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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School Communication – Thank You for Your Feedback

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire about communication. We really value your feedback and were pleased that there was a strong positive response to the way our school communicates and, in particular, to the approachability and support of our staff.

The feedback has also given us some useful areas to reflect on. A clear message was the importance of **timely, clear and accessible information**, particularly around dates, events and arrangements.

We are already taking action in some areas. We are introducing **online booking for Learning Reviews**, which will make the process simpler and more flexible for families. We will also continue to focus on providing information as early as we reasonably can, making changes to dates clear and ensuring that key information is accurate and easy to find.

Making Better Use of Our Website

One area we would particularly like to develop is the way families use our **school website**. Rather than relying on a printed parent information guide, which can quickly become out of date, we want the website to be the place where families can find the most current information about school routines, the school day, term dates, policies, curriculum information and other useful information about school life.

We recognise from the questionnaire that not all families currently find it easy to know where to look. We will therefore do more to **signpost important information and direct families to the relevant parts of the website**, rather than expecting you to search for it.

Our new parents' information evening in July will also provide an opportunity to introduce families to the website and show new parents/carers where key information can be found.

Working Together

We also reflect that communication in a primary school is different from that in a much larger organisation. We do not have a dedicated communications team, and many events and activities are organised by individual teachers alongside their teaching and learning responsibilities. Occasionally, arrangements and dates will therefore need to change for reasons outside of our control.

Our commitment is to make communication **as clear, accurate and timely as we can**, while recognising that flexibility is sometimes necessary in a busy school environment.



Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback. We will continue to review our communication systems and make practical improvements where these will make a genuine difference to families. Our aim is not necessarily to add more communication, but to make the information we provide **clear, consistent, timely and easy to find**.

Attendance

The Warwickshire Attendance Service Officer visited school this week to review our levels of attendance. At this early stage in the school year, it is encouraging to see our overall pupil attendance is 97.3%.

Teachers will share individual pupil attendance at the November Learning Reviews.

Why is Good School Attendance Important?

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential in supporting children to flourish and fulfil their potential. It enables them to:

- Learn.
- Make and manage friendships.
- Develop new skills.
- Have fun.
- Experience new things in the world around them.
- Develop awareness and respect of other cultures, religions, ethnicity and gender differences.
- Build confidence and self-esteem.
- Achieve and thrive with a sense of belonging to their school community.
- Prioritise their well-being and happiness.
- Be given the best start in life, enabling the best possible choices for their future.

How you can help your child to have excellent attendance

- Always inform the school if your child is absent.
- Talk openly to your child about school and work in partnership with the school to best support them.
- Encourage your child to attend regularly and share any concerns with the school.
- Arrange medical or dental appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- Establish good morning and bedtime routines.
- Support your child to arrive at school on time.
- Where possible attend learning reviews and school events.
- Value and acknowledge achievements in school.
- Take family holidays and visit family outside of term time.

Remember that if your child's attendance is a little low earlier in the year, good attendance for the remainder of the year will see their overall attendance percentage rise.

Team Telford is Back! AGM Catch-Up & Exciting Plans Ahead

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for the Team Telford Annual General Meeting on Tuesday! We had a brilliant evening sharing ideas, officially relaunching the team, and mapping out how we can support the school and the children this year.

First things first, we want to send a huge thank you to Edwina. After many years of dedicating her time and energy to chairing Team Telford, she is stepping down to take a very well-earned rest. Thank you, Edwina, for absolutely everything you've done for the school community!

For those who couldn't make the meeting, here is a quick peek at what we are plotting for the year ahead:

The Big Project (Outdoor Learning Area)

Our main fundraising mission this year is helping the school transform the rough ground next to the new build into a fantastic, all-weather Outdoor Learning Area. We will soon be putting together a specialised working group to tackle this. So, if you have a background in construction, CAD, project management, or just love a good DIY challenge, we would love your help to get this off the ground.

Upcoming Events & School Support

We are busy creating a really fun calendar of events to bring everyone together, alongside funding those essential everyday extras that make school life even better for the children. We'll be sharing a proposed schedule of activities and our funding goals very soon, once they are officially locked in!

Meet the New Committee (*and yes, you can still join us!*)

During the AGM, we also elected our new core officers. We are thrilled to introduce your new Team Telford crew:

Chairperson: Claire Dixon
Vice-Chair: Jane Patel
Secretary: Laurie Barton
Treasurer: Yags Patel

Even though these core roles are filled, we want to make it absolutely clear that our doors are wide open. If you missed the meeting and fancy taking on a formal committee role - or sharing a role like co-chair or co-treasurer - we would absolutely love to have you on board.

You also don't need an official title to get stuck in! There are many of us helping outside of the committee roles. We have a Team Telford WhatsApp group for anyone who wants to chat, share ideas, or lend a hand, and we would love for you to join it.

