

December 22nd 2023



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton

C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2024

Mon 8th Jan

**TEACHER
TRAINING
DAY**

Tues 9th

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Thurs 18th

7pm— TBC

PTA Meeting

Thurs 18th

**Jazz workshop
day**

Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 95.5%

Despite some nasty bugs in school, we are finishing the term not too far off our attendance target of 97%

Well done everyone!



Collective Worship

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

- Advent: Christingle
- The Meaning of Advent—waiting for Christmas!
- Advent candles: Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy
- The story of Christmas
- King Ahab and the Prophet Elijah

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.

Courageous Advocates—Children with Cancer UK

An update from our amazing advocates. Eva, Isla and Maggie in Year 6 requested that money donated at the KS2 Carol Service be donated to their very worthy cause. Alongside collecting £50 at their Harlequin Drama Christmas production, the children have now raised over £200 in total. They exemplify our TG qualities: Inspiration, Collaboration, Nurture and Respect.

**Star of The Week
Friday 15th December**

Class 1 Ben S

Class 2 Oakleigh

Class 3 Florence

Class 4 Oscar

THANK YOU!



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/>

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 Tuesday, 9th January 2024!

PTA News

Wow- a whole lot of PTA action this month. Thank you all so much for your help and support. We look forward to letting you know how much money we have raised soon. Don't forget to join our new online PTA platform for all the latest news and an easy way to pay for events and more.

<https://ourpta.website/huddle/tg-pta>

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Your PTA X



Christingle Making



KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service



Breakfast with Santa

Our Breakfast with Santa was a huge success again this year, thank you so much to our fabulous PTA and volunteers that helped with this event, the children absolutely loved it!!

