



# Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

**Sun 15th 9.15am**

Family Service at St Andrews Church

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

HALF TERM

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Back to School

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup>**

Class photos

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>**

Home Learning due in Class 3

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**

Home Learning due in Classes 1,2 & 4

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>**

Cross Country The Croft Y5/6

### MARCH

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 6.15am**

Family Communion at St Andrews Church

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 1.30-3.30pm**

Sportshall Final Stratford Leisure Centre

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

World Book Day

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

Fire Service Visit Y5 & Y1

## NEWSLETTER

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### Panto Day



Staff and pupils all enjoyed the fantastic production of Dick Whittington on Monday afternoon. The cast of M and M productions put on a thoroughly entertaining show with lots of audience participation. Many thanks to all our families for helping to provide the wonderful costumes which added greatly to the day.

### Class Photos

On Tuesday 24th February, the photographer will be coming in to school to take class photos. Please make sure that your children have a sweatshirt or cardigan with them for the photograph.

### Dance Club

Thank you for the positive response we have received for the KS2 after school dance club. The sessions will be starting after half term. There are still a few places left ; if any more children in Class 3 or Class 4 would like to join, please speak to Miss Britt.



### PTA Meeting



I hope that you have all had the opportunity to read the letter from the PTA (sent out earlier this week). We are very grateful for the responses that we have received so far which is an encouraging start and makes us hopeful that the PTA will be able to continue. We do still urgently need someone to come forward to stand as chairperson in order to maintain our charitable status. We do hope that many of you will be able to show your support by attending the meeting after half term on Thursday 26th February at 8pm in the school hall.

### Star of The Week

William Jackson	Class 1
Finley Groutage	Class 2
Annabel Disley	Class 3
Megan Pinfield-Thomas	Class 4

### Party Church: Sunday 22nd February 4.00pm St Laurence's Church

We're looking forward to another Party Church on the final Sunday of half-term, come and find out more about Joshua one of God's great friends. There will be crafts, songs, food and even a wall to knock down!! Do come and join us.



Revd Ruth

We hope everyone enjoys their half term break and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 23rd.

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**\*\*If you, your child or any member of your family have difficulty in accessing the school and/or the school's facilities and services, please contact the School Office for assistance.\*\***

**Class 3** will be sharing their learning in Celebration Assembly on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm**



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## Guided Reading

Your children may have talked to you about guided reading which we have launched in school this term. The purpose of guided reading is to support the children to become enthusiastic, motivated, independent and perceptive readers. In guided reading, the children work in groups on various activities which focus on developing literacy skills; within each group the children are around the same level in their reading.

We believe that guided reading is an important element in the teaching of reading because it allows the teachers to give focussed teaching of the wide range of reading skills pupils need - from strategies for decoding to understanding themes in a longer novel. It also supports us in assessing each child's progress and needs. An additional benefit of guided reading is that by focussing on how texts have been constructed, the children can apply this understanding to their own writing.

During each guided reading session, the teacher works with one specific group on a rota basis. This guided reading session is carefully structured with a clear learning objective which involves pupils learning, using and applying reading skills to develop independent reading strategies. Teaching is carefully tailored to meet the needs of ability groups with appropriate support and challenge built in to the sessions.

Depending on the age of the children, the group will either be using a new short text each week or having several sessions based around a longer novel. While the teacher is working with the focus group, the other groups are engaged in independent tasks, or working with a teaching assistant. Guided reading is intended to supplement our use of Accelerated Reader and is not a replacement for the individual reading that the children do on a day-to day basis.

If you have any questions about Guided Reading, please speak to either your child's class teacher or to Mrs Hendry.