



Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

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Dear TG Families

Friday seems to have come very quickly once more . We hope that you have been able to enjoy the lovely sunshine this week. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the Microsoft Teams meetings it was such a boost to see your faces and have a chance to speak face-to -(virtual) face. This week the TG staff have all been working hard to try out hosting Teams meeting ready for our sessions next week and we do hope that the children will be able to join the sessions. Thank you so much for all your kind messages and the lovely posts that are being shared on our TG School Facebook group.

Well Being

This week we would like to share a website that contains some excellent resources with you that may be of help in supporting children who are feeling particularly anxious as a result of everything that is happening right now. The website is run by the Leicester Educational Psychology and Wellbeing service and can be found with this link

<https://epicleics.com/epic/home-learning>. We have downloaded the resources and added them into the files area of our Microsoft Families TG Families (linked to the oldest child's WeLearn365) and they will also be uploaded onto our school website – the schools Information area now has a COVID19 tab and we are saving these resources in the Well-being area.



If any families would like to have a paper copy of any of the resources and you are unable to print at home, please email the school office to ask for a hard copy. You will need to let us know the name of the resource you would like and also how you would like receive it. We can post to you or you can arrange collect from school.

Update on Microsoft Teams

A reminder that next week, class teachers and teaching assistants will be hosting our first video catch up sessions. We have been advised, for safeguarding, to record the sessions and they will be available on the class teams page if anyone isn't able to make the meeting. The meeting times are as follows:



- Monday 27th April Class 1 Green Team 10:00 – 10:20, Blue Team 10:30 – 10:50, Red Team 11:00 – 11:20;
- Monday 27th April Class 4 Y5 1:00 –1:30, Y6 1:45– 2:15
- Tuesday 28th April Class 2 Y1 10:00- 10:30, Y2 10:45 -11:15
- Wednesday 29th April Class 3 Y3 10:00- 10:30, Y4 10:45 -11:15

Access to Electronic Devices

We have a small number of electronic devices that we are now in a position to be able to loan out to families who are unable to access the online learning resources because of a lack of equipment. These are TG school devices. If there are any families who feel that this would be of help, please contact us either by calling the school office between 9:00 and 3:30 (Monday – Friday) or emailing us on admin3066@welearn365.com . Devices would need to be collected from school and returned once school reopens.



Daily Phonics Lesson for Classes 1 and 2



We have been informed that the DfE is backing a new initiative via YouTube which is starting on Monday 27th April to provide a daily phonics lessons for reception, Y1 and Y2. We are attaching the information with this newsletter and you can also follow this link to find out more - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_niWw/featured?disable_polymer=1



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BBC Bitesize & the Oak National Academy

We have had some very positive feedback regarding the BBC home learning lessons that are being delivered each day on iPlayer and through the red button. We suggest that you might like to have a look and see if there is anything that sparks your interest.



This week also saw the launch of a new virtual school, the Oak National Academy that you may have heard about in the news. Through the website, they are providing daily classes in a number of subjects across the primary (and secondary) age range. We are not suggesting that anyone uses all of the lessons but again there may be some parts that are of use to individual families. In particular we would recommend the Foundation Areas which have lessons in subjects that would be of interest to some of our children e.g. science, history and learning Spanish. The website link is available here and we will add it into our Class Teams pages too.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Audible Free Books for Children



Audible have a free website where families can access children's audio books completely free of charge at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>. This is a brilliant way of accessing quality fiction and can be great for bedtimes or to provide a bit of company for children to listen to whilst doing other indoor activities. We are adding the link into our Class Teams pages too.

Free School Meals

We know that for lots of people the current situation has led to significant changes to their financial circumstances. This may mean that families are now eligible to apply for free school meals. During the closure, the government is funding weekly supermarket shopping vouchers of £15 per child. If you feel that you may be eligible please use the link to apply <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>. Once registered, we can activate the supermarket vouchers for you which will be sent out via email.

