



NEWSLETTER

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Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!



Easter Bonnet Parade



On Friday 22 March there will be an Easter Bonnet parade during our assembly.

The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet / hat to wear during assembly.

A winner will be chosen from each class who will each win an easter egg.



Best Attendance



Chicks 1	90.43
Chicks 2	90
Wrens	96.55
Robins	98.21
Swifts	97.24
Swallows	98

This week's attendance cup winner is:

Robins

Well done and thank you parents for ensuring your child has been attending school.



Goodbye

The governors, staff and children will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Picknell when she retires on on Friday 22 March 2024. I know many of you have built strong relationships with Mrs Picknell over the years and will miss her kind and thoughtful nature. The school will miss her expertise and bubbly personality. She as lived and breathed our ethos and been a huge part of the beating heart of our school and nursery.

'Some people can touch your life for a short while but will leave an imprint for a lifetime'. Mrs Picknell is one of these people the positive impact she has had on our school community will be felt for years to come. She has served with integrity and honesty always keeping children at the heart of her work. I know parents would like to join me to wish Mrs Picknell a happy and restful retirement. Good luck for the future!

30 hours free childcare funding for 3-4 year olds

Click on the following link to check whether you're eligible

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Are you already claiming your 30 hours free childcare funding?

Don't forget to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

The deadline for confirming your funding code for the Summer Term is **31 March 2024**. If you miss this deadline you may lose your funded childcare.

Sporting sessions in the community

Kickstars Football is committed to providing your child with an enjoyable, fun experience at every lesson. Team Kickstars has years of coaching experience to provide a combination of football fundamentals with social skills such as teamwork, taking instruction, communication, listening, sharing, and much more! It supports children with achieving their early years learning objectives by encouraging numbers, colours, coordination, and balance

You can book a FREE taster session at their venue in Telford. To find out more please use the link below:

www.kickstarsfootball.co.uk



Get set... we're taking part in Big Walk and Wheel 2024 the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **11-22 March**. It's free and we would love everyone to be involved.



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. We'll be competing against other schools in Telford & Wrekin and right across the UK and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we are taking part

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, follow the link for a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you..

www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

Did you know?

Children need to be physically active for 60 minutes a day, with 30 minutes of that activity taking place outside of school.

Click [here](#) to access activities you can do at home to inspire children to move more out of school hours!



Our Learning this week

Reception



This week we have continued to observe our ducklings in school.

The ducklings have taken their first swim and grown much bigger.



Year 1

This week we have been taking part in British Science Week! We have been learning about animal variations. The children had to be 'predators' and inspect the school grounds to hunt for a moth. We hid it in different areas such as: dried leaves, sheltering in a tree and growing foliage. The children found that the moth blended in the best when it was hidden on the bark of a tree.



Year 2

The theme for British Science week this year is 'Time'. We have set up some investigations to see what happens over time. We've enjoyed observing ice balloons and finding out what happens when we add salt. We have planted grass seeds in pots to see how quickly they germinate and grow into grass heads. We have also set up a test to see what happens with bread that has been touched by dirty hands compared to bread that has not been touched at all.



The Nest



During British Science week we have been investigating ice and trying to learn how we can get the toys out of the frozen cups. We have been using interesting language and found that ice needs to melt so we can release the toys. We talked about different ways we could try and melt the ice and free the toys.

Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:40am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should must not use the adventure playground before or after school. Parents are responsible for children's safety before and After school.



A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.



No Dogs Allowed on school premises

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many, however others may find their presence stressful or frightening.

For these reasons, our school policy is that No dogs (apart from guide or registered assistant dogs) are allowed on the school playground either on a lead or carried.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
11-22 March	Big Walk and Wheel Week
17 March	St Patrick's Day
22 March	Easter Bonnet Parade– Easter eggs for the winners
25 March –5 April	Easter Holidays
8 April	Professional Development Day (only teachers in school today)
9 April	Start of the summer term for the children.
12 April	Year Reception visit to Dudley Zoo
16 April	Year 2 visit to Chester Zoo
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day

Music Lessons



Music has a rare and unique ability to bring people together; music making can make a whole class, school and community feel connected to others and part of something bigger.

As part of our music curriculum, we would like to offer paid and funded instrument lessons through Telford and Wrekin Music service.

If you would like your child to have key board lessons the following link will take you to the enrolment form

<https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/instrumental-and-vocal-lessons-form/>.

There are free lessons available for children in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant, however places are limited. Please be aware that a small group of children will be required for the music service to allocate a teacher to our school. Lessons make take place during the day or after school.

Health Information

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line


Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health  NHS
NHS Trust

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future
Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse Open 9am-4.30pm excluding bank holidays

Advice for Chicken Pox

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse.



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ALL
ACTIVITIES
ARE FREE OF
CHARGE

BOOK NOW!!!
DATE: EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024

Located at The Parish Centre, Wrockwardine Wood
Infant School, Church Road, TF2 7AH

Tuesday 26 March

11am-12pm Exotic Zoo

2-3pm Funscience 'Rockets'



Thursday 28 March

10am - 12pm Cooking with Katie



Tuesday 2 April

10am - 12pm Creation Station
Arts and Crafts



Thursday 4 April

10 - 11:30am Sunshine Storytime
(4-7 year olds) Places limited to 15 children



To book a place email: admin@wrockwardinewoodand trench-pc.co.uk
or call: 01952 567040



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**LEVELLING
UP**

BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families.

We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

@ The Linden Centre

Oak Road

Overdale

Telford

TF3 5BT

BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 15th November

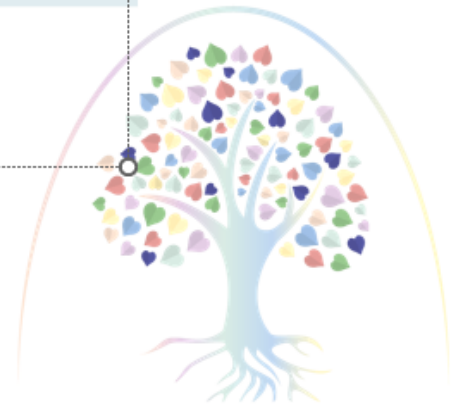
Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm



The Linden Centre



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Microsoft Excel

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employability@telfordcollege.ac.uk



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is regularly best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.



CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.



BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.



GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.



STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.



Meet Our Expert

Caitlyn Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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