



Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

29th January 2016

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Fri 5th

PTA Disco

Mon 8th

Pantomime Day

Tues 9th 5 - 8pm

Parents Evening

Thurs 11th 5-8pm

Parents Evening

Fri 12th 3.30pm

PTA Cake Sale

Mon 15th - Fri 19th

HALF TERM

Mon 22nd

BACK TO SCHOOL

Mon 22nd

My Author Project - Class 3 & 4

Tues 23rd

Class 3 home learning due in

Thurs 25th 9.30am

Height & Weight Check - Y6 & YR

Fri 26th

Class 1, 2 & 4 home learning due in

MARCH

Thurs 3rd

World Book Day

Fri 18th 9.15am

Eucharist Service St Andrew's Church

Fri 18th

END OF TERM

Class 1 will be sharing their learning in **Celebration**

Assembly on Friday 5th February at 2.45pm.

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Teacher Training Day

The final teacher training day of this school year will take place on **Monday 6th June**. This is the Monday after the Summer half term holiday.

PTA AGM



It was lovely to see so many faces at the PTA AGM last night. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the incredibly successful year that we have enjoyed, 2014-15, and to look forward to the year ahead. The support of all our families is much appreciated. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Thapliyal and the staff at The Blue Boar for making us so welcome.

Parents Evening

Parent's evenings will be held in the week before half term. Letters were sent out to all families on Tuesday- if you haven't seen it yet please check your child's book-bag. Please return your slips by next Tuesday so that we can allocate appointment times.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Party Time!

The school disco returns on Friday 5th February.

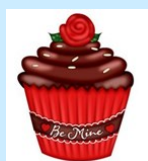
KS1 - 5.30pm until 6.30pm

KS2 - 6.45pm until 7.45pm

As ever a small entrance fee, £2 per child will be charged. Please send payment in a marked envelope to the school office, alternatively you can pay on the door on Friday. Squash and water will be provided free of charge and snacks will be available to buy. Typically 20p is charged for a small bar of chocolate or sweets and 50p for a bag of crisps. As ever, the PTA are grateful of helping hands on the night. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Louise Neill or Maryanne Vitty.



Valentine Cake Sale



On Friday 12th February, the PTA will be running a bake sale on the playground after celebration assembly - this time with a Valentine theme. All donations of cakes, cookies, tray bakes etc should be brought into school on Friday morning.

Attendance

Please see over for information from the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service regarding leave of absence requests during term time.

Star of The Week

Thomas Vitty	Class 1
Rose Wilkinson	Class 2
Henry Spiers	Class 3
Tabitha Danks	Class 4

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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.****



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Sporting Stars

Our children have been very busy representing TG over the last week. Please see reports on the following page from Sophie, Lucy and Finn-William.

Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and 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.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.



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Cross Country

On Saturday 23 January, 20 athletes from TG participated in an inter-school cross country, held at the Recreation Ground in Stratford. The skies revealed a fine, sunny morning, ideal for running, allowing everyone to enjoy their Saturday representing TG.

First off, the girls of Year 3, all completed the course, running with great effort and tenacity. Emilie (6th) gained some strong confidence throughout this race, and was able to increase her speed by sprinting to the finish. Ella (16th) also contributed her enthusiasm to our team, despite a lost shoe! Also, Lily and Otilie completed the 1.4km course with great commitment and determination.

The Year 3 boys once again displayed a huge amount of effort to our team. Flynn raced with grit, gaining a well-deserved 2nd place. Also, Seth and Reece both persevered the whole way through the tough and muddy terrain, even though another shoe situation occurred with Reece! Henry and Rufus ran the race with a smile, enjoying their first race for TG.

The Year 4 girls also completed their race with much grit and determination. Georgia achieved a top 5 finish, maintaining a strong pace throughout. Emma, Annabel and Amelia displayed positive, mental attitude, which paid off in their race. However, Gemma and Keira maintained a strong and steady pace throughout. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Unfortunately, after no Year 4 boy representation, Ruby managed to persevere until a leg injury caught up with her and was unable to complete the course. We also had no participants from the Year 5 boys either.

Sophie, the only Year 6 girl, managed to finish a strong 2nd, after supporters – Mrs Gray and Mrs Hendry – encouraged her enthusiastically, due to the bunch of runners approaching behind her.

The final race was the Year 6 boys. Tom (12th), Nate (27th) and Noah (29th) all raced superbly, sustaining a fast and furious pace throughout the whole race. The boys all raced fantastically, as did everyone else!

We would like to thank all the supportive parents, as usual, including Mrs Gray and Mrs Hendry, for constantly encouraging us. Also, a massive thank you to Mr Strangwood, for giving up his Saturday morning to support us. I would like to give a special mention to Olivia and Esme, who supported the team even though they weren't able to race. The next cross-country will be held at the Rec again, in February, so we are asking for as many athletes to join in as possible.

Written by Sophie

Sports Hall Athletics

On Monday 25th January, Class 4, and 5 participants from class 3, took part in the Alcester Sportshall Athletics' competition at the Grieg Hall. We were up against St.Nicholas' and Our Ladys'. Starting with javelin, Fleur and Noah each threw an amazing distance, whilst Ed got a score of 35 at the boys' speed bounce. Next, Priya secured a tremendous total of 52 on girls' speed bounce.

On chest push, Megan threw to the target mark, scoring a good amount of points to add to our total score so far. In the boys' six lap parlour, Tom and Nate ran a brilliant race with impressive baton passing, but unfortunately the competition just had the edge, putting them in 3rd place; the girls achieved a magnificent 1st for the Team TG.

To finish, we had the girls' over and under, in which Elodie, Lily, Ruby and Esme came 1st. Overall we came second to St. Nicks' and first out of the small schools, meaning that we will be moving on to compete in the small schools' final, to be held at Kineton High School in the near future.

Each member of the squad excelled in their event, which meant we were able to return to school triumphant and feeling proud of all our efforts. We would like to give a special mention to the year 3 boys: Stefan, Ethan, Toby, Reece and Flynn without whom we would have been unable to participate so successfully.

We would like to thank Mr Strangwood, Mrs Gray and Mrs Shearn who supported us on the day.

Written by Lucy and Finn-William