



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!



Thank you to all of you who made a bonnet for our parade, there were some creative and colourful bonnets.

Thank you for all your support this term. Have a wonderful Easter break!



Best Attendance



Chicks 1	91.36%
Chicks 2	96.96%
Wrens	100%
Robins	96.07%
Swifts	96.21%
Swallows	98.33%

This week's attendance cup winners are:

Wrens

Well done and thank you parents



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.

Family Learning for Reception Children.

Bringing Stories to Life.

Thursday 18 April-Thursday 23 May.

Come along and work with your child each week in the parish rooms. A fun, creative course packed with ideas that can be used to support your child's joy of reading and creativity at home. The sessions are very informal, with many activities to do together to inspire both parent and child to get the most out of storytelling.

Register your interest by clicking on the link below:

[Register interest - Learn Telford](#)



Tuesday 23rd April
Eyes down 6pm

Please join us at our Bingo evening. All ages welcome!

£1 a book (6 games)
Children's round 50p

Prizes for a line and a full house, Come along and have some fun.

Refreshments available



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 been looking for signs of Spring on our Spring Walk in the school grounds. We saw the grass and leaves which are growing again, blossom on some trees and lots of pops of colour with flowers such as daffodils and primroses. We have noticed that the weather is getting warmer too.

Year 1

This week the children have been making their final products for their Design & Technology project, to make a healthy snack for us to eat in our classroom café. The children explored a range of fruit and vegetables, chose their favourites and used these to design a fruit kebab and vegetable platter. The children raised the funds themselves to buy their ingredients from the local shop. Back at school the children used their design to create their delicious final product!



Year 2

We looked at Ori Keily designs and created our own designs based on nature. We enjoyed created designs on fabric using the wax technique.



The Nest



This week Nest nursery have welcomed family in to visit in "Stay and Play" sessions. The children have enjoyed learning alongside parents and sharing their Easter activities. Lots of fun has been had by all both inside and outside. Thank you to all those who were able to visit us.

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
18 April	Y1 visit to Cardingmill Valley
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.

Sports Newsletter

March 2024

Biggest Ever Football Session



On Friday 8th March we will be taking part in the 'Biggest Ever Football session' across school. Throughout the day the children will be practising and developing their footwork skills when moving, aiming and passing a football.

As we will be participating in football games throughout the day, children are being asked to come to school in PE kit/sport wear. Please ensure your child wears leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers if possible as some activities may take place outside.

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Events

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Big Walk and Wheel	11-22 March 2024
Football Festival (Year 2)	13 March 2024
National School Sports Week	17-24 June 2024
Fun Sports Day	21 June 2024

Kickstars

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

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 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**



Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Duration: 6 weeks

Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



SCAN ME

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

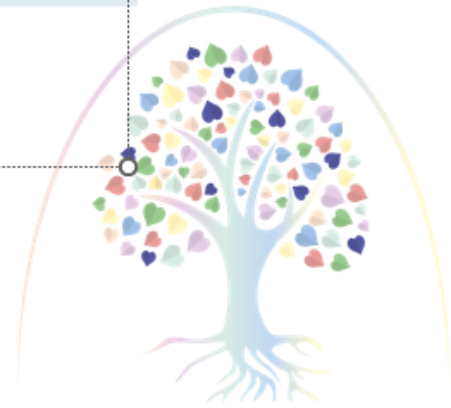
Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm



The Linden Centre



Improve your digital skills

You can accomplish so much with computers and the internet: from applying for jobs, to staying in touch with loved ones.

Join our new skills sessions

Digital skills

Includes how to communicate on computers, creating and storing files and staying safe online

Microsoft Powerpoint

Learn how to use this tool as an effective communication tool used to help visually engage with your audience by adding images and interactivity

Microsoft Word

Create professional quality documents such as letters, reports and resumes using a range of templates and tools

Microsoft Excel

Learn to use spreadsheets where you can input data and analyse information

Get in touch to find out more
employability@telfordcollege.ac.uk



Taster Sessions

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- Pre-access to higher education
- Getting that job

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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny sim card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is switched off. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an auto alert – avoiding those cushion-busting panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worn with hundreds of people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to react if strangers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercises. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Harry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Financial Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computerworld*. He's reviewed regularly and technology giant: an historian and writer, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *BBC 5 Live* and *the TV Show at 5pm*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety topics.



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