Stay in the Loop!

We will soon be relaunching our very own Team Telford newsletter, so keep an eye out for our first edition! We will also be sharing regular updates and messages via class reps on WhatsApp. Plus, we



are breathing new life into the Team Telford Facebook page, so make sure to look out for those posts getting reshared soon.

Team Telford is all about community, and there is zero pressure and no minimum commitment. Whether you want to help lead the big outdoor build, run a single event, or just pour drinks for an hour here and there, we need your ideas and your energy.

Get in Touch

We are currently busy getting our very own Team Telford email address set up! In the meantime, if you would like to join the WhatsApp group, nominate yourself for a role, or share a brilliant fundraising idea, just drop a message to the school office and they will put you directly in touch with us.

- **Team Telford Committee**

First Chapter Friday – Our New Book Club!

I am thrilled to be able to introduce Telford Junior School's new book club, **First Chapter Friday**, open to children in all year groups.

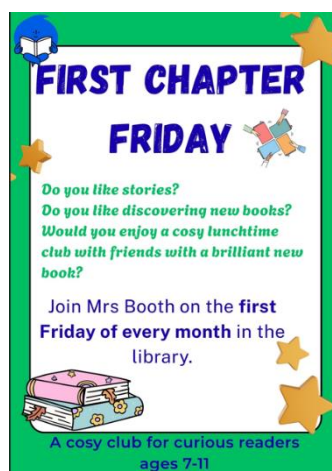
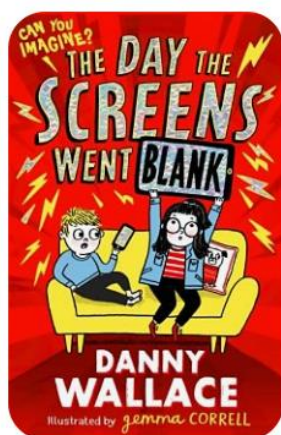
We launched on Friday and I was excited to welcome around 70 enthusiastic book fans - it was the highlight of my week! We read the first chapter of *The Day the Screens Went Blank* by Danny Wallace, then discussed whether we would like to read the rest of the story.

If your child attended, it would be lovely if you could ask them about the chapter: what happened, whether they enjoyed it and why and whether they would like to read more. It's a great way to continue our book chat at home!

The club will meet **in the library at lunchtime on the first Friday of every month**. I have some fantastic books lined up to share with the children and will make sure these are available to borrow from our school library.

Whether your child is already an avid reader or is still discovering the joy of books, they are very welcome to join us and be part of the First Chapter Friday book buzz!

- **Kerry Booth**



Year Group Padlets

Please follow the links below to your child's Year Group Padlet, for information about their year group and home supported learning activities:

[Year 3 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 4 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 5 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 6 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

Autumn Term Dates

October	
Monday 12 October	Cabaret Evening held in North Leamington School's Theatre (6.30 - 8.00 pm)
Thursday 15 October	Open Afternoon (4.00 – 5.00 pm) for Y2 parents/carers
Thursday 22 October Friday 23 October	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney for Stone Age experience
26 – 30 October	Half-Term Holiday
November	
Tuesday 3 November	Y6 Tower of London Visit (7.30 am departure)
Wednesday 4 November (2.30 pm)	Y3 Ash Stone Age Exhibition (school hall)
Thursday 5 November (2.30 pm)	Y3 Chestnut Stone Age Exhibition (school hall)
Friday 6 November (2.30 pm)	Y3 Beech Stone Age Exhibition (school hall)
Wednesday 11 November Thursday 12 November	Learning Reviews (4.00 – 6.45 pm)
Friday 13 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17 November	Year 5 Planetarium visit (in school)
December	
Wednesday 9 th December Thursday 10 th December	Y5 Christmas Production (6.30 – 7.30 pm)
Friday 11 th December	9.30 am Y3 Christmas Songs & Music 10.30 am Y4 Christmas Songs & Music 11.30 am Y6 Christmas Songs & Music
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	End of Term (3.20 pm)



This year we have signed up to the **'Run Pudsey' challenge**, which will take place on **Friday 13th November**. This will involve a sponsored run around the school field. We will stay in the school's active uniform for the day, while inviting the children to include a yellow accessory or change one item of clothing to a yellow one – a yellow T-shirt, yellow shorts, yellow socks or a yellow scarf, for example.

We have been asked to share a sign-up page with parents/carers, to support the fund-raising process. Our school's landing page is: <https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/telford-junior-school>

You will need to use the school code: **E3B8**

The 'Run Pudsey' team will send medals to all those participants who are registered. These medals will be sent into the school to hand out.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Richard Siviter
Head Teacher



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