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Friday 24th September 2021



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now**

Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2022

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2017 – 31 August 2018.
- 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.
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2021 for all applications.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk



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Suzanne Evans



It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that, after very many years working for Telford and Wrekin Council as an Educational Welfare Officer, and then for the Shrewsbury Diocese as our School Business Manager, Suzanne has taken the decision to take early retirement. She will continue coming into school once a week to support a transition period, so we will have her for just a little while longer. Suzanne has worked tremendously hard over the years and has earned an excellent reputation with the authority and the schools she has worked with. Suzanne has made a significant contribution to the lives of many children in our

borough, improving the chances for some of most vulnerable children in Telford. As an EWO, Mrs Evans was charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all children were getting an adequate education, a role she carried out with determination and gusto. Since starting with us nearly nine years ago, Suzanne has had a tremendous and memorable impact here at St Mary's. There was an overwhelming amount to do to move our school from requiring significant improvement to where it is now. Suzanne has enabled our school to go from strength to strength by helping to balance our finances, ensuring our school is safe and making sure that we provide children with quality resources and educational experiences that could be enjoyed and remembered by all. I am sure that you agree that she will be greatly missed by us all here, but we wish her every happiness for the future.

Parents Evenings

We will be sending home appointments for Parent and Teacher Meetings that will take place before half term. Please look out for them. Thank you





Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest again this year on 13th October. We will be donating all the food that you kindly contribute to our local food bank. All tins and packets will be most gratefully received.

Reading with your child: Top Tips

Click on the links from Parentmail or our Website

1. **Make reading part of daily life** – Children copy the adults in their lives so set an example by treating yourself to quick read when you get a quiet moment. It is worth looking at where the reading material is in your home. Can books be stored – or displayed – in places where your family relaxes? Bedtime is a traditional reading time, but if it doesn't work for you think about other slots. If you know you will have to wait while a sibling does a class or for an appointment, you could bring something to read.
2. **It all counts** – Research shows that reading and attainment go hand-in-hand. So let them read what they enjoy. It doesn't have to be a novel. It doesn't have to be fiction. Cereal packets, joke books and Top Trumps all count for beginners. For more advanced readers, consider non-fiction, comics and graphic novels. Books that seem too young can be comforting; conversely, books that seem too old are fine, too. The novelty factor of an e-reader could jump-start an interest in reading, and teenagers might enjoy story-telling apps too.
3. **Integrate Interests** – A book about football might entice someone who prefers pitches to pages – or a cartoon universe encyclopaedia could tempt a TV fan. Current affairs might appeal, too: [First News](#) bills itself as a weekly newspaper for young people. Or there's [Whizz Pop Bang](#), a magazine for junior scientists. It's worth researching favourite authors: some offer freebies like exclusive stories and sneak previews to online fans. [The Words for Life](#) author [interviews](#) are a good place to begin.
4. **Reading nest** – Are there comfortable, distraction-free reading places in your house? The bother of moving from a cosy spot with good light might just encourage a child to stay put and keep turning pages. "We have this window seat on our landing that gets the afternoon sun and she lies there wrapped in the cat's blanket until it's too dark to see."
5. **What a treat** – Second-hand book shops are stocked with affordable treats, so bring a new (to your child, anyway) book on holiday. Or buy a magazine on the journey. Subscriptions make easy gifts – and charities with children's branches often publish a magazine – RNLI, for instance. Other magazines that might be of interest are [Phoenix](#) and [Aquila](#).

6. **Talk about it** – Discussing what you are reading will give you some fascinating insights. Questions like “Where did we get to?” and “What do you think happens next?” send a message that you care about your child’s opinions. Older children might be interested in what you are reading yourself – treasure these conversations, and follow up anything they recommend. It’s very satisfying to pass on your childhood favourites: even share your own copies – but be ready for some challenging questions about the values of previous generations.



Getting stuck for Healthy Lunchbox Ideas?

Have a look at this website. There are lots of new and exciting ideas:

<https://www.superhealthykids.com/recipes/kid-lunchbox-photo-roundup-90-healthy-lunches/>

From Mrs Brazier...

Please find a few photos from our Insect Hotel Building session. We all found out about habitats insects like and used a range of materials to make individual apartments which were then put into the main structure. Excellent teamwork demonstrated throughout.





Social Media Age Limits Reminder

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

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Twitter

Facebook

Instagram

Pinterest

LinkedIn

Reddit

Snapchat

WeChat

Tik Tok

Youtube

Flickr



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WhatsApp

Tumblr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 23/12/2020



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