



## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 4.15pm

Choir singing at Budgens

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm

Choir singing at Hillers

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm

KS2 dress rehearsal

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm

KS2 Rock Bottom

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 7pm

KS2 Rock Bottom

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 12pm

Choir on Tour

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 12pm

Wear something festive &

Christmas lunch

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15am

Carol Service

refreshments in school

after

### JANUARY

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

TRAINING DAY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

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## NEWSLETTER

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### KS1 Play



Congratulations to everyone involved in our KS1 Nativity, Born in a Barn. The children's confident and enthusiastic performances were an absolute delight and audiences for both performances were impressed with the children's singing and dancing. Our thanks to Mrs Staples-Grantham for directing and producing the show and to Miss Harvey, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Miles and Mrs McGahan for their help with rehearsals.

### PTA Christmas Fair

On behalf of all the staff and pupils, I would like to thank everyone involved in making last Friday's Christmas Fair such a huge success. Not only have we raised a fantastic amount which will benefit the children's education but it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying what was a truly festive evening.



### Farewell to Mrs Miles



We will be saying goodbye to our Class 1 Teaching Assistant, Mrs Miles, at the end of term. Mrs Miles is leaving us to take up a full-time position at a primary school in Stratford. We would like to thank Mrs Miles for all the care and support she has given to our Class1 children over the last year and we wish her every happiness for the future.

In January, Mrs Griffiths, one of our midday supervisors, will be supporting Class 1 in the mornings whilst we recruit a permanent replacement for Mrs Miles.

### Christmas Lunch Day

Next Thursday is our Christmas lunch and will be a mufti day with no charge! The theme for the day is 'wear something festive'. This could be a Christmas jumper or clothes that are in Christmassy colours.



As in previous years, the children will be making Christmas paper hats during the morning to wear at lunchtime. We would be very grateful if donations of newspaper and cello tape could be sent into school next week. If your child would like to add embellishments to their hat, they can bring extra things in to use as decorations. The hats will be judged and there will be a small prize for the most creative hat in each year group.

### Star of The Week

Emily Buesing	Class 1
Charlie Neill	Class 2
Bob Rygielski	Class 3
Rufus Neal	Class 4

### Maths Marking

There will be no maths marking next week. The next marking session will take place in the first week back in January.

### Last Day of Term



On the last day of term children in Classes 3 and 4 may bring a toy into school. The children will be responsible for taking care of their toys during the day and making sure they go home at the end of the day. We will not be able to open up school during the holidays if toys are left behind.

There will be no  
**Celebration Assembly on  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.**



# Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Christmas E-Safety Advice

We know that many children may be looking forward to receiving new electronic devices or games under the tree. We thought that this might be a good time to highlight some simple online safety tips to help parents/carers make safer choices when buying new devices. It may also serve as a timely reminder to consider how all parents/carers can help to keep their children safer online.

Online Safety Guidance for Parents



The following website provides advice on tech gifts for children:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/holidays,-toys-and-tech-a-checklist-for-parents-an/>

The organisation internetmatters.org have also produced a quiz and guide to online safety for parents and carers:

<https://nicedevicelist.com/>

## Carol Service

PLEASE JOIN US

Next Friday our annual Carol Service will be taking place in St Andrew's Church at 9:15 am. Families are warmly invited to attend. After the service we will be serving refreshments in the school hall and would love you to join us for a mince pie and a cup of tea, coffee or non-alcoholic mulled wine.

## After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs in the last week of term. Clubs will resume in the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Heart of England Forest

The Heart of England Forest is one of the charities shortlisted for the Tesco bags of help token scheme in Barnt Green, Alcester, Bromsgrove, Redditch and Studley to raise money towards way marking and interpretation at Spernal Park to make this area of the Forest more accessible and enjoyable for local people. This means a guaranteed donation of £1,000 but if they win the vote by getting the most tokens in the voting boxes in store this could be increased to £4,000. Please support Heart of England Forest if you are shopping at these Tesco stores.



## Advent Unwrapped

Next week our Advent focus will be Joy. Please see below for some suggestions as to how we share joy with others during Advent.

**Week 3**
*Advent Unwrapped*

A gift of *Joy*

Jesus' birth brought great JOY to the world. Christians believe that this joy is deeper and stronger than happiness and that we can experience God's joy even in difficult times.

For many people, Christmas can be a very lonely time. It can be the time when they feel the most desperate and alone. Simple kindness from others can bring joy.

How can we bring joy to others this Advent?

Practical Challenges	Reflective Challenges
Spend time with someone who may be lonely.	Take time to be thankful for all the things in your life that bring you joy.
Spread joy by bringing a smile to at least five people.	Choose to pray for someone who feels lonely at Christmas.
Organise Christmas Carol singing for elderly residents in your community.	Reflect on how you can share joy with gifts to others this Christmas.

**Bible Link**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.'  
Psalms 28:7

**Prayer**

Lord, thank you for the *Joy* you give us. We pray for anyone who is lonely that they would know your *Joy* through others around them.

Amen