

7th October 2022



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton

C of E Primary School

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Sat 8th
Bellboating Regatta -
Bidford
~~CANCELLED~~

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
Mon 31st
BACK TO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER

Thurs 3rd
PTA Meeting

Fri 18th
PTA Disco
Mon 28th
Yr & Y6 Height &
Weight check + Y6
Health Assessment

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE - 3

Collective Worship

We have been delighted to welcome Open the Book back to our Collective Worship in school this term when they joined us to enact the Bible story of how Joseph forgave his brothers, welcoming them all to Egypt in the time of famine. Continuing our focus on Service, we have reflected upon the importance of helping others, just as all the children have done in raising valuable funds for

valuable causes and by showing kindness to one another. This week, as we moved into October, we have considered the importance of Black History Month, recognising the importance of the contribution made across cultures right through history, linking it to the British Values of Tolerance of Different Cultures and Mutual Respect.



Drop-off & Collection



This week has served as a grim reminder of how dangerous the roads outside our school can be. Thankfully, the incident that occurred Thursday morning just after drop-off did not involve any of our families. Visibility on New Road and at the crossroads is poor and parking on the kerb, as one car driver did this afternoon at pick-up, puts at risk the safety of all our children and families, as well as other members of the public. Please do make sure you are safely parked. Thank you.

Attendance

We have started the year with some promising attendance data, despite the determination of some nasty bugs, our current YTD is 97.5%. Well done!



Punctuality

We are working hard to impress upon the children good behaviours for learning which includes being ready for lessons. Arriving to school on time will ensure that they are able to start their day calmly and ready for the start of lessons, just after 9 a.m. Being on site by 9 o'clock at the latest will help the children to achieve the very best start to their school day.

Be Bright Be Seen



Over this year we are working with Warwickshire County Council's Safe and Active Travel programme which has been developed to promote and support the delivery of road safety education and active travel interventions to schools, workplaces, and communities across Warwickshire. Classes 1 and 2 have already enjoyed a visit from a road safety officer and Classes 3 and 4 are working with their teachers using a range of materials to help raise awareness and keep all our children and families safe.

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Applying for Secondary School in Warwickshire: Helping you apply

If your child is in Year 6, then you have until Monday 31 October to submit your application for their secondary school place. There's a range of useful information on the Warwickshire County Council website to help you apply, including a list of all local schools, a priority area map and a handy video to help you make realistic choices of schools. For these and guidance on how to apply, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>.

Drop-in Autumn Crafts

Please see attached flyer with details of free craft-activities taking place at our local libraries. They are advertised as drop-in sessions.

Safeguarding for Parents

Roblox - New Age Rating and Parental Controls: Roblox is an incredibly popular game across all ages, but particularly children. Until now Roblox has been rated 10+ by ESRB and 7+ by PEGI. This has changed to 'Teen' by ESRB and 'PEGI ! Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. Additionally, Roblox is introducing more parental controls to filter different experiences dependent on the age of the user.

Stratford Food Bank – Thank you

On the very same day that we have set about donating our Harvest Festival goods to The Stratford Foodbank, I would also like to share with you their gratitude for the last donation our Courageous Advocacy group organised last year. Our children's involvement and growing awareness of social issues is supporting others and guiding them to become active and compassionate citizens.



Shake & Bake – Class 3



Our thanks to Class 3's incredible work to raise money in support of Macmillan's Coffee Morning to help raise funds for this very worthy cause. Through their endeavour and the generosity of all our families who supplied cakes and donations to enjoy the cakes and milkshakes, the sum of £165.30 has been raised. We also owe our thanks to Morrison's Supermarket in Stratford Upon Avon who generously donated all the necessary ingredients for our milkshakes.

Harvest Festival

Our church was packed and our wonderful new choir – only four weeks since they were formed under the guidance of Mrs Benjamin– raised their voices to lead us all in the most beautiful collection of new Harvest hymns. It was wonderful to see so many of our families in church to celebrate and judging by all the lovely comments received – which I have been able to pass on to the children - the service was appreciated and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all our families for their characteristic generosity and gift-giving in aid of Stratford Foodbank this Harvest and also, our faithful PTA who organised the coffee and cake gathering that followed in the school hall. Our thanks to Reverend Peter Walker for leading our service today.



Playground Project

Today saw the completion of our playground re-surfacing project during which time everyone pulled together and dealt cheerily with all the various re-routeing and changed entrances we had to organise. The children have coped brilliantly with the changes to playtime and can now look forward to enjoying the new markings from Monday.

Parents' Evening



Fi has sent Parents' Evening booking letters out to all families earlier this week and many of you have already booked your slot. If anyone has had any trouble accessing the site, please get in touch with Fi so that we can make sure you get a booking. Thank you.

Book Fair

This proved to be a great success and a wonderful start to our year of raising the profile of reading and updating our school library collection. Thanks to your purchases the book fair income totalled £461.79, meaning we as a school earned £217.00 to spend on books. Thank you all so very much.



PTA News



Thanks to everyone who supported our film night last week, we raised over £200 and the kids had a great time. Plus a big thank you to everyone who helped especially all our first-time helpers, you all did a great job!

Our next event is the Autumn brunch fayre next week. Saturday 15th October 10am-12pm. There will be loads of autumnal fun and games, arts and crafts plus lots of yummy goodies including pastries and bacon baps! All indoors so don't worry about the weather just bring some cash and be ready for some fun!

**Star of The Week
Friday 30th Sept**

Class 2 Charlie

Class 3 Ava

Class 4 Isla

**Star of The Week
Friday 7th Oct**

Class 1 Lily

Class 2 Peter

Class 3 Jack

Class 4 Darcy

Harvest Festival 2022

