

5th July 2024



Together we shine

TEMPLE Grafton  
C of E Primary School

## DIARY DATES

### JULY

Monday 8th—Rock Academy Performance to the whole school

Tuesday 9th—Reports Sent home  
Class 3 Forest School PM

Wednesday 10th—Teddy bears picnic for New Reception Parents  
Class 2 Forest School PM

Thursday 11th—Moving up day  
Year 6 Forest School

Friday 12th—Celebration Assembly @9.15am

Monday 15th July—Class 4 trip to Warwickshire sings

Tuesday 16th—Class 3 Forest School PM

Wednesday 17th—Class 4 End of term production @7pm

Thursday 18th—Year 6 Leavers Assembly @9am and Rounder's & BBQ afterschool.

Friday 19th—Leavers Service 10am

## NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE - 19

**Whole School Attendance Year to Date - 96% We are working towards our 97% target, keep up the great work!**

### Collective Worship - Respect

Over this half term we will be concentrating our focus on the value of *Respect*:

- 'Ohana' No one gets left behind – including everyone and respecting all families, including our school family
- Celebrating Children's Art Week
- World Refugee Day Assembly
- A Little Bit of Respect by Claire Alexander
- UK General Election – right to vote and democracy

### 150th Anniversary

Last week, we celebrated our school's 150th anniversary with a day full of memorable activities. The children embraced the occasion by dressing up in Victorian costumes and delighting in traditional Victorian games in the morning. This was followed by the whole-school picnicking on the field together. The afternoon church service was marked by heartfelt readings, hymns, a short sermon from Reverend Sheila, and the presence of former Headteachers, all coming together to celebrate how we shine together as a community. The day concluded perfectly with the hugely successful PTA Summer Fayre, making it a truly unforgettable celebration.

Our thanks to Charlie in Year 6 and his family who facilitated us taking aerial photographs of our current TG family to capture this special celebration. Also, Mel who sourced a 150th anniversary legacy tree which is planted in the newly-cleared area next to the parent shelter.



# Together We Shine

## Class 4 Residential at Willersley Castle

We are thrilled to share the wonderful success of our recent residential visit to a beautiful new site in the heart of Derbyshire. The children truly shone, embodying our core school values of inspiration, collaboration, nurture, and respect throughout the trip. They engaged in a variety of activities that not only showcased their creativity and teamwork but also reinforced the importance of supporting and respecting one another. This memorable experience has left a lasting impact on our students, and we are incredibly proud of their exemplary conduct and the positive spirit they displayed.



## Year 6 I Sing Pop Event

On Wednesday, our primary school leavers enjoyed a memorable iSingPOP event, blending singing, performing, and creativity. Alongside Year 6 from Bidford-on-Avon CE Primary School, they learned upbeat, Christian-based pop songs and created mood boards to express their interests. Sharing prayers fostered togetherness, and the day ended with a heart-warming mini-concert for parents. It was a perfect send-off as our students embark on their next exciting journey.

## Moving Up Morning

All class teachers and TAs are looking forward to welcoming their new children on Thursday morning. Class 1 and Year 1 have already had afternoons together when the new intake children have been in school and teachers have provided extra opportunities for children who need time in their new classes to do so. Some children will also have transition books to refer to over the summer to further support them moving onto their new classes.

## Reception 24.25

Our new reception class for September will once again meet up with their buddies this upcoming week and are looking forward to the traditional Teddy Bear picnic.



## Free School Meals—Pupil Premium

Since September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been able to enjoy a hot lunchtime meal in school which parents do not need to pay for. This offer does not depend on your household income or whether you receive any benefits – every child in these year groups is eligible to take up the offer.

In a trial, it was found that pupils who ate a high quality school lunch achieved better academically than those who did not. They were also more likely to eat healthier foods such as vegetables at lunchtime instead of less healthy foods such as crisps.

A major impact of this new scheme is the measure of additional funding called pupil premium. The school currently receives pupil premium funding for children who are entitled to free school meals. Although your child will be receiving free lunches through this new system, it is vital that you apply for free school meals if you are entitled to them so that the school continues to receive additional funding which is used to ensure your children make the progress they should as they move through the school.

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**It is important that you complete a free school meal application form.**

**You can do this by applying on-line via [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or by telephone via the Customer Service Centre on 01926 359189.**



# PTA NEWS



A huge thank you for all your support with the schools birthday fair. We had amazing donations and volunteer help on the day. We really do appreciate all your time and effort. We hope you enjoyed the fair and we made over £1000 which will go to school projects. Thank you. We didn't manage to get many photos of the day, so if you have any that you don't mind sharing we would love to see them.

Please send to [ptatemplegraffton@gmail.com](mailto:ptatemplegraffton@gmail.com).

Again thank you for all your Rags2Riches donations. We made £64.87 from that collection. The next collection will be in November.

The amazingly talented Bidford Area Community Choir held a wonderful concert last week and we were lucky enough to receive an incredible donation from them which will go straight toward our latest project of rejuvenating the area beside the parent shelter turning it in to a science and sensory area.

We can't wait to see how that develops!

We are holding our next PTA meeting afterschool on Friday 12th July on the school field. We would love you to join and give us feedback on events that have taken place and give ideas for events in the next academic year.

We wish you all a lovely weekend!

**PTA X**

## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Star of The Week**  
**Friday 5th July**  
Class 1 Ben  
Class 2 Ethan  
Class 3 Grace  
Class 4 Toby

