

19th July 2024



Together we shine

# TEMPLE Grafton

## C of E Primary School



### DIARY DATES

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd— Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd—Back to School

Tuesday 10th—Class 4 Bell Boating

Tuesday 17th September— Year 3 Swimming

Thursday 12th—Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 24th— Flu Immunisations

#### OCTOBER

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th— Bikeability Year 5.

Friday 25th—Teacher Training Day

Half Term— 28th October - 1st November

## NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE - 20

**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 have continued our focus on the value of Respect:

- The Teaspoon prayer – tsp – thank you, sorry, please – Allan Stevens
- Environmental Advocates – Class 3
- Summer Reading Challenge
- Moving on...

### Parents Survey Results

The recent parent survey has provided us with valuable insights into the strengths of our school community and areas where we can make positive improvements. We are delighted to hear that parents appreciate our approachability, the family feel, and our friendly, supportive, and caring staff. The pride our children take in their school and their responsibility within our safe and happy environment are particularly heartening. We also acknowledge the need to further enhance our communication. We are committed to ensuring timely and accurate information and making it easier for parents to know who to contact, especially for new families. We will also improve the visibility and advance sharing of dates in our newsletters, using Studybugs for all communications unless a personal email is necessary. Regarding special educational needs provision, we are fortunate to continue to have the support of Zoe Blackwell, SENCo from one of our sister schools in September, and whole-staff training for SEN is ongoing. Additionally, we continue to address any concerns raised about school lunches and are optimistic about the improvements since May. Finally, to further enhance our after-school opportunities, we are excited to announce a new musical theatre after-school club starting in September. These steps reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering a supportive and enriching environment for our students and their families.

### KS2 Production

Following swiftly on from our musical evening, our KS2 production of Strictly Come Fairy tale Dancing was another resounding success! The singing and acting demonstrated the talent and resilience of our amazing children – they are truly outstanding. Out thanks to Mrs Pellet-Ward for her wonderful casting, script-editing, prop-making and directing; to Ms Lovegrove for just about everything else; to our brilliant families who supported the spectacle with costumes and cheerfully not least – the goes out to our wonderful TG children!



# Sports Round Up Summer 2024



**Sports Day**— Sports Day was a fantastic event this year, with Beech retaining the trophy for another year! The day was filled with exciting activities including Egg & Spoon Races, Sprints, Hurdles, and Mixed Relays. We were incredibly lucky with the weather as the rain held off and we enjoyed a bit of sunshine. A huge thank you to Mrs. Campbell for her excellent organization and lively commentary, making the day memorable for everyone involved.



**Olympic Values** — Mrs. Campbell proudly awarded a trophy to one child from each year who exemplified the Olympic values during their PE sessions. These values—excellence, respect, and friendship—were displayed through their dedication, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The chosen students not only excelled in their physical activities but also inspired their peers by demonstrating integrity and kindness, embodying the true spirit of the Olympics in every game and exercise.

**Reception—Sebbie, Year 1 Lily, Year 2 Charlie, Year 3 Ayesha, Year 4 Max, Year 5 Henry and Year 6 Poppy.**

## Safe & Active Travel

We have achieved Warwickshire's Safe and Active Schools Award for the work we have done raising awareness of how we can all make a difference to our well-being and our environment by making a few changes to how we travel.

## Safeguarding

As part of our School's Digital Safeguarding subscription, we continue to send out the monthly newsletter.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children, presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. The Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to keep

reading during the school summer holidays. They set a reading goal and can read anything they enjoy! Public libraries issued over 12 million children's books (including eBooks and audiobooks) during last year's Challenge. The Challenge is proven to significantly improve children's reading confidence, making sure they are ready for their return to school in the autumn. It also gives families the chance to access books and fun family activities throughout the summer – all for free. The Challenge reaches around 700,000 children each year, and 75% of children taking part last year improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Ready, Set, Read!

Ready, Set, Read! This year's Summer Reading Challenge, children are invited to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge, and ignite their imaginations through the power of creative expression. Developed in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust, the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge children of primary school age can join up at their local Warwickshire County Council library from Saturday 6th July. They will borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks, collect special stickers and rewards for reading, attend fun, free events throughout the holidays and collect a medal & certificate for completing the challenge. Children can also take part via the official Summer Reading Challenge website, where they can sign up for a free Challenge profile and get book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home. They can review books, unlock digital rewards, and access competitions, videos and games.

***In addition, Mrs Pellet-Ward has invited the children to the annual Reading Miles Global Challenge. Information has been sent out as to how children can complete their 'passport' and a book token up for the winning child from each class.***

# PTA NEWS

As the academic year draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone for all you have done to support us over the last year. Whether that is offering some of your time, coming to meetings and offering suggestions, gifting donations or supporting events