



NEWSLETTER

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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**

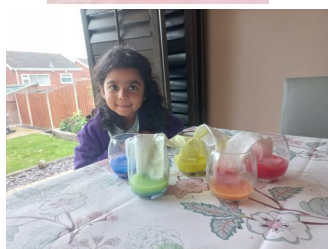
To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

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



Easter Science Selfie Competition



Thank you to all the children who took part in the Science selfie competition. It was wonderful to see all our Scientists learning at home during the Easter holidays.

We will be looking through all the entries and announcing the winners next week.

Best Attendance



Chicks 1	92.17
Chicks 2	92.73
Wrens	97.24
Robins	95.00
Swifts	94.67
Swallows	94.67

This week's attendance cup winners are:

Wrens

Well done and thank you parents for ensuring your child has been attending school.

30 hours free childcare funding for 3-4 year olds

Click on the following link to check whether you're eligible

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Are you already claiming your 30 hours free childcare funding?

Don't forget to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

The deadline for confirming your funding code for the Summer Term is **31 March 2024**. If you miss this deadline you may lose your funded childcare.

Family Learning for Reception Children.

Bringing Stories to Life.

Thursday 18 April-Thursday 23 May.

Come along and work with your child each week in the parish rooms.

A fun, creative course packed with ideas that can be used to support your child's joy of reading and creativity at home.

The sessions are very informal, with many activities to do together to inspire both parent and child to get the most out of storytelling.

Register your interest by clicking on the link below:

[Register interest - Learn Telford](#)



**Tuesday 23 April
Eyes down 6pm**



Please join us at our Bingo evening. All ages welcome!

£1 a book (6 games)

Children's round 50p

Prizes for a line and a full house, Come along and have some fun.

Refreshments available

Are you a super mover?

Children need to be physically active for 60 minutes a day, with 30 minutes of that activity taking place outside of school.

Click [here](#) to access activities you can do at home to inspire children to move more out of school hours!



Our Learning this week

Reception



This week as part of our design and technology learning, we have been exploring books which have mechanisms. We have enjoyed sharing books which have flaps, sliders and levers.

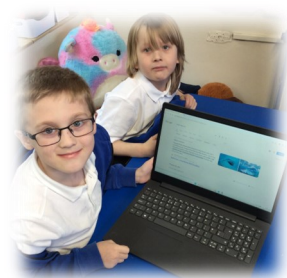
Year 1

Year 1 have been recalling their visit from The Exotic Zoo. We have sequenced the events of the visit and have learned how to structure and write a recount.



Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been learning to use key words when searching online. We thought of our own questions about animals and used a search engine to find the answer. We talked about how to stay safe online, making sure that we TAG (**T**ell **A** **G**rown-up) if there is something that makes us



The Nest



This week we have been investigating the signs of Spring. We have been using our senses to find out about what is changing outside after the winter months.

Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:40am. 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.



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 must not use the adventure playground before or after school. Parents are responsible for children's safety before and After school.



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.



Health and Safety Notice

No Dogs Allowed on school premises please.

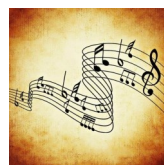
We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many, however others may find their presence stressful or frightening.

For these reasons, our school policy is that No dogs (apart from guide or registered assistant dogs) are allowed on the school playground either on a lead or carried.

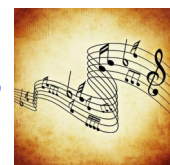


Dates for your diary

Date	Event
16 April	Year 2 Science visit to Chester Zoo
18 April	Y1 Geography visit to Cardingmill Valley
24 April	Travel Telford Road Safety Team Beep! Beep! Day
2 May	Y2 Visit to Church
6 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Bank Holiday
14 May	Y1 Pedestrian Training
16 May	Y1 visit to the Gurdwara
27 –31 May	SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term
3 June	SCHOOL CLOSED Professional Development Day for teachers
4 June	Children return to school
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day



Music Lessons



Music has a rare and unique ability to bring people together; music making can make a whole class, school and community feel connected to others and part of something bigger.

As part of our music curriculum, we would like to offer paid and funded instrument lessons through Telford and Wrekin Music service.

If you would like your child to have key board lessons the following link will take you to the enrolment form <https://www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk/instrumental-and-vocal-lessons-form/>.

There are free lessons available for children in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant, however places are limited. Please be aware that a small group of children will be required for the music service to allocate a teacher to our school. Lessons make take place during the day or after school.

Sports Newsletter

April 2024



Don't forget to bring in any trophies, certificates or badges that you have achieved for your sporting activity outside of school. This is your chance to become a 'Sports Ambassador' and get your photograph on our celebration board.

We want to honour these achievements in our Celebration Assembly every Friday and refer back to our Sports Ambassadors during assemblies and PE lessons.

Events

Year 2 Mult-skills Festival	23 April 2024
Year 2 Arthog Outreach Teambuilding	1st May 2024
National School Sports Week	17-24 June 2024
Fun Sports Day	21 June 2024

 **St Georges Cricket Club**
Telford, Shropshire, England

Founded 1922



This year registration for all is via TEAMO, a sports club administration system that we have implemented. You will have to register your child through this system by using this link: <https://www.teamo.chat/club/register/stgeorgescricketclubshropshire>.

To register for the All Stars Programme at St Georges you will need to do this separately via <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/ad3890a6-e22e-4cd2-b9c6-4a12493209ea>

Health Information

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line


Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health 
NHS Trust

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future
Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051
Follow on twitter @ShropPHNurse **Open 9am-4.30pm** excluding bank holidays

Advice for Chicken Pox

Chickenpox is usually a mild illness and children usually get better by themselves. Children with chickenpox should stay off school for at least five days from onset of rash and until all the lesions have crusted over.

Children who have had chickenpox recently may develop complications if they also catch scarlet fever. Parents should remain vigilant for symptoms in children who have had chickenpox such as:

- a persistent high fever
- the skin around chickenpox blisters becoming red, hot or painful (signs of infection)
- joint pain and swelling
- your child's symptoms not improving or getting worse.



Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Duration: 6 weeks

Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



SCAN ME

BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families.

We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

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BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 15th November

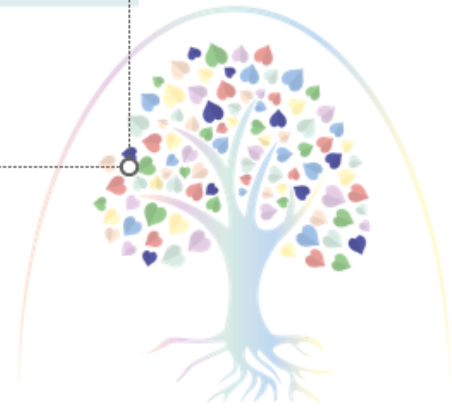
Wednesday 17th January

Wednesday 28th February

Wednesday 17th April

Wednesday 12th June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 - 6.30pm



The Linden Centre



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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny sim card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-telling devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is switched off. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an auto alert – avoiding those cushion-busting panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worn with hundreds of people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to react if strangers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercises. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Harry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Financial Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computerworld*. He's reviewed regularly and technology giant: an historian and writer, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 4* and *The IT News* at *ITV News* at *ITV*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety topics.



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