

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Monday 7th February 2022

THANK YOU!



***For the **£215 donation** to the school
from the Name the Teddy competition.***

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you Mount Road CO-OP

We were delighted to receive a gift of £215 from the Southdown CO-OP on Mount Road from a Name the Teddy competition that they ran before Christmas. This money will be shared between the five classes and the nursery to buy new games and toys for the children to enjoy. **THANK YOU!**



Lockdown Rehearsal

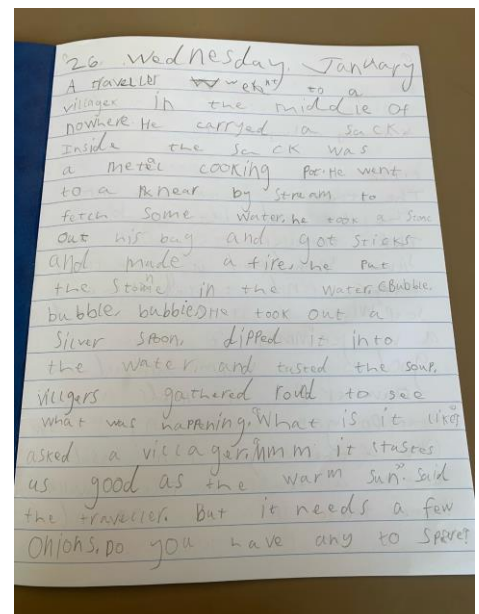
On Friday, this week, we will be having a **Lockdown Rehearsal**. This will involve children and staff very calmly finding a safe space in the classroom to sit quietly for a short while. We are taking time to rehearse this so that we all know what to do in the event of a would-be-intruder on the school site. We will manage this as calmly and as sensitively as we can.

However, please be aware that your child might want to talk to you about this once it has happened. This may also be a helpful cue to talk with your child about Stranger Danger.

Sharing Assembly

We recently celebrated children's learning across the school in our Sharing Assembly. We are very pleased to see children making good progress in writing. Please click the link to see some of their writing.

<https://twertoninfant.school/sharing-assembly-january-2022-t3-2021-22/>



Online Safety

Tomorrow is **Safer Internet Day**. The internet is now an integral part of our lives and it has brought about so many benefits. However, there may also be risks to children's and adults' wellbeing and safety.

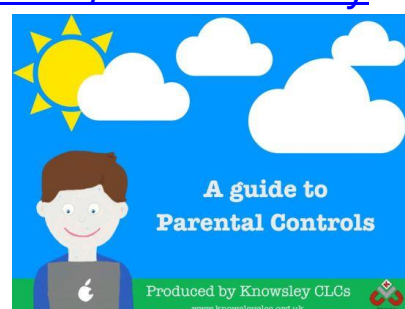
Safer Internet Day 2022 | **Tuesday**
8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

The **NSPCC** has lots of very useful advice for parents:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

Also, as parents, we are able to put controls in place to help keep our children safe. Here is a useful guide, particularly for those who are not very tech-savvy:



<https://twertoninfant.files.wordpress.com/2021/11/a-guide-to-parental-controls.pdf>

You can find these links on our school website:

<https://twertoninfant.school/online-safety/>

Lost Property

We have a quite a few items of clothing hanging on racks in the hall. We are unable to reunite these items with their rightful owner, as they are not labelled. **Please do put your child's name in their clothing.**



Parent Power and Key Milestones

The biggest factor in determining children's future achievements and success is **consistent ongoing parental support**. Schools are vital, but parental input is even more critical.

We have come up with 10 Key Milestones that will help children to be successful and to thrive throughout their school career.



Key Milestones in Learning and Development

To be achieved with **active support of parents and family** by end of year (if not otherwise stated)



	Robins	Owls	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
1	Wash hands independently	To use the toilet and wash their hands with increasing independence	To be fully independent using the toilet and washing hands	Zip up coats independently and do the buttons on their clothes.	Know how to tie shoelaces.
2	Be toilet trained	To start dressing independently	To get changed (for PE) independently.	Get changed for PE in less than 5 minutes	Know full name and date of birth
3	Share when playing	Take turns with others	Seek help from adult when there is a difficulty	Ask for help appropriately	Talk with peers to resolve conflicts
4	Sit with others at circle time and join in with short stories and rhymes.	Sit and listen with good focus for short periods.	Listen without interrupting others.	Listen actively and respond appropriately to others.	Take part constructively in group discussions.
5	Have awareness of number names	To recognise numbers to 5 and count up to 5 objects	Count from 0 up to 10 and back down to 0.	Read and recognise numbers to 100	To be able to quickly say ten more or ten less than any 2-digit number.
6	Hold a pen or pencil using tripod grip	To hold a pencil with good control and start forming letters from their name.	Use correct pencil grip and write their name.	Form all lowercase and capital letters correctly.	Form all lowercase and capital letters correctly with correct orientation.
7	Know a range of everyday words	To have an increasing vocabulary and to enjoy learning the meaning of new words.	To talk in complete sentences and be able to answer simple questions.	Know and quickly recall Number Bonds to 10.	Know 5 and 10 times tables by heart.
8	Follow simple instructions	Sit and eat at the table, using a cup to drink from with good control	Use knife and fork when eating.	Know and quickly recall 2 times table	Write complete sentences with capital letters and full stops.
9	Turn pages carefully in books	Listen and join in with nursery rhymes and repetitive stories	Read CVC words	Name all basic 2D shapes circle, triangle, square, rectangle	Read books with fluency and expression.
10	Be steady on feet and play on age appropriate equipment.	Talk about experiences from home life	Say the alphabet in the correct order	Know the date and month of their birthday.	Run or jog continuously for 5 minutes without stopping.

<https://twertoninfant.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/key-milestones-nursery-and-school-2022.pdf>

Please do read the 10 Milestones and support your child to achieve them before the end of July 2022.

If you are not sure how you can help, please ask your child's teacher.

Help with Reading

Please watch this short video so you are clear on the sounds children should be making when using "Fred Talk" to help read words.



Parent video: How to say the sounds

N.B. This is **Fred**, he is a frog. He cannot say words, he can only speak in sounds:



Video: How to say the sounds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

LEAVES

The following children were awarded leaves in our Friday Celebration Assembly:



Ash Class (YR)

- **Ollie** for working really hard on reading ditties;
- **TJ** for a really positive week.

Elm Class (YR)

- **Kerry-Anne** for being kind to everyone in Elm Class;
- **Lola-Mai** for doing good listening and getting lots of stickers in her new sticker book.

Rowan Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Braylen** for working hard on listening to 'Show Me 5', remembering to let grown-ups talk and then ask his questions.

- **Mikkie** is an excellent role-model in Rowan Class. She is always safe, respectful, kind and helpful.

Oak Class (Y1/Y2)

- **Fatima** for always being safe, respectful and ready to learn;
- **Kacey Taylor** for drawing and labelling a diagram to show where food comes from.

Maple Class (Y2)

- **Oliver** for fantastic effort with his writing and his handwriting;
- **Hunter** for great effort and participation in Phonics.

Key Dates

Tuesday 8th February – **Safer Internet Day**

Friday 18th February – **End of Term 3**

Monday 28th February – **Start of Term 4**

Friday 8th April – **End of Term 4**

Monday 25th April – **Start of Term 5**

Friday 27th May – **End of Term 5**

You can see the dates for the full academic year on the school website: <https://twertoninfant.school/dates/>

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**