

TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

Friday 11th January 2019

*At the start of the 2019 we are focusing on **Respect** across the school and how being respectful shapes our behaviours and helps everyone to feel safe and learn.*



These Fab Five were chosen by their teachers to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mr Samios for consistently demonstrating respect.



SAFE, RESPECTFUL & READY TO LEARN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year

It was lovely to welcome children back to school on Tuesday after the Christmas Holidays.

During our INSET day on Monday, teachers became familiar with **Marvellous Me** and we are now starting to use this as a key way of communicating with parents on a regular basis.



If you have not done so already, please download the Marvellous Me App to your smartphone or tablet.

Get Started. It's free!

1. Download the MarvellousMe parent app, or join up at www.marvellousme.com
2. Tap 'Sign Up'
3. Enter the join code provided by your child's teacher.
4. Enter your name and email, and make up a password.



Parents, let's make 2019 the year of READING

Every day in school children are taught skills to improve their reading. From the very start of school children are taught Phonics so they can recognise the sounds represented by the letters that make up words. There is a lot to learn and remember to enable a child to see a written word and match the letter to right sounds and put the sounds together to make a word.



So that children can become better at this process it is vital that they practice doing it as much as they can. Like anything, the more they practice the easier it will get.

As parents, it is you that can make the difference between your child being a confident and fluent reader, one that enjoys reading, or not.

Teachers, teaching assistants and volunteers will do as much as they can within the school day, but parents (grandparents and older siblings) are uniquely placed to give time to reading practice at home every day.

This year as a family please make sure you prioritise regular time, ideally each day, to support your children as they are learning to read.

We guarantee that in 5 years you will not regret the time you invest in your child now.

Phonics Workshop on Thursday 17th January 2pm

To help parents to know how best to support their children with reading, Mrs Patterson and Mr Kenny are holding a Phonics Workshop on Thursday in Rowan Class. This is mainly for parents of children in Reception but is also open to parents of older children too. Please do come along.

LEAVES

The following children were awarded Leaves recently:



Elm Class (YR/Y1)

- **Jacob** – for trying really hard in Maths, he was able to find one more than a given number;
- **Baylee-Ray** – for always trying his best and working hard; he has done some excellent writing this week.

Ash Class (YR/Y1)

- **Riley N** – for working so hard on his letter formation;
- **Tamar** – for always being polite, kind and caring.

Chestnut Class (Y1)

- **Jessica** – for working really hard on blending and segmenting in Phonics;
- **Layla** – for some amazing Maths this week solving missing number problems.

Oak Class (Y2)

- **Shyanna & Lewis** – for being great partners to each other when measuring in Maths this week.

Maple Class (Y2)

- **Haviva** – for independent learning and perseverance;
- **Blake** – for joining in with lots of learning.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 th January	-	Maple Class to Baskervilles Gym
Thursday 17 th January	-	Phonics Workshop for Parents at 2pm
Monday 4 th February	-	Chestnut Class Assembly
Tuesday 5 th February	-	Safer Internet Day
Friday 15 th February	-	End of Term 3
Monday 18 th February	-	Half-term Holiday (1 week)
Monday 25 th February	-	INSET Day 4 (school closed)
Tuesday 26 th February	-	First day back at school for children - <u>Term 4</u>
Friday 5 th April	-	End of Term 4
Monday 8 th April	-	Easter Holiday (2 weeks)
Monday 22 nd April	-	Easter Monday – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	-	First day back at school for children - <u>Term 5</u>
Friday 24 th May	-	End of Term 5

School Term Dates for the whole academic year are 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.