

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Thursday 20th December 2018



Farewell to Miss Parfitt

After 13 years at the school as Volunteer, Dinner Lady, SMSA Supervisor, Cleaner, General Assistant, Teaching Assistant, 1:1 SEN Teaching Assistant and Breakfast Club Worker, Elaine is moving on.

We are very thankful for all Elaine has done and the school will definitely not be the same without her.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Today we celebrated **68** children across with good attendance for the first two terms of this academic year. A very impressive **29** children have 100% attendance; another **27** children had better than 97% and a further **12** had better than 95%.

Across the whole school, our attendance rate is now at **94.1%** for the academic year. In Reception: 93.9%; in Year 1: 93.1% and Year 2: 94.8%. We are aiming for attendance of 96% for the year.



Well done to **Maple Class** for having the best attendance in the school since September.

Elm	Ash	Chestnut	Oak	Maple
93.4%	93.7%	93.7%	94.4%	95.2%

Nativity

Well done to all the children who took part in our Nativity this week. It was a lovely interpretation of the Christmas Story with very catchy songs. Particular



thanks to Mrs Patterson, Mr Kenny, Mrs Halliday, Mrs Brailey, Miss Pester, Miss Paterson-Russell, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Towner and Mr Rod.

N.B. Please do not share photographs or video clips of the Nativity Performance on Social Media, unless they only show your own child. As a school we take care when selecting photographs to publish on our school website or Facebook pages. In all schools there may be children whose photographs must not be published or distributed, for their own protection. Please respect this right to privacy.

LEAVES



The following children were awarded Leaves recently:

Elm Class (YR/Y1)

- **Nia** – for doing lots and lots of reading and Reading Eggs at home – what a superstar;
- **Ellis** – for fantastic listening skills and for always being polite, kind and helpful;
- **April-Mae** – for being kind and friendly to other children in the class;
- **Max P** – for helping another child when on the carpet.

Ash Class (YR/Y1)

- **Ava** – for always following our Golden Rules and setting a positive example;
- **Riley** – for working hard in maths and practising hard;
- **Gracie-May** – for trying really hard with letter formation;
- **Mark** – for understanding our Golden Rules.

Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Snow** – for ordering the months of the year and answering word problems independently;
- **Phoebe** – for using question marks and exclamation marks in her writing;
- **Summer** – for working really hard at halving shapes and quantities;
- **Raife** – for great blending and segmenting in Phonics.

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Hollie** – for great focus and effort when learning to tell the time;
- **Billy** – for being such a great role model in class;
- **Harry** – for good concentration and determination in maths;
- **Lily** – for enthusiasm about Space during English and Explore.

Maple Class (Y2)

- **Reggie** – super thinking in maths;
- **Madison** – working well with others;
- **Advent Concert** – all children who took part in the fantastic singing in the Forum: <https://youtu.be/zwXk7pBQmEk>.

Friday 21st December (last day of term)



Parents are **invited** to collect their children from **1:30pm** tomorrow, 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

- Monday 7th January - **INSET Day 3**
School and Nursery are closed for staff training
- Tuesday 8th January - **First day back at school for children - Term 3**
- Thursday 17th January - **Phonics Workshop for Parents**
- Monday 4th February - **Chestnut Class Assembly**
- Friday 15th February - **End of Term 3**

- Monday 18th February - **Half-term Holiday (1 week)**

- Monday 25th February - **INSET Day 4**
- Tuesday 26th February - **First day back at school for children - Term 4**
- Friday 5th April - **End of Term 4**

- Monday 8th April - **Easter Holiday (2 weeks)**

- Monday 22nd April - **Easter Monday – Bank Holiday**
- Tuesday 23rd April - **First day back at school for children - Term 5**
- Friday 24th May - **End of Term 5**

Wishing you a fun and restful holiday (with lots of reading). Merry Christmas from all of us!

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.