

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Monday 18th April 2016

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great first week back after the Easter break. The weather has been quite varied and there's been quite a lot of it too; however, the children are coping admirably in the face of the best of our British Spring weather. Please keep sending in raincoats for the time being.

Updating the School Database & Raffle

Within the next few days we will be sending out forms for you to complete to make sure that we hold the correct information in school about your child (including medical information) and to ensure we have up to date contact details.

In exchange for a completed form, you will be given a raffle ticket and a Prize Raffle will be drawn on Friday 29th April.



Parent Email Trial



We are also looking at ways we can improve communication with our families and we would like to trial using email. This would also help to save the school money, as it costs around £10 each week to send paper copies of the school's

Newsletter to all families. **Please provide a current email address** so you are part of the trial. There will be collection sheets in each classroom to collate this information.



Local children have been invited to take part in this exciting event which will take place on **Saturday 9th July** at **Twerton Park**, Bath City Football Club's ground. We are able to

contribute 3 acts from school. One act will be Mr Lawrence's **Ukulele Group** and the second act will be a **School Choir**, who will perform the school's "**Poolemead Road**" song. The third act will be decided through auditions to be held in school on Thursday 28th April in front of the school's CAT Team (Community Action in Twerton Team).

Please let your child's teacher know if your child would:

- a) like to **audition** on **Thursday 28th April** in front of the school and its CAT Team to perform their own act at **TGT** on **Saturday 9th July**;

or,

- b) wish to join **Mr Samios** to perform **Poolemead Road** at **TGT** on Saturday 9th July (there will be a couple of rehearsals in school time).

Nursery News

Both the 2 Year Old Nursery and our Preschool Nursery have been full for some time. However, in September lots of children in the Preschool Nursery will be moving into Reception so there will be more spaces available.



With the popularity of our Nursery, it is important to **apply for places as early as possible** to be sure of a place for September. *If you know anyone who is looking for a place for their child in Nursery, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible.*

30-hour places in Nursery from September 2017

From 2017, the Government will offer working families an increase to the **Nursery Education Grant (NEG)** from 15 hours to 30 hours of funding. We will be sending out an electronic survey to gauge the interest amongst parents in this 30-hour offer. If there is enough demand for 30-hour places, we will need to look into developing the Nursery so that we have enough room for everyone. **Please do respond to the survey, as this will help us to apply for additional grants to build a new Nursery building, if required.**

Breakfast Club

This is available every day from 8.00am to 8.45am at a cost of £1.60 a session. Please do make use of this service, it needs to be well used otherwise the school loses money.



Office Building Work Update

The new office is nearing completion. We are really pleased with how it is looking and we appreciate your patience and understanding while the work has been going on.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 18th April – **Computer Club** (3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Thurs 21st April – **Science Club with Chemical Cress** (3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Thurs 21st April – **Clay Club** (3.15pm – 4.15pm)

Friday 22nd April – **Gym Club** (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

Monday 2nd May – **Bank Holiday** (school closed)

Friday 6th May – **Elm Class Assembly** (2.15pm)

Monday 16th May – **Jane Parsons Send Off** – please come along (2.15pm)

Friday 27th May – **Ash Class Assembly** (2.15pm)

Friday 27th May – **End of Term 5**

Monday 30th May – **Bank Holiday** (school closed)

Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June – **Holiday** (school closed)

Monday 6th June – **INSET Day 5** (school closed for staff training)

Tuesday 7th June – **Start of Term 6**

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Wednesday 20th July – **9.15am Year 2 Leavers' Service**

Wednesday 20th July – **End of Term 6 and End of Academic Year**

N.B. Please do check the school website for term dates before booking holidays.

<http://www.twerton-infant-school.co.uk/cms3/drupal-6.24/?q=node/20>

Please Keep in Touch

If your child is unwell and is not able to attend school, you can send the school a text message to let us know and to explain the reason for their absence.



The number to text the school is: **07860 030358**

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

The school now has a new phone system which gives three options to callers; press:

1) To leave a voice message explaining the absence of your child;

2) To transfer directly to the Nursery team; or

Hold, to speak to a member of the office team. If no-one is available, please leave a message and we will call back.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to contact the school when your child is not able to attend school.

