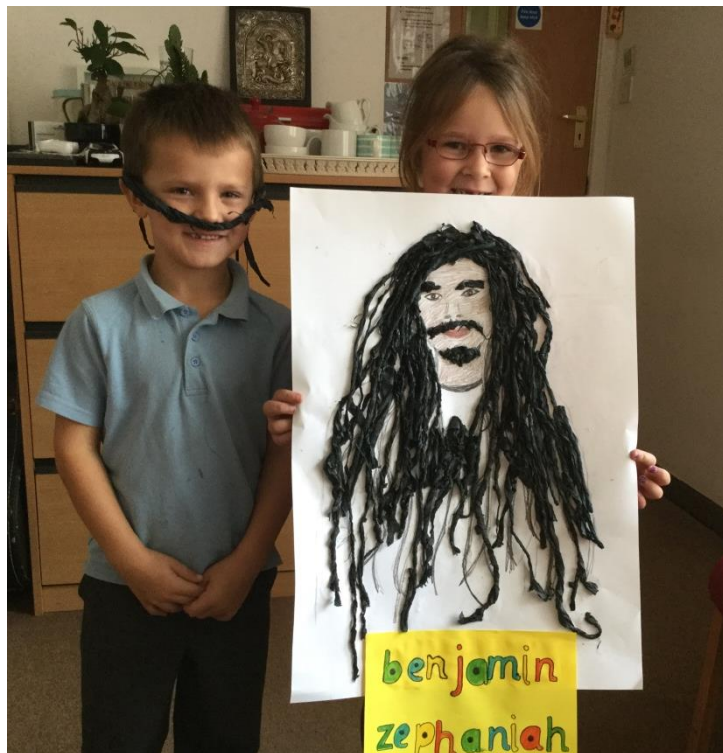


TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Friday 14th October 2016



Children in Chestnut Class have been celebrating **Black History Month** by finding out about the poems of Benjamin Zephaniah.
Thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising this important event.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Thank-you!

Thank-you to **Reverend Joel** for leading our Harvest Celebration on Wednesday and to everyone who brought in donations for Foodbank. **Pat Heynes** from **Foodbank** came in to talk to the children in today's assembly and to explain how the food we have collected will help other people.



Big Ted's Bake Off – Monday 17th October

We will hold a cake sale after school on Monday to help raise money for the RUH. Please send in some of your own speciality bakes, or buy some cakes from a shop and disguise them as your own. One of our parents, Mel Hobbs, has kindly agreed to help out with this, please let her know if you can help to man the stall.



School Photographer Tuesday 18th October



If you would like to have a photograph of your child taken with siblings who do not attend the school, please arrive at 8.30am and wait patiently in the hall on Tuesday morning.

Parent Consultations

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting to discuss the progress that children are making at our parent consultations on **Tuesday 18th October**. Please sign up for a consultation appointment if you haven't already.



Parent Survey

We are keen to know how you think we are doing so we can address any concerns or weaknesses so that our school and nurseries become even better. Please complete the Parent Questionnaire from the link below; it will only take around 3 minutes.

If you leave your name (or a codename) you will be entered into a Prize Draw and you will have the chance to win a £25 Marks and Spencer's gift voucher.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RF9CS6J>

Make Lunch Holiday Club

During the half-term holiday, your children are very welcome to attend a **free Lunchtime Holiday Club** that will be held at St Michael's Junior School on both **Monday 24th** and **Wednesday 26th** October. Children will take part in a range of play activities from 11:30am to 12:30pm and will then be given a **free hot dinner**. The sessions will end at 1:15pm. You need to register your child in advance (forms available from the school office or your child's teacher at Parents' Evening). Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult.



Phonics Workshop for Parents

Mrs Patterson and Miss Corke are hosting a Workshop on **Thursday 20th October** for all parents who want to find out about **Phonics** and how we help children to learn letter sounds. Phonics is a very important aspect of your child's early education and we hope that this workshop will help you feel confident to support your child as they learn to read.



- **2.00pm to 3.00pm** Thursday 20th October (in Rowan Class)
- Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided to help you concentrate!



After School Club (January)

We are planning to introduce a new After School Club that will run from 3.00pm to 5.00pm **Monday** through to **Thursday** to support parents who work or have afternoon commitments. We will staff the club with our own excellent TAs and will provide a range of play activities along with a simple snack of toast, fruit and milk.



Wear it Pink – Friday 21st October



On the last day of term, Friday 21st October, we are inviting children to wear their own pink clothing to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Please bring in a donation of 50p towards the charity (if you can).

<http://wearitpink.org/about/>

LEAVES

The following children were recently awarded Leaves:



Ash Class (YR)

- **Charlie D** – for being great at tidy-up time and for always sharing his toys.
- **Lily-Rose L** – for being friendly and helpful all of the time.

Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Kenzie** – for winning some amazing trophies in a recent dance competition.
- **Fletcher** – for always trying his best.

Maple Class (Y1 & Y2)

- **Isabelle** – for great ideas and super writing in Literacy.
- **Jayden** – for doing some great work independently.

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Romario** – for excellent team work to make a percussion band.
- **Mitchel** – for trying his best to make good choices this week.

Well done to you all. We are really proud of you!

(Elm Class will award double-leaves next time to catch up!)

Dates for your Diary

Term 1

Monday 17 th October	- Ted's Big Bake Off
Tuesday 18 th October	- School Photographer
Tuesday 18 th October	- Parent Consultations (to 5pm)
Thursday 20 th October	- Phonics Workshop (2pm to 3pm)
Friday 21 st October	- Wear it Pink and End of Term 1

The number to text the school is: **07786 201170**

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