



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE - 1

DIARY DATES

MAY

- Mon 6th**
BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 7th**
Y5 Bikeability
- Thurs 9th 3.45 - 5.30pm**
Y3/4 Football tournament at Alcester Town FC
- Thurs 9th 3.45pm**
Y1 Phonics parents information meeting
- Fri 10th 4pm**
Girls football v Claverdon at TG
- Mon 13th - Thurs 16th**
Y6 SATs
- Thurs 16th 3.45 - 5.30pm**
Y5/6 Girls football tournament at Alcester Town FC
- Fri 16th 3.30pm**
PTA Film Night
- Mon 20th**
Class 3 Heart of England Forest School
- Tues 21st**
Class 4 Heart of England Forest School
- Thurs 23rd**
Class 2 Heart of England Forest School

Welcome back to our last term of the school year. We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break.

Bikeability

This week Year 5 have enjoyed their first day of bikeability training. The children have learnt how to control their bikes and have been introduced to safe cycling on our local roads and how to deal with traffic on short journeys. They will build on this introduction next week when they will complete their level 2 training. Moving forward, it is our intention to offer bikeability training to Year 5s in the summer term each year. As a one off this year we have also secured dates in July for our current Year 6 to have the training - consent letters were sent home to all Year 6 families this week.



PTA News



A huge thank you to all our families who supported the Smarties challenge, thanks to your generosity we have raised an amazing £450 towards our new chairs fund. The school council is planning a whole school sponsored event for later in the term which we hope will enable us to meet our target. Congratulations to our Smarties Prize Draw winners; KS1 - Charlie N and KS2 - Rose.

PTA Dates

This term's PTA discos will be held on Thursday 6th June. This is a change from the original Friday date to ensure that we are not clashing with All Stars Cricket which will be starting soon in Exhall on Friday evenings.

PTA film nights will be on Friday 17th May and Friday 5th July.

Our 1st PTA Family Bingo and BBQ is booked for Saturday 15th June, 5 - 7pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



Year 1 Phonics Meeting



A reminder that next **Thursday 9th May**, **Year 1** parents are invited to meet with Miss Thair, in Class 2, at 3.45pm to share information about the end of Y1 phonics assessments that will be happening during May. Mrs Hendry will be on hand to supervise the children on the playground (weather permitting) to enable parents to attend.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday 6th May is a bank holiday. School will reopen next Tuesday, 7th May.

Attendance and Term Time Absence

At Temple Grafton, we are very keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly. As you are aware, it is important for your child's friendships and academic progress. In addition, it is proven that good attendance is linked with academic success. Please read through the information printed on the back of the newsletter which has been provided by Warwickshire on taking leave of absence during term time. We would ask that all families support us in our commitment to ensuring that we



Star of The Week

Siena-Rose Hosell	Class 1
Daisy-Low Broadhurst	Class 2
Nancy Kent	Class 3
Ella Peeke	Class 4

Class 3 will be sharing their learning in **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 10th May** at **2.45pm**



Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

3rd May 2019

Oral health



According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/ren to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. NHS dental care for children under 18 is free. Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 or confidentially text ChatHealth Parentline on 07520 619 376.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently 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 Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service 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