

22nd September 2023



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton

C of E Primary School

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Mon 25th & Tues 26th

Rags2Riches bags drop off

Mon 25th

Class 4 Bellboating

Mon 25th - Thurs 28th

Book Fair

Fri 29th

Class 3's Campout

OCTOBER

Thurs 5th

Home learning out for
Classes 2,3 & 4

Fri 6th

Harvest Festival
PTA Movie Night

Fri 13th

TEACHER TRAINING
DAY

Thurs 19th

Home learning in for
Classes 2, 3 & 4

Mon 23rd

Parents' Evening

Tues 24th

Parents' Evening

Mon 30th -

Fri 3rd Nov

HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Thurs 9th Nov

Next PTA Meeting

Friday 17th -

Disco Night

DECEMBER

Friday 15th Dec -

Xmas Fayre after
school.

Thursday 21st Dec

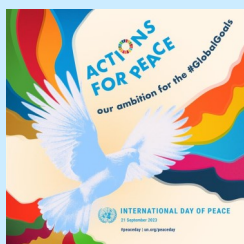
Breakfast with Santa

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE - 2

Collective Worship

Our Christian Virtue this half term is Perseverance which encourages us to keep going and how sometimes we may need help from our friends to achieve this. Mr Boothroyd led an assembly using a new educational resource called Lyfta which is an immersive learning platform in which we can explore the lives of real people across the world, including during our collective worships. This will give the pupils insights and understanding of a wealth of different cultures and communities.



This week, we have been delighted to welcome back to school Open the Book; they joined us to enact David and Goliath where the children reflected on overcoming big challenges with God's help.

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.

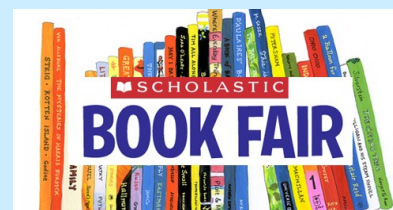
You can access the tips [HERE](#).

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matters.org

Scholastic Book Fair - 25-28.09.23

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](#)



Non-perishables

Harvest Festival

Our New Courageous Advocacy Group who raise awareness and valuable funds for our local foodbank and will be taking charge of 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.

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, 5th October 2023. 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

Last Thursday 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 6: Isaac & Penny Year 5: Emily B & Robyn	Year 4: Heidi & Tom Year 3: Ayesha & Darcie	Year 2: Tilly & Ethan Year 1: Oakleigh & Lily

Attendance

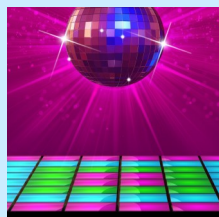
Please find attached, below, leave of absence during term time information from the Warwickshire Attendance Service.

Data Collection Forms

Please could all checked Data Collection forms, Photo Consent and Acceptable Use Agreement forms, given out in the packs at the recent Parent Information Evening, be returned to Mrs Harvey as soon as possible. If you have not received these can you please contact the office.

PTA News

We have some exciting PTA dates for you to put in the diary!!!



Rags to riches - Please drop off any items next week during Monday drop off or Tuesday pick up time at the staff car park or contact us for alternatives.

Movie night - Friday 6th October - Straight from School

For just £4 the kids get a hotdog, popcorn and to watch a film together. Plus you get some peace and quiet until 5.20pm! Bargain!

Disco night - Evening of 17th November

Xmas fayre - 15th December after school.

Breakfast with Santa - Thursday 21st December

Next PTA meeting - 9th November 7pm

Please keep a beady eye on Studybugs and our T.G.PTA Facebook page for all the details in due course.
Any questions or if you are able to help us at all please email ptatemplegraston@gmail.com

Star of The Week Friday 15th Sept

Class 2 Charlie T
Class 3 James
Class 4 Jessica



Star of the week

Star of The Week Friday 22nd Sept

Class 2 Eleni
Class 3 Charlie T
Class 4 Robyn

IN OTHER NEWS THIS WEEK.....

OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2024/25

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?
You're welcome to visit us, we'd love to show you our school. See our dates below;

Monday 9th October @ 2pm
Tuesday 10th October @ 9.30am
Monday 16th October @ 9.30am
Tuesday 17th October @ 2pm
Thursday 19th October @ 9.30am

Please contact us on 01789 772384 or admin3066@welearn365.com



WRAPAROUND PLAY ASSISTANT— 3 DAYS A WEEK



Play Assistant

Hours:

7 hours/ week (38 wks/yr)

2 Negotiable Days 3:30 — 6pm

Friday 3:30 — 5.30pm

Pay scale:

Band B (NJC Scale 2-3)

Closing Date for applications:

29th September 2023

Starting Date:

ASAP

We are looking to expand our Temple Grafton Family—we have a vacancy for a Play Assistant for our after school wraparound club.

This could work perfectly if you already have a child at school, or are just looking for a few extra hours a week.

If you think this could be the right fit for you then please get in touch for an application form.

Tel—01789 772384

Email—admin3066@welearn365.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 .