Newsletter

TIBBERTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Being the best we can be because with God all things are possible.

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School News

Heads' Message

Dear Parents

What a week we have had- snow in November! Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we had to check both school sites on Wednesday. We were able to open Tibberton from late morning but found it necessary to close at St Lawrence. These decisions are always difficult but have to be made with safety at the forefront. Well done to the children who came into Tibberton school and managed a different kind of day, being mixed together across classes. Thank you to the staff who made it into school and were able to support the children. I would like to also remind you that we do not have a caretaker on site full time at either school, so spreading grit is down to staff members- we would like to formally record our thanks to those members of staff who helped with that this week.

Both schools took part in curling competitions on Thursday this week, and as always, we are proud of their efforts and with how well they represented the schools. Thank you to Mr Mullinder for organising this opportunity for the children. A huge well done to St Lawrence children who were the winners!

We also had children from both Year 6 classes take part in RE debates at St George's school on Monday this week. The children spoke eloquently, and voiced their opinions articulately, providing sound evidence for their viewpoints and working well as teams. Well done to all those involved and thank you to Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Mather who accompanied the children.

Information will be coming out to you regarding Christmas activities and events. We are excited to be taking part in the Rudolph Relay to raise money for Severn Hospice this year and hope that lots of you will want to take part. Rehearsals will also begin for Christmas services and Nativity performances- please check class communication for anything specific that your child needs to bring or do. We are looking forward to sharing this special time of year with you.

The weekend looks set to be wet and warmer, so we wish you a safe and happy one, and look forward to a more typical weather week next week- wellies and brollies at the ready!

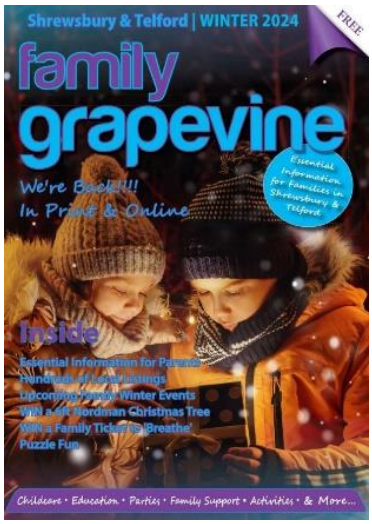
Mrs Nash and Mr Battrick

Attendance Award

This week's attendance award goes to **Class 1** with an attendance total of 97.5%

Total School Attendance 95.3%

In Brief Community



Shrewsbury & Telford Family Grapevine - Winter 2024

The Family Grapevine is a fantastic free source of information for local parents, carers and families. It has hundreds of listings in each issue, as well as a What's On section, competitions, and more.

Its main aim is to support local parents by helping them find relevant local businesses, organisations, support services and events.

Debate: Introduce 16 as the minimum age for children to have social media

You may wish to add to the debate about the following: The belief that social media companies should be banned from letting children under 16 create social media accounts.

about — Smartphone Free Childhood

Gym tournament

On Tuesday children from St Lawrence and Tibberton competed in the Year 3/4 Telford Schools Gymnastics Tournament. After some fantastic floor routines and brilliant vaulting, we are very pleased and proud to say that every single child passed with flying colours and were awarded their certificate.

Congratulations to all that took part.

Award for the girls!

Tibberton are very pleased to announce that we have received an award for all the great work everybody at the school has done to promote girls' football over the last 12 months.

The Football Association were especially pleased to hear about our girls' football sessions at dinner times.

We are now considered to be an equal access school by the FA.

All the hard work wouldn't be possible without the children being so enthusiastic and our parents who are always very supportive, so a big thank you to everyone.

A message from the Telford Health Protection Hub

Teaching good hygiene habits

Parents/carers are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay at home if they feel too unwell to attend and/or if they have a fever. They should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up. Let the school know if your child is diagnosed with other illnesses such as scarlet fever and they can advise you how for long your child should stay off school.

Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Getting vaccinated

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) all 3 year olds and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11 are eligible for the flu vaccine. This will protect the children themselves, the school community and elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, you can check their "red book" or contact their GP.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to help manage winter illness at home.

☆ Superstars of the Week ☆

Class 1 – Evie for trying so hard with reading. Keep it up superstar!

Class 2 – Alex for having the confidence to take on a big part in the nativity.

Class 3 –Samuel for excellent imaginative writing.

Class 4 – Imelda for her enthusiasm to learn.

Class 5 – Livia nominated by Miss Griffin for her contributions in class and her brilliant ideas!

Christmas Community Event

Look who's waiting to see you on the 12th of December…

As part of the Tibberton Christmas event, St Nicholas will be arriving with his elves and you can come and see his in his grotto at the village hall.

Lots of exciting activities will be available from craft stalls to festive food. More details available soon.

Dates for your Diary

4th December	Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop
10th December	Nativity 2:20 & 5:00
12th December	**Tibberton Christmas Community Event**
13th December	Christmas Disco 5-6:30
18th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
19th December	Whole school Pantomime
20th December	Church Service 10am