



# NEWSLETTER

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Due to a camera error we will post this weeks photograph next week.

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

## Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) We are kind to one another
- 2) We work hard together
- 3) We are honest with each other

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) It's Cool To Be Kind
- 2) I worked Wonders
- 3) I did the right thing



## Celebrating Success



This week the 'Best Attendance Cup' goes to **Swallows** with **97.70%** attendance. Well done and thank you to parents for ensuring your child attends school everyday!

Wrens	96.55%
Chicks 1	96.46%
Chicks 2	96.30%
Robins	95.06%
Swifts	91.85%

Let's talk about... **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**  
 19-25 November 2023  
**SPEED**

Five people die on roads every day. Why do we still think it's OK to speed?

www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek  
 Sponsored by: Brake, ARVAL, DHL

## Scooter and Bike Safety

A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe.

Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.

**Don't forget to wear a helmet to stay safe.**



## Christmas Raffle



Raising funds for school is crucial so that we can subsidise our Year 2 visit to The Place theatre in Oakengates and Christmas Parties for the children. We had planned to hold a Christmas Fayre on Thursday 30 November but we are now unable to do so due to Parent/Teacher consultations taking place the same week.

Instead we will be holding a Christmas Raffle with a selection of prizes. Tickets will be on sale during P/T consultations and Christmas Nativity performances.



# Our Learning this week

## Reception



### The Green Cross Code



This week we have been learning about how to stay safe by the road. We have learnt about the safest places to cross the road and we know the Green Cross Code- **STOP-LOOK-LISTEN-THINK.**

We have made our own traffic lights to remind us that these lights stop the traffic to allow us to cross the road safely.

## Year 1

Year One have been exploring different artefacts from Victorian homes as part of our history curriculum.

On Thursday we went to Blists Hill Museum where the children experienced what life was like in the Victorian era. The children took part in candle dipping and a washing day experience.



## Year 2

This week as part of our Design and Technology lesson to design and make a healthy snack the year 2 children have explored a range of existing vegetable crisp products. They rated the product on appearance, smell and taste. This helped the children to select the vegetable crisps they will choose for their project.



## The Nest

This week in The Nest as part of Road Safety Week, we have been learning how to cross the road safely. We practiced saying **Stop, Look, Listen, Think.** We also talked about the importance of holding an adults hand near the road.



## Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:50am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office when collecting.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should not use the adventure playground before or after school. If parents allow children to go on the equipment they do so at their own risk.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
23 Nov	Y1 Visit to Blist Hill
27-30 Nov and 1 Dec	The Nest World Nursery Rhyme Week
27-30 Nov and 1 Dec	Parent / Teacher Consultations
5 Dec	Y2 Victorian Day
7 Dec	YR Educational visit—Weston Park
11,12,13 Dec	Book Fair
11 Dec	EYFS (The Nest & YR) Nativity—parents and toddlers
12 Dec	EYFS (The Nest & YR) Nativity—Parents only
13 Dec	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Celebration—parents and toddlers
13 Dec	Y2 Educational visit—Pantomime
14 Dec	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Celebration—Parents only
19 Dec	Carols Around the Tree—Holy Trinity Church
19 Dec	Farm on Wheels—The Nest & YR
20 Dec	Christmas Lunch
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
22 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term
8 Jan	PD Day
9 Jan	First Day of Spring Term
10 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Kwik Cricket
11 Jan	Raising Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) parent workshops
24 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Tennis Festival
12-16 Feb	Half term

## Parent Consultations

The dates and times for Parent/Teacher Consultations are below for school age children. Please return your slip to make an appointment.

Parents of Nursery children will be invited to a Stay and Play session.

Year group and class	Date	Times
Nursery The Nest	27-30 Nov and 1 Dec	8:45am or 12:15pm
Reception Chicks 1 Chicks 2	Monday 27 November	9:30am –11:30am 3:30pm –5:30pm
Year 1 Robins Wrens	Tuesday 28 November	9:30am –11:30am 1:30pm –5:30pm
Year 2 Swifts Swallows	Wednesday 29 November	9:30am –11:30am 1:30pm –5:30pm



## Water Bottles

Even in cooler months it is really important that we drink water to stay hydrated. Can children in Years 1 and 2 remember to bring into school a named water bottle each day containing fresh water. We do have water coolers in school so bottles can be replenished throughout the day.





**CHRISTMAS  
FAYRE**

26.11.23  
12oclock – 4oclock

*Christmas themed stalls with the opportunity to buy gifts and decorations ready for Christmas.*

*Father Christmas will be there. £5 to visit him and receive an early gift. Call\message this number to secure a space*

07498 147081

*Wrockwardine Wood Trench Social Club*

## Santa's Quiet Grotto



Dobbies Garden Centres in Shrewsbury, Telford and Wrexham are running a Quiet Santa's Grotto experience for children with additional needs on Friday 8 December.

