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Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton
C of E Primary School



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE - 8

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

- Tues 3rd
TRAINING DAY
- Wed 4th
BACK TO SCHOOL
Mon 9th 9.45 -
11.30am
Girl Power Programme
Y5/6 Girl Power
Leaders
- Thurs 12th 7pm
PTA Meeting
- Thurs 19th
Jazz workshop day

Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96.8%

Despite some nasty bugs in school, we are finishing the term ahead of our attendance target of 96%

Well done everyone!



Ice safety messages and resource from Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service



**WARWICKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

Following the tragic incident in Solihull where four children fell through ice on a lake, Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service (WFRS) would like to reiterate some key safety messages for spending time near water in icy conditions.

This article details the advice from WFRS for avoiding incidents, as well as what to do if something goes wrong. <https://bit.ly/ice-safety-wfrs>

In addition, this resource from the RLSS - <https://bit.ly/rlss-ice-safety> - can be used to help educate children about the dangers associated with icy water, an essential part of keeping them safe.

Collective Worship

Themes in our Collective Worship this past fortnight, led by Open the Book, teachers and students:

- Advent:
 - Hope – John the Baptist
 - Faith – The Annunciation and Mary's trust in God
 - Peace – That we should pray for peace on earth
 - Joy - The Nativity and...So Here it is...
 - Merry Christmas!
- Moses: The Long Journey & The Ten Commandments



Infant Nativity & KS2 Carol Service



Thank you to all our children, teachers and TAs who have worked hard learning lines, following stage direction and singing their hearts out to produce wonderful performances for our Infant

Nativity and our KS2 Carol Service. Everyone shone and all performances were greeted with delight and rapturous applause.

Star of The Week Thursday 8th Dec

- Class 1 Harry G
- Class 2 Fern
- Class 3 Florence
- Class 4 Hugh

Community Links



A number of our children joined together with Mrs Staples-Grantham's High School Harlequin children – including a few of our past TG students - to raise their voices and bring a little Christmas cheer to shoppers at Bidford Co-Op store on Wednesday afternoon. Our thanks to Mrs Staples-Grantham, the children, supporting parents and all who donated, raising valuable funds for Myton Hospice and Temple Grafton PTA.

Supporting children with SEN at Christmas Time

Christmas can be a very overwhelming time for children with additional needs, particularly those with neurodiversity or processing difficulties. Please use these websites which provide helpful tips in supporting your child at this festive time.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/additional-needs-disabilities/support-home-school/send-christmas/>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips>

<https://www.sensationaltutors.co.uk/10-tips-for-enjoyable-christmas-children-with-sen/>

LA School Improvement Lead Commissioner

We were visited by our local authority school improvement commissioner recently as she'd not had an opportunity to view our school due to the events of the last two years. She was delighted to meet our children saying, 'it was a pleasure to see them firmly on task and enjoying their learning - and they were so willing to talk about what they were doing'. We discussed changes to the Government's school inspection criteria. Since the school was last inspected in 2011, there have been several significant changes to how judgements are made. At the school's last inspection the school was judged as 'Good' for teaching and learning. Under the current framework, the quality of education judgement (as it is known now) carries weight and therefore a 'good' judgement in this area would result in an overall judgement of good. As always, we have high aspirations for the children of our school and are aiming for us to be our very best. We are anticipating an Ofsted visit this academic year as we approach 12 years since the school's last inspection.

Government funded childcare support

Many families miss out on funded childcare support as they are uncertain of eligibility. The Childcare Choices website has all the information needed about the funding that eligible families could get to help pay for their early years and school-aged childcare needs.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Season's Greetings

On behalf of all the team here, I would like to thank you all for your support and cheeriness throughout the autumn term and to wish all our families a very happy and restful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday, 4th January 2023!



PTA News

Merry Christmas to all our wonderful families!

I can't thank you enough for your help and support: this month alone we have been fundraising hard with our Christmas Fayre, Santa letters, Christmas cards and wreath making. all bringing in around £1000! We are still adding up the pennies from Breakfast with Santa too. What fabulous memories made as well as vital funding to help our school provide the best for our kids. Our focus this school year is updating the books in school to provide more diverse, up-to-date reading that better reflects our modern world. So expect some book-themed activities in the new year!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, 12th January at 7p.m., the perfect time to get involved and help plan what's to come for the rest of the year ahead - we hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Your PTA

Christingle



Fun in The Snow!



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KS2 Christmas Carol Service

