

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Friday 18th December 2020

*Wishing you a
restful and
joyous Christmas
Holiday!*



Video link

<https://youtu.be/zrzql7ry4Ec>



Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Raffle

The sale of tickets for the Christmas Raffle raised a very welcome and surprising **£520.26**. THANK YOU for buying tickets and supporting the school in this way. The money will be used to buy waterproofs and other resources to enhance our popular Forest School provision.

Christmas Colouring Competition Winners

Congratulations to Ava, Baylee-Ray, Finn, George, Hunter, Jacob J, Joseph McL, Lelu, Logan W, Max P, Meya, Oakley-Bay, Ollie D, Oscar, Pablo, Rami, Reggie and Sophie.

Please keep up the colouring in and drawing at home to strengthen little hands.



Christmas Nativity 2020

You can watch the School Nativity online:

<https://youtu.be/zrzql7ry4Ec>

Thank you to all the children who joined in enthusiastically and also thank you to Mrs Cat Sarabia who electronically stitched it all together so beautifully. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.



School Attendance Update – 95.3%

We are really pleased that most children have been able to attend school throughout the autumn term without too much disruption. We are encouraged that there have been no confirmed cases of Coronavirus within the pupil body and only one confirmed case with a member of staff.

Aside from the required periods of self-isolation, attendance at school has been good. In Year 2 attendance is **96.2%** and in Year 1 it is **94%**. Overall our reported attendance is **95.3%**.

Sharing Assembly

Please take a look at the examples of children's learning from across the school from last week's Sharing Assembly:

<https://twertoninfant.school/term-2-2020-21/>

Free School Meals Christmas Voucher

Please see the letter from BANES explaining how to apply for a £40 food voucher to help over the Christmas holidays:

<https://bit.ly/37W8lxO>

LEAVES



The following children were recently awarded leaves:

Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Finley** – for great work in Maths using his timer to measure and record independently;
- **Lelu** – for being really respectful and ready to learn in Phonics.

Rowan Class (Y1)

- **Sophie** – for writing a set of instruction using the time connectives, 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'finally';
- **Hunter** – for trying really hard in phonics writing words with Phase 3 sounds.

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Baylee-Ray** – for being a role model in Oak Class;
- **Kayla** – for working hard on her phonics and improving her reading this term.

Maple Class (Y2)

- **Meya** – for listening well and following instructions;
- **Tamar** – for always doing excellent homework.

Reporting COVID-19 over the holiday period

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus over the Christmas Holiday please inform the school asap by sending an SMS to **07786 201170**.

It is particularly important that you inform the school immediately if this happens before 5pm on Wednesday 23rd December.

This will enable us to identify the children and staff who were a close contact and who will need to isolate.

Thank you to Team Twerton

The final word is to the whole staff team at the school and nursery. We have been through a very challenging few months and together we have adapted so many of the ways we work across the school and the nursery to care for and educate children and provide support to families.

It has been far from easy and at times our resilience and reserves of energy have been tested.



As always, Team Twerton has pulled together, we have done our best each day, we have taken care of each other and we have made it to the end of 2020 in very good shape and with a growing optimism for 2021.

Thank you to all the staff for your remarkable commitment to the school and your support throughout this extraordinary year.

Wishing you a very restful and joyous Christmas!

Key Dates

Monday 4th January – INSET Day - School Closed

Tuesday 5th January – First Day of Term 3 for children

Please contact the school if your child is unwell and cannot attend school.

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

School telephone numbers: **(01225) 423526 & 314745**