These are pre-booked sessions, with no queuing on the day and a reduced number of families attending in each slot.

During your visit, Dobbies ensure:

- All music is off
- Twinkling lights are removed or switched off
- You can choose to have your child's gift wrapped or not

Prior to your visit, they will email a photo of your specific Grotto to prepare children for what they will see on the day

Dobbies Shrewsbury: <https://orlo.uk/P8X5w>

Dobbies Telford: <https://orlo.uk/gFU57>

Dobbies Oswestry/Wrexham:  
<https://orlo.uk/IAQho>

## REMINDER—School Places September 2024

### Year 2 Parents ( Swallows and Swifts Classes)

Children attending an infant school that were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start junior school in September 2024. If you haven't already done so parents need to apply for a junior school place by **15 January 2024** by completing the online application form on the Telford and Wrekin website.

### Children due to start Reception in September 2024.



**Apply online  
NOW**

## Starting school?

Closing date for applications:

**15 January 2024**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2023**.

**[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)**

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions) or contact School Admissions at [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

# Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here ...

## WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

## MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

## KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND



- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

## REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

## PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

## GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD



- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

## Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Engage Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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#WakeUpWednesday



**TELFORD CHILDREN'S  
AUTISM HUB**

**4EYF**



Early Years Families



Our group is a joint provision by Telford SENDIASS and Telford Childrens Autism Hub and supports parents and carers within Telford & Wrekin, whose child has special educational needs and/or a disability, including parents whose children have a diagnosis of Autism

**Come and join us for our fortnightly group!**

**1st Monday of the month, 9:15am to 10:45am @ our Family Zone, Hazledine House.**

**3rd Monday of the month, 9:15am to 10:15am @Dobbies Soft Play, Donnington**

**\*\*\* (Term time only & excluding Bank Holidays) \*\*\***

**Telford SENDIASS and Telford Childrens  
Autism Hub 4EYF offers you:**

- A safe play area for children where parents can relax and have a chat.
- Guest speakers form relevant organisations to talk the support they can provide.
- A non-judgmental environment for the children to play, socialise and be themselves.
- An understanding environment filled with support, friendship & advice.



To register for our Early Years SEND Support group please call 01952 260062 or email [childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk)

A project of Telford & Wrekin CVS  
Suite 12 to 15 Hazledine House, Central  
Square  
Telford Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL





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CITY OF TRURO

# 4EYF



## SEND Support & Play For Early Years Families

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 4th September

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 18th September

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 2nd October

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 16th October

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 6th November

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

Guest advisor - Practitioner from the Healthy Child  
Programme 0-19

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 20th November

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 4th December

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

Guest advisor - Anna Lewis Early Years  
SENCO @ Short Wood primary school

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 15th January

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 5th February

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House



9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 19th February

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 4th March

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 18th March

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 15th April

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 20th May

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 3rd June

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 17th June

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

9:15am to  
10:45am

Monday 1st July

SEND Support & Play @ Hazledine House

9:15am to  
10:15am

Monday 15th July

Soft Play @Dobbies Garden Centre , Donnington

If you would like to attend any of these sessions please contact us on 01952 262062 or email us on [childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:childrensautism@tandwcvcs.org.uk)







## Parent Drop-in with a Trainee Educational Psychologist

### About the parent drop-in:

Your child's school is holding a parent drop-in session with a Trainee Educational Psychologist (TEP). This is an opportunity for you to meet for a 20 minute, 1:1 consultation with the TEP, free of charge. The drop-in session will be held at: **Wrockwardine Wood Infant School and Nursery, Church Road, Wrockwardine Wood, Telford, TF2 7AH on Friday 1st December, 2023.**

### What is an Educational Psychologist?

An Educational Psychologist (EP) works with young people (0–25), families and schools, to support their learning and wellbeing. EPs are trained in many aspects of psychology and have a diverse understanding of how children develop. EPs use psychology to help young people and families understand their situations and how to move forward. If you would like more information about EPs or Telford and Wrekin's Educational Psychology Service, please feel free visit our website: [www.telfordeducationservices.co.uk/educationalpsychologyservice](http://www.telfordeducationservices.co.uk/educationalpsychologyservice)

### What will the parent drop-in involve?

By attending the parent drop-in, you will be offered a 20 minute, 1:1 meeting with the TEP. You may wish to chat to the TEP about any concerns or questions you may have about your child or family's learning or wellbeing. Anything that you share with the TEP in the drop-in session will be completely confidential, and the TEP will not pass any of the information you share with them onto your child's school, unless you specifically ask them to. You are also warmly invited to request school SENCO (Hayley McNamee) to be present in your drop-in session if this is something you would find helpful. When booking your slot, please just let Reception know if you would like Mrs McNamee to be present.

**To book a slot at the parent drop-in, please contact school reception (01952 387860) before Thursday 30th November, 2023.**