7.30pm	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA BAG2SCHOOL Collection
7.30am - 9am	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am and	YEAR 1 Christmas Performance – The Bossy Christmas Fairy
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am	
Thursday 12th	General Election – Telford Infant School is fully open and all
	children are expected to attend.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Year 2 Carols at Christmas at St Mary Magdalene Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am and	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> afternoon	Christmas Party
Friday 20th	Last day of term

#### JANUARY 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	INSET (Teacher Training) Day
	School closed to children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens to the children for the Spring term
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10th	Arts Week - Artist in Residence
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> morning	Open Morning for parents of children due to start
	Reception September 2020 (please contact school office to
	book a slot)

## **REMINDER - YEAR 2 PARENTS AND CARERS ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 3 - SEPTEMBER 2020**

Year 2 parents and carers, you have until **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020** to submit an application for your child's place in Year 3 at Juniors or at a Primary school for next September. Applications can be made online at:

https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-junior-school-place