



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 17th

Class 4 Bell Boating

Tues 18th 8.15am

Class 3 trip

Wed 19th 8.15am

Class 4 trip

Sat 29th

Coffee & Conkers

OCTOBER

Fri 5th

Harvest Festival

Sat 6th 1 - 4pm

Bell Boating Regatta

Bidford

Fri 19th 3.45pm

PTA Film Night

Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd

5 - 8pm

Parents Evening

Fri 26th

Training Day

Mon 29th - Fri 2nd

HALF TERM

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Heart of England Forest



We are very excited to have been offered the opportunity to work with the newly appointed head of learning and skills, Elaine Skates, to develop outdoor learning programmes for primary schools. TG class teachers have been sharing planning ideas with Elaine to design outdoor learning sessions that will support the curriculum learning that we deliver in school. The sessions will link to a range of subjects including Science, Geography, Maths and English. Each half term we will be arranging for the children to spend a day at the Heart of England site at Middle Spenal. The sessions are being offered to us free of charge and we will be asking for a small contribution towards the cost of transport. Our first visits will be in October and we will send out more details near the time.

Parents Information Evening

Thank you to all the families who came along yesterday evening. We hope that you found the information useful. If you were not able to make the evening, your child will be bringing home an envelope with some forms for you to complete and return to school along with information about the learning that has been planned for this term.



Well Done Year 6



We would like to congratulate our year 6 pupils on the fantastic start they have all made to their final year at TG. Everyone across the school has been really impressed with the conscientious way they are carrying out their new manager roles and it has been an absolute pleasure to see the kindness and consideration they have shown for their Class 1 buddies.

Volunteers in School

We really appreciate the support of our volunteers who help out in various ways in school - Forest School, swimming and hearing readers. Our volunteers make a real difference to the children's experience in school and the activities we are able to offer. If you would be interested in either continuing to volunteer or would like to start volunteering in school, please speak to Mrs Hendry or contact the office and tell us when you are available and in what capacity you would like to volunteer. Everyone who volunteers on a regular basis needs to be aware of the importance of safeguarding children in school and we will be running two safeguarding information sessions on Friday 21st September at 9:00 am and Tuesday 9th October at 2:30pm. If you are intending to volunteer this year, please contact Miss Britt to arrange to attend one of the sessions.



Star of The Week

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| Lily Cole | Class 2 |
| Hollie Spiers | Class 3 |
| Zac Colbourne | Class 4 |

Class 3 will be sharing

their learning in

Celebration Assembly on

Friday 21st September at

2.45pm.

School Council

This week each class held elections to vote for their school council representatives. In each class there were an impressive number of children who put themselves forward to take on the responsibility and serve their year group. Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to the TG School Council for this year: Morgan, Kristian, Jack T, Maya, Amelia, Yash, Lilia, Thomas, Ava and Lily C. We are looking forward to working with the council this 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.





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House Captains



Also this week the children voted for their House Captains. The House Captains and Vice Captains play an important role in organising their respective teams for sporting events. This year we are looking to expand the number of inter-house sporting fixtures to include a greater range of competitive sport. The successful candidates were: Chestnut - Hugo and Emilie, vice captains - Henry S and Vinnie; Sycamore - Barnaby and Lily B-C, vice captains - Stefan and Otilie; Beech - Rufus and Ella, vice captain - Ethan.

Book Fair



The Book fair will be arriving in school next Friday and will be taking place at the end of the day (Monday – Thursday) in the week beginning 24th September 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. We would welcome 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.

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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