

23rd September 2022



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton

C of E Primary School

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 26th & Tues 27th

Rags2Riches bags drop off

Mon 26th -Thurs 29th

Book Fair

Wed 28th

Rags2Riches Collection

Thurs 29th

Home learning out for Classes 2,3 & 4

Fri 30th

Class 3's Shake & Bake

Fri 30th

PTA Film Night

OCTOBER

Tues 4th

Class 4 Bellboating

Thurs 6th

Flu immunisation - whole school

Fri 7th

Harvest Festival

Sat 8th

Bellboating Regatta - Bidford

Thurs 13th

Home learning in for Classes 2, 3 & 4

Sat 15th

PTA Autumn Brunch Fun

Mon 17th

Parents' Evening

Wed 19th

Parents' Evening

Fri 21st

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

Mon 24th -Fri 28th

HALF TERM

NEWSLETTER

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Collective Worship

Our Christian Virtue this term is Service and we have used our Collective Worship over these past weeks to reflect on the significance of this attribute in the life of Queen Elizabeth II, and also the aspirations of our new monarch, King Charles III. Looking to how we can be of service to others within our school, Mr Boothroyd has led an assembly to promote the development of Playtime Buddies to be there for someone feeling sad, or to help play games and take care of equipment. This week we have also reflected on World Peace Day and the importance of hope in times when we might feel that peace seems unachievable.



Safeguarding For Parents - Online Bullying

Online bullying is a concern for many parents, online can often be a hidden aspect of many children's lives and children will not always talk if they are being bullied. Internet Matters have put some expert tips together for parents which are split by ages. You can access the tips [HERE](#).

internet
matters.org

A Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

Four of our MAT schools joined with other local schools to honour the Queen's passing by contributing to a beautiful floral tribute. Pupils from Temple Grafton, St Nicholas, Coughton and Wootton Wawen schools created beautiful purple flowers out of paper and recycled materials. These joined the creations from a number of schools and community groups. Collated and curated by the talented, Escape Arts the flowers are now on public display in the windows of the old Debenhams store, in Stratford upon Avon.

Scholastic Book Fair - 26-29.09.22

From Monday to Thursday of next week we will be running the Scholastic Book Fair after school. This link will take you to a flyer advertising some of the books available: [Scholastic Book Fair](#)



Stratford-upon-Avon Library

We have an exciting event coming up at Stratford Library on 1st October, working in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford Town Trust and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, as part of the Great Big Green Week and Fun Palaces weekend. All activities are FREE and it should be a really exciting and fun day. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Shake & Bake – Class 3

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING

Next Friday, Class 3 will be hosting in school "Shake and Bake"; our own version of Macmillan's coffee morning to help raise funds for this very worthy cause.

All the children (and staff) will be asked by our class for their choice of milkshake (or another drink) and invited to the hall to share a drink and a biscuit or cake.

Bake donations (of biscuits or cake) would be gratefully

received either Thursday or Friday mornings.

We would ask for your support with sending your child in on Friday morning with a small monetary donation to this cause.

Many thanks

Class 3

Harvest Festival

Our Courageous Advocacy Group who last year raised awareness and valuable funds for The Ukraine Appeal and supplies for our local foodbank have re-grouped and will be taking charge of re-distributing donations received at our Harvest Festival. To this end, they are asking that as much as possible, harvest gifts be made up of non-perishable items. They have created and distributed their flyer to families after school today, using the Foodbanks shopping list, and included a special message to all families in support of their important work as advocates for change.



Free School Meals

Our first census day of the year is fast approaching, and the data collected on this day determines our budget for next year. I would like to encourage any of our families who feel they would benefit from the Government's free school meals programme to ensure they have applied for this by Thursday, 6th October 2022. This link below will take you to the website for checking your eligibility and proceeding with an application if appropriate. It is a confidential service and notification is sent directly to the school office and managed from there.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Council

On Friday we held our school council elections whereby children in Key Stages One and Two had the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. Children had to prepare a speech to deliver to their constituents (in this case, their peers) who were then able to cast their votes. All candidates impressed their class teachers and electorate with the quality of their speeches and the final votes ran very close.

Our thanks to all our children who prepared speeches and our congratulations to our new councillors.

Class 4	Class 3	Class 2
Year 5: Charlie & Darcy Year 6: Ava & Lexy	Year 3: Tom & Zach Year 4: Siena-Rose & Leyla	Year 1: Eli & Leo Year 2: Elodie & Violet

Attendance

Please find attached, below, leave of absence during term time information from the Warwickshire Attendance Service.

Data Collection Forms

Please could all checked Data Collection forms, Photo Consent (not Class 1) and Acceptable Use Agreement forms (not Class 1), given out in the packs at the recent Parent Information Evening, be returned to Miss Britt as soon as possible.

Playground Project

We are in the process of having our playground marking refreshed and updated to support active games and learning for our children. The company have spent two days preparing the surface and will return week commencing the 3rd October to lay the new markings.



Produce Sale

Our produce sale after school today raised the fantastic total of £24.70. Thank you, this will be used to buy seeds to plant our next crop.

Star of The Week Friday 16th Sept

Class 2 Indie
Class 3 Gracie
Class 4 Lexi

Star of The Week Friday 23rd Sept

Class 2 Violet
Class 3 Henry
Class 4 Charlie N

PTA News

Rags2Riches 4 Schools!

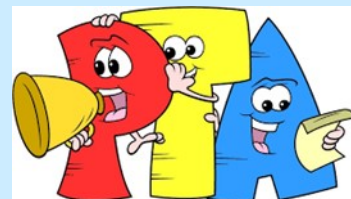
The next Rags2Riches 4 Schools collection will take place next Wednesday 28th September.

If you have any donations of good quality clothes, shoes, accessories etc please bring them to the school car park gates during one of the following slots!

Monday 26th 3.20 – 3.45pm

Tuesday 27th 8.40 – 9.00 am

Thank you so much in advance!



Second Hand Uniform

You'll know that we have quite a large selection of second hand TG uniform items available at no cost to those who need things. Last week we displayed all items outside school for parents to look through and help themselves to what they need.

We aim to do this on the first Thursday of each month, we'll send reminders but always know you'll have a chance to go through the stock available!

If you can't make it to school on the days we display, then please just drop a message to Miss Britt or to the PTA with details of what you are looking for and we will do our best to put these items aside for you, if they are available.

We do always have out a small donations pot for the PTA, but this is entirely voluntary. As we say, the items are free of charge, please do not feel you have to put money in for them!

Any questions please drop us a line at PTAtemplegraston@gmail.com

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, 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).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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



A Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

