



Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

13th September 2019

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Fri 13th - Sat 14th

Class 3 Camp Out

Thurs 19th 8pm

PTA Meeting

Tues 24th

Class 4 Bell boating

Sat 28th

PTA Barn Dance

OCTOBER

Fri 4th 9.15am

Harvest Festival

Fri 4th 3.30pm

PTA Film Night

Sat 5th

Bell boating Regatta

Fri 18th

PTA Disco

Mon 21st 5-8pm

Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd 5-8pm

Parents Evening

Fri 25th

TRAINING DAY

Mon 28th - Fri 1st

HALF TERM

Class 4 will be sharing their learning in **Celebration Assembly** on **Friday 20th September** at 3pm

Break Time Snacks

Children in Classes 1 and 2 are provided with a daily piece of fruit or vegetables. Every morning they have a selection of fruit and veg to choose from including apples, carrots, pears, bananas, oranges, sugar snap peas, mini cucumbers and tomatoes – the choice varies depending on the season. Children in Classes 3 and 4 are very welcome to bring in their own morning snacks which must be either fresh fruit or vegetables or dried fruit (for example raisins, apricots or dried mango).



School Council



This week each class held elections to vote for their school council representatives. As has been the case in previous years, we had an impressive number of children who put themselves forward to take on the responsibility and serve their year groups.

We would like to congratulate the following children who have been elected to the TG School Council for this year: Charlotte, Aaron B, Jack W, Amelia, Jude, Lily H, Rufus, Alexandria, Violet, Charlie N, Ava and Esme. We are looking forward to working with the council this year to help make our school an even better place for us all. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the other candidates who put themselves forward; your willingness to support the school is very much appreciated.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 23rd September at the end of each day (Monday – Thursday) on the main playground (or if the weather is poor outside Class 1). Depending on how many books we sell, the school receives commission in the form of books which we can add in to our reading library. In order for the book fair to run successfully, we need volunteers to help run the fair each afternoon (3.00 – 3.45) taking orders and collecting in money for purchased books. If you are able to help, please let Miss Britt or Mrs Hendry know on which day you would be able to help. All after school clubs will run as normal while the book fair is on.



PTA News



On Thursday 19th September there will be a PTA meeting at 8:00pm at the Blue Boar. Please do come along if you are interested in supporting the PTA.

The first PTA event of the year will be our PTA Barn Dance which will be taking place in the school hall on Saturday 28th September. Further details have been sent out with the PTA newsletter today.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Warwickshire Primary Mental Health Team offer a range of support for parents through one to one consultations and group information sessions and which focus on specific topics that may affect the mental health and wellbeing of children. Full details of dates, venues and how to book are on the flyer that is being sent home with this week's newsletter.



Celebration Assembly

A reminder that Celebration assemblies will be starting next Friday, 20th September; our celebration assemblies will start at 3:00pm and run through to the end of the school day. We look forward to welcoming families to share in our celebrations. Reception parents please note that Class 1 will join in Celebration assembly after the October half term, once they have settled into school life.



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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 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

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 36,101 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.