



# Temple Grafton

Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE - 8

Good afternoon

It has been lovely to welcome back some of our children in Reception and Year 1 over the last two weeks. All of the staff would like to thank you for your support and understanding with the new routines and timings. As you will all be aware the government have announced that they no longer think that it is feasible for all primary school children to be back in school before the end of the summer term.



Although this news did not come as any great surprise, as a school we have already used all of our classrooms and teaching staff to support Reception, Year 1 along with the Key Worker groups, we are still disappointed not to be welcoming back all of the children before the end of the summer term.

We will, of course, continue to deliver learning packs and class catch-ups through Teams for the next five weeks. We will be arranging Teams meetings for the children to meet their new class teachers.

Last week, we let the families of children in Reception and Year 1 know, that we would be closing for these year groups for the last two weeks of term. This is to enable us to invite Year 6 back into school to have a proper end to their time at primary school. Our Key Worker group is now full and we are unable to take any more Key Worker children before Monday 22nd June. If your circumstances have changed and you require a childcare place in school, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can make preparations to safely cater for all needs. The DfE guidance for key workers, which includes a list of critical worker roles, can be found [here](#).

### Staffing News



As we start our final half term of the school year we wanted update you on some staffing changes that will be happening in September. Due to changes in her personal circumstances, Miss Taylor has made the decision to move back closer to her family. We are very sorry to be losing her but fully understand and support the decision that she has made and we wish her all the very best for her future. Mr Christopher Boothroyd, who impressed us when we interviewed him alongside Miss Taylor for the Class 2 vacancy, has agreed to join us in September to replace Miss Taylor. Since February, Mr Boothroyd has been working within our Multi-Academy Trust at Coughton covering a maternity leave.

We have also now made a successful appointment to replace Mrs Gray when she takes over as head of TG. Mrs Pellett-Ward will be joining us to take responsibility for our Class 4, Year 5 & 6 pupils. Mrs Pellett-Ward is a very experienced teacher who is returning to the area with her family after many successful years of teaching at a British school in Spain.

### Teams Catch-Ups

Our Teams meetings for Years 2 to 6 will be at the following times next Friday:

Year Group	Times
Year 2	9:30
Year 3	9:30
Year 4	10:30
Year 5	1:30
Year 6	2:30



### 11+ Registration

A reminder for Y5 families, registration closes on 29th June for the 11 plus.

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### Home Reading Books



From Monday, we will be sending home reading books for Reception and Year 1 pupils. In order to minimise the sharing of surfaces, we will be introducing the following system which we very much hope you will be able to support.

Children will be given a pack of reading books and a reading diary in a named ziplock bag. The books have been packed by the class teachers observing strict hand hygiene rules.

We would like the books to stay at home for a full week and be returned inside the ziplock bag on the following Monday. There will be a box by the gate to drop the bags into when you come to school on the Monday morning. We will leave the bags to one side for 72 hours before unpacking and putting back into circulation. On Monday afternoon we will send a new book pack home for the week ahead to be returned the following Monday.

Reading diaries need to stay at home; at the end of each week, please take a photo of the comments you have written and email it to the class teacher [tgmissharvey@gmail.com](mailto:tgmissharvey@gmail.com) or [tgmisstaylor@gmail.com](mailto:tgmisstaylor@gmail.com). The teachers will make contact with you where needed.

### Forest School

We plan to take each group across to use the Forest School site again this week following the same schedule:

*Class 1 Monday & Thursday*

*Y1 Stars Tuesday*

*Key Workers Wednesday*

*Y1 Rainbows Thursday*



It would be helpful if the children could be dressed in leggings or jogging bottoms on the days they will be going to Forest School.

### Drop-off and Pick-up Windows

We appreciate that timing your arrival to coincide with the start of your child's drop-off / pick-up window will not always be possible. In the event that you arrive early, we would appreciate it if you would wait inside your car until it is time for your window to start, this way we can maintain the separation between each bubble.

Group	Key Workers	Y1 Stars	Y1 Rainbows	YR
Drop Off	8.45 - 8.55	8.55 - 9.05	9.05 - 9.15	9.15 - 9.25
Pick Up	3.20 - 3.30	3.00 - 3.10	3.10 - 3.20	2.50 - 3.00

