

# TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## Christmas Preparations

*ExcelAtTwertonTheSchoolThatCares*

SAFE, RESPECTFUL & READY

# Dear Parents and Carers

## Final Week of Term

We have made it safely to the final week of term and there is still plenty to enjoy together in school before the holidays. We are busy rehearsing for the Nativity (which is literally like herding sheep) and we are looking forward to the performances on **Wednesday afternoon** (1:30pm) and **Thursday morning** (9:15am).

On **Thursday** we will enjoy a seasonal **Christmas Lunch** with all the trimmings and later on it's the **Toddlers Christmas Party** in the hall from 1:30pm.

**Friday** marks the end of the Autumn Term and parents and carers are invited to collect children from school from 1:15pm.

## Attendance Celebration

Attendance in the school has dropped slightly in the last weeks due to the colds, bugs and illness that are common at this time of year; it is currently **94.8%** which is still pleasing. Congratulations to Maple Class with a very impressive attendance rate over 96%.

Elm	Ash	Oak	Chestnut	Maple
92.2%	92.1%	92.9%	94.7%	96.3%

There are **20 children** in the school with attendance of **100%** since September - this is excellent – and we have **71 children** with attendance above **95%**. These children will receive certificates in assembly this week. At the same time this means there are around 50 children with attendance lower than 95%.

It is really important that children attend school every day, unless they are unwell. Every day the teaching in class builds on the previous day's

learning and children missing school will miss out on valuable sections of learning – even at a young age; **Every Day Counts.**

After a good holiday, eating plenty of vegetables (sprouts, swede, carrots and parsnips etc.), we hope that children will return to school fit and well and raring to go. Onwards and upwards!

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Board, alongside our existing parent governors, Damien Sawyer and Leanne Richards.



As a parent governor you will contribute to the ongoing developments and improvements in the school and steer the direction that the school and nursery are moving in.

Governors are important to the success of a school and the role does not require any particular experience, just a willingness to work as a team with other governors and to be available to attend a few meetings – most of which are in the school day.

Training will be provided and plenty of support from our excellent Chair of Governors, Sara Willis. Please let Mr Samios or a member of the school office know if you are interested and we can provide more information.

## **THANK YOU to our Staff Team**

As 2019 draws to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect and to be thankful for the members of our staff team, for their commitment to the school, to our children and their families and to the community.

The school is blessed to have a stable and experienced workforce who work hard day after day and who remain passionate to do the very best for all the children in our care.

**THANK YOU TO YOU ALL – now take the next two weeks off!**

# LEAVES



## Elm Class (YR/Y1)

- **Isabella** – for trying really hard with letter formation;
- **Hunter** – for working hard to write CVC words.

## Ash Class (YR/Y1)

- **Ellie-May** – for working so hard in every lesson;
- **Jack** – for practising his writing and working hard to improve letter formation.

## Chestnut Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Angel** – for trying really hard with her handwriting;
- **Natasha** – for a great improvement in her reading.

## Oak Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Ben** – for always being such a great role model in our class;
- **Amelia-Lilly** – for super concentration to write a winter poem.

## Maple Class (Y2)

- **Harley** – for concentrated learning in Literacy;
- **Kristale** – for a fantastic model of Big Ben.

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Nativity Performance</b> (1:30pm)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Nativity Performance</b> (9:15am)
	-	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>End of Term 1</b> (1:15pm Collection)

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	<i>Holiday (2 weeks) – “Christmas”</i>
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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	-	<b><u>INSET Day – School Closed</u></b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b><u>Start of Term 3 for children</u></b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Open Day Tours</b> at 9:30am and 11:00am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	-	<b>End of Term 3</b>

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