

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Monday 12th December 2016



Rehearsals for Tuesday's Nativity performances have been going well.
Please make sure you have a ticket (details inside Newsletter).



Christmas Jumper Day 2
is on Friday 16th
December. Please send
in a donation for **Save
the Children**, if you can.
Thank-you.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tickets for Nativity Performances – Tuesday 13th December



Our school nativity performances will take place on Tuesday this week. **Admission to each performance will be limited to ticket holders only.**

On Friday we issued (free) tickets based on the initial requests we received last week. There are a few remaining ticket for each performance, please contact the office if you require any further tickets.

We understand that this is a change to previous years but it is to address the potential risk of overcrowding which would pose a risk to safety.

School Christmas Dinner - Wednesday

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.



Xmas Factor – Friday 16th December



We are inviting children to take part in a **Xmas Factor** on Friday afternoon. If your child has a talent they would like to share with the rest of the school please encourage them to take part.

Attendance Celebration

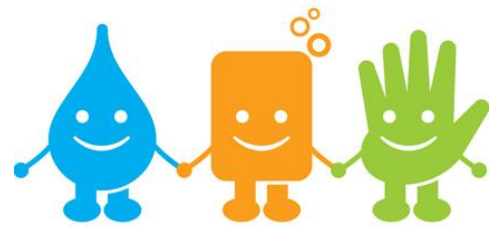
Congratulations to **23** children across the school for **100%** attendance for Terms 1 and 2 combined. Snazzy “**Perfect Attendance Award**” wristbands are coming your way!



A further **11** children also have 100% attendance for Term 2, earning them Gold Certificates. **6** children have attendance of over 97.5% (Silver) and **24** have attendance of 95% (Bronze) too. Well done to these **64** high attenders.

Norovirus – Stop the Spread!

We have received advice from Public Health England for parents to limit the spread of **norovirus** this winter. Norovirus causes **projectile vomiting** and **watery diarrhoea**. The main thing is to make sure that good **handwashing** takes place after using the toilet and before eating. If your child has these symptoms please keep them off school for 48 hours until they are better and inform the school of their absence. Please see further information to help to prevent the spread of the virus: <http://bit.ly/2goVEPi>



Parents Evening

Our next Parent Consultation appointments will take place next term on:

- **Thursday 19th January 2017** – 3.20pm to 7.00pm
- **Tuesday 24th January 2017** – 3.20pm to 5.30pm

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Please sign up for an appointment on the sheets outside the classrooms from the first week of next term.

Year 2 applications for Year 3 places

Parents of children in Year 2 need to apply for a Year 3 place in a school for September 2017 by **January 15th 2017**. We will be sending letters and applications forms to parents who have not yet made an application. The Infant to Junior Stage Education Transfer form is also available online from the BANES website: <http://bit.ly/2hdd7Ov>

Mrs Grierson

Mrs Grierson will be starting Maternity Leave on Friday. The bookmakers on the High Street are still offering good odds on a Christmas Day baby. We wish Mr and Mrs Grierson all the very best for the exciting months ahead. We will also welcome back Hayley Askew, who is a qualified Early Years Teacher, from January 4th 2017 to the Nursery to cover for Mrs Grierson during her Maternity Leave.



Parent Governor Vacancy



WE NEED YOU!

We have an opportunity for **one parent** to join our **friendly** and **ambitious team** of governors to help shape the future success of our school. As a parent governor you will have a say in decisions that affect the school and nurseries and you will be able to see the ideas, effort and determination that goes into making a great school even better. You don't need any particular qualifications, just the desire to make a difference and a spare evening once a term. Please let Mr Samios, Mrs Patterson or one of the teachers know if you are interested by **Friday 6th January 2017**. We will then hold an election, if there is more than one candidate. Thank you for supporting the school in this important way.

Dates for your Diary

Term 2

- Tuesday 13th December - **Nativity Performances** (9.30am & 1.45pm)
- Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Lunch**
- Thursday 15th December - **Toddlers Christmas Party in Rowan Class**
- Friday 16th December - **Term 2 Attendance Celebration**
- **End of Term 2 & Christmas Jumper Day 2**
- Saturday 17th December - **BA2 Festive Windows**

Wednesday 28th December - Blood Donation at Twerton Park
12:45 – 15:30 & 16:30 – 19:45
<http://bit.ly/2hm8WOn>

Term 3

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