

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Friday 18th November 2016



Members of the school's **Community Action in Twerton (CAT) Team** delivering our Christmas gift boxes for the Homeless in Bath and Bristol to Jimmer's Barber shop.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas 2016 *(and summer 2017)*



This year all children across the school and nursery will be involved in our Nativity Performances on **Tuesday 13th December (9.30am & 1.45pm)** with children in Year 2 narrating the Christmas Story.

In previous years, children in Year 2 have put on large-scale productions at this time of year. Whilst this has been very enjoyable, we have also found that it can interrupt the progress of children's learning in what is an important school year. So, once the Year 2 children have completed their SATS in May 2017, they will then have the chance to work together on a fun summer show. This way the Year 2 children still put on a quality production and they also have the best possible chance of making excellent progress up to May 2017.



There is also the Christmas Fayre to look forward to, which raises valuable funds for the school. Last year each class was given £125 to spend on updating toys and games for children to enjoy in "Golden Time" and during Wet Play from money raised at the Christmas Fayre. THANK-YOU!

Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fayre (3.15pm to 5.30pm)

Healthy Lunchboxes

If you decide not to take advantage of the free school dinners available please provide a healthy balanced packed lunch for your child. Ideally, this should include a **sandwich** and a piece of **fruit**. Recently we have noticed quite a range in the quality of packed lunches that children are bringing in to school.



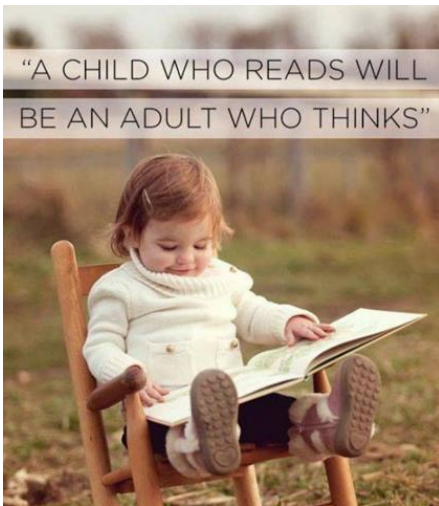
Please remember that the school's policy is:

- no fizzy drinks,
- no confectionary (chocolate bars e.g. Mars bar, or any sweets),
- only one biscuit or cake bar,
- ideally, only provide crisps a couple of times a week and not every day.

If you are stuck for ideas please see the website below:

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx>

Can you volunteer to listen to children read in school?



We are very keen to recruit a few more parents (and grandparents) to listen to children reading in the classrooms. We will be providing some simple training and we can offer a range of biscuits (occasionally jammy-dodgers) to keep up the energy levels.

On **Thursday 1st December** there will be a brief workshop for volunteers with Mr Samios. This will start at **2.00pm** and run until **2.50pm**, finishing in time for you to pick up your children at the end of the day. If you think you might be interested, please let your child's teacher, the school office or Mr Samios know. **You will really enjoy listening to children read – it is very rewarding and makes such a difference.**

LEAVES

The following children were recently awarded Leaves:



Ash Class (YR)

- **Lewis Mc** – for coming into school with a happy smile each morning.
- **Kadi-Mai** – for setting really well into Ash Class on Monday and Friday.

Elm Class (YR)

- **Faith N** – for her great attitude to learning this week.
- **Felix W** – for his excellent writing of High Frequency words.

Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Jacob M** – for being brave and showing a great attitude to learning.
- **Maisie S** – for trying really hard with her handwriting and word spaces.

Maple Class (Y1 & Y2)

- **Elijah** – for fantastic maths work on halving.
- **Teegan** – for focusing on her work and playing nicely with others.

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Sophie** – for making a wonderful book at home all about Space.
- **Reilly-Jade** – for working hard at home to find out and write about some excellent space facts.

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

Afternoon Pick-Ups & Winter

Parents and carers are very welcome to wait, and shelter from the cold, in the school foyer from 2.45pm, before the end of the school day. We politely request that parents avoid arriving before this time unless it is to attend an appointment or meeting in the school.



School Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 14th December the school dinner will be roast turkey dinner with pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes and fresh festive vegetables; followed by chocolate fudge Yule Log, fresh fruit salad, or Christmas pudding & custard.

Dates for your Diary

Term 2

- Thursday 24th November - **Advent Concert at Bath Abbey**
- Friday 25th November - **Chocolate Mufti Day & LSA Appreciation Day**
- Friday 2nd December - **Christmas Fayre & Christmas Jumper Day 1**
- Tuesday 6th November - **“Jungle Book” performance by Image Theatre**
- Tuesday 13th December - **Nativity Performances (9.30am & 1.45pm)**
- Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Lunch**
- Friday 16th December - **End of Term 2 & Christmas Jumper Day 2**
- Saturday 17th December - **BA2 Festive Windows**

Term 3

- Tuesday 3rd January - **INSET Day – school closed for staff training**
- Wednesday 4th January - **First Day of Term 3**
- Friday 10th February - **End of Term 3**

All term dates, including INSET days, are available on the school website. Please check these dates before booking any holidays: <http://bit.ly/2g4UBIt>

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

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

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



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