

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY



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Friday 12th May 2017




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We ended the week with a real treat from **Shoofly Theatre** and the show "2, 4, 6, 8". Craig Edwards is a very talented actor and director from Bristol; watch out for his next project – it will be worth going to see.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 children ready to shine!



We are really proud of the progress that all children make across our school and nursery. Over the next two weeks children in Year 2 will be completing statutory assessment tests in Reading and Mathematics. These are standard tests (known as SATs) that all children in England take. **Miss Scott** and **Mrs Kinnear**, with their **wonderful TAs**, have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to prepare children for the tests so they can feel confident and enjoy the challenge. Needless to say, it is a whole school effort that begins in the Nursery and continues through Reception, Year 1 and into Year 2.

I would like to thank all the staff who have cared for and supported your children so well up to this point. Whilst these tests are important, we see the value in every child way beyond the tests; in your child's unique blend of talent, skill, creativity, curiosity, character, passion and personality (things that can't always be measured by tests). These are the things that matter to our school and will enable your child to thrive and make the most of the opportunities ahead. Well done Team Twerton and our wonderful children!

Developments for 2017-18

We are very pleased to announce that **Miss Rosie Corke** will be the full-time teacher in the Owls Room (Nursery), from September 2017.

We have appointed a new member of staff, **Miss Alicia Goodwin**, to teach in Ash Class from September. Alicia is currently teaching at Newbridge Primary School as an NQT. Alicia really impressed the selection panel at interview before Easter. Parents will be able to meet Alicia at the Induction Evening on **Wednesday 5th July** for families of children joining the school in September.

New Nursery Building Feasibility Study

Bath and North East Somerset Council have commissioned a local firm of architects, BBA Architects, to undertake a feasibility to replace our current Nursery building. The existing building has served the school very well for many years, but has now become expensive to maintain. We will hopefully hear the outcome of the study in the next few weeks and will then wait for BANES to give the final go ahead in September (hopefully).

School Funding changes ahead...

Like many other schools, we are experiencing increased pressure with our school's finances. The government will tell you that schools' funding is at a record high. But what matters is how much funding we get per pupil, relative to costs. The truth is that costs are going up at a faster rate than the funding. For each pupil that is a cut and is expected to leave schools across the UK with a £3 billion shortfall in funding by 2020. Like all other schools, we are having to consider the following measures:

- larger classes
- increasing charges for things we currently subsidise
- more mixed-age classes
- not replacing staff who leave
- cutting back on resources
- cutting back on support service contracts

Some other schools are cutting back on their opening hours or are making staff redundant. We definitely don't want to go there. **Please make sure you vote in the General Election on June 8th with the future of schools in mind.**

Tuesday 23rd May: Clothes Collection



We will have a collection of unwanted clothes on Tuesday 23rd May. Please send in any unwanted items of **clothing, shoes or bags** on Friday 19th May, Monday 22nd May and Tuesday 23rd May.

This is a great way to clear some space in your wardrobe, get rid of socks with holes and help to raise some money for the school.

Sports Day Dates

Thursday 15th June – Year 1 and Year 2
Classes: Chestnut, Maple and Oak

Tuesday 20th June - Nursery and Reception
Classes: Ash & Elm (YR)



Attendance Information

The school website has been updated with more information to explain how we measure children's attendance and to explain why we are working hard to improve attendance across the school. <http://bit.ly/2pKpELO>



School success starts
with attendance

Dates for your Diary

Coming up this week:

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| Monday 15 th May | - | Multi-skills Club (3:10pm - 4:10pm) |
| Tuesday 16 nd May | - | Dance Club (3:10pm - 4:10pm) |
| Thursday 18 th May | - | Doodle Day (2:00pm - 3:00pm) |
| | - | Science Club (3:10pm - 4:10pm) |
| | - | Ukulele Club (3:10pm - 3:45pm) |
| Friday 19 th May | - | Parents Reading in Class (8:45am - 9:05am) |
| | - | Gym Club (3:05pm - 4:00pm) |

Advance Notice

It's the social event of the summer, second only to Glastonbury Festival. Mr Kenny's looking forward to it.



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

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201 170**

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