

6th January 2023



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton

C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE - 1

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

Mon 9th 9.45 - 11.30am

Girl Power Programme
Y5/6 Girl Power Leaders

Thurs 12th 7pm

PTA Meeting

Thurs 19th

Jazz workshop day
Wed 25th

Rags2Riches drop off
Thurs 26th

Rags2Riches drop off
Thurs 26th 7pm

PTA AGM

Tues 31st

Rags2Riches Collection

FEBRUARY

Mon 13th 5pm

Parents' Evening

Wed 15th 5pm

Parents' Evening

Fri 17th

TRAINING DAY

Mon 20th - Fri 24th

HALF TERM

Mon 27th

BACK TO SCHOOL

Attendance

Please find below, leave of absence during term time information from the Warwickshire Attendance Service.

Happy New Year

I hope you have enjoyed a lovely break and all the festivities of the Season. It has been wonderful to welcome all our children back to school for the start of the new year. On behalf of the whole team here at TG, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2023.



Collective Worship



Our focus for Collective Worship this half term will be Trust. This week we have come together to reflect on the choices we can make as we start the new year: choices that can help us to persevere when things are hard; to be kind and respectful to one another, and to use our Golden Rules to guide our behaviour and attitude to learning.

School Lunches

We have this week started to enjoy lunch provision from our new provider, Educaterers. The children have enjoyed a range of good quality food and have provided feedback to the catering team, giving them a polite and honest review of the meals.



Reception Class Admissions September 2023



If you have a child who will be ready to start at TG in September, the deadline to apply for a Reception place is Sunday, 15th, January 2023. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (Monday, 17th April 2022). Equally, if you know of anyone who may wish for their child to join us here at TG, could you please convey this deadline date to them so that they have the best chance of securing their place.

Applications can be made by following this link [Warks Reception School Admissions](#)

Jazz Workshop

This year we have decided to try something a little different for our January day of fun to help brighten the new year and help carry through to spring: a Jazz workshop. Each class across the school will spend time during the morning working with the Jazz musicians and then the whole school will come together to enjoy an afternoon performance.



Uniform. PE Kit and outdoor clothing.



All the children have returned looking smart and proud in their TG uniforms. Could you all please check that all items of your children's clothing have been clearly labelled; the handwritten ones do fade in the wash and need regular updating.

Safeguarding

I would imagine that many homes have received new games and devices over the festive season. This link takes you to a useful site, UK Safer Internet Centre, to help advise parents on how to keep children safe whilst playing games.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



PTA

Happy New Year! It's the perfect time to join us for a PTA meeting next week, on Thursday 12th January at 7pm, in the Blue Boar. This year our fundraising focus will work towards upgrading our book collection. If you are unable to attend, but have any ideas you would like to discuss, please do grab me (Kim Rygielski, Ben's mom) on the playground or email ptatemplegraston@gmail.com Thank you!



Rags2Riches4Schools Collection

Our next collection of second hand clothing and accessories is Tuesday 31st January.

As usual drop-off of any donations you have, should be taken to the school car park gates, where a member of PTA will be waiting to welcome you.

We will be available on Wednesday, 25th January from 3:15 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and Thursday, 26th January from 8:35 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. If you have donations but are unable to make these times then please just drop us a mail to ptatemplegraston@gmail.com and we can arrange a suitable time for you!

So dig out all your unneeded items and help us raise money for our school!

Thank you!!

Suzanne

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In 2017, the Supreme Court reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority