

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Tuesday 11th December 2018

I really enjoyed meeting lots of lovely children at the Christmas Fayre.

*Yes, it was really **COOL.***



THANK YOU!

To everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre last week and helped us to raise over £1,500.

#ExcelAtTwertonTheSchoolThatCares

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fayre **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make Friday's Christmas Fayre a huge success. Particular thanks to our dedicated **Friends of Twerton** Team who have freely given a huge amount of time to source and wrap prizes and run stalls: **Sara, Pete, Jude, Karen, Rhiannon, Mel, Tracy, Damien, Rachel, Sarah M, Natahsa, Elaine** and our very own **Alison Fry**, who co-ordinated things on behalf of the school.



Also, "THANK YOU" to everyone who came along, bought tickets, played games and made Santa feel so welcome. We are delighted that the school raised over £1,500 which will enable us to improve playtimes by buying new toys and games and also help us to reach our funding target for a new Yurt!

Attendance Update

The number of children whose attendance is under 92% has fallen over the last three weeks from 31 to 25 children. This is a really positive step and one that we all hope will continue.

FORTNITE and Online Safety

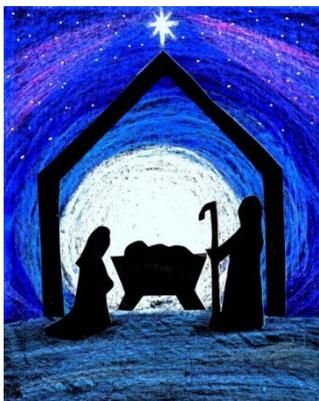


We are aware that children of all ages enjoy playing games and watching media online. Whilst many of the activities are engaging, there are a number of concerns to questions that arise. **Are children spending too much time online? What effect is it having on their young minds and then on their development and behaviour? What are they doing when they are online?**

The **NSPCC** and **O2's Net Aware** site provides reviews from parents and young people about online games and apps. **Yubo, Fortnite, Sarahah, Discord** and **Grand Theft Auto** are amongst the sites, apps and games that now feature on the site and app. Net Aware provides online safety information and advice on privacy settings and other features, as well as recommended age guidance and risk ratings for inappropriate content. Net Aware is a vital tool for parents or

anyone working with children, who want to better understand what young people are doing online. *Please take a look:* <https://net-aware.org.uk/>

Tickets for Nativity Performances



This year we are offering **2 tickets per family** for the nativity performances. Parents are asked to indicate which performance they would prefer to attend by **SMS**; i.e. if you want 2 tickets for the afternoon performance, send “Tues PM 2”, if 2 tickets for the morning, send “Weds AM 2” and if 1 ticket is wanted for each performance send “Tues PM 1 Weds AM 1” to **07786 201170**.

Alternatively, you can let the school office know your request and they will record it on a list. There will be 160 tickets for each performance and the tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis (based on time of SMS or time of addition to office list).

This is the same process as last year and is needed to address the potential risk of overcrowding which would pose a risk to safety.

We will make any **spare tickets** available at **noon on Monday 17th December** and we will inform all parents by SMS. Tickets will be available from Friday afternoon at the end of the school day for collection by parents from their child’s classroom.

Xmas Factor – Thursday 20th December



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

School Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 20th December the school dinner will be roast turkey dinner with pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potatoes and fresh festive vegetables; followed by ginger shortbread with ice cream or Christmas Cool Delight ice cream.



Christmas Jumper Day on Friday



This Friday, 14th December, children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper. Please send in a donation for **Save the Children**, if you can.

Thank-you.

Friday 21st December (last day of term)



Parents are **invited** to collect their children from **1:30pm** on Friday 21st December. This will allow Teachers and TAs some additional time to tidy up and clear the classrooms ready for the start of next term. The school is open until 3:00pm as usual if the early pick-up is not possible.

Dates for your Diary

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| Fri 14 th December | - | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Tues 18 th December | - | 1:45pm – Nativity Performance |
| | - | 1:30pm – Toddlers Party in Rowan Classroom |
| Weds 19 th December | - | 9:15am – Nativity Performance |
| Thursday 20 th December | - | Xmas Factor |
| | - | Christmas Dinner at Lunchtime |
| Friday 21 st December | - | End of Term 2 – 1:30pm Collection |
| Monday 7 th January | - | INSET Day 3 |
| | - | School and Nursery are closed for staff training |
| Tuesday 8 th January | - | First day of term for children |

School Term Dates for the whole academic year are now online:

<http://www.twerton-infant-school.co.uk/cms3/drupal-6.24/?q=node/120>

You can send us an SMS message to: **07786 201170**

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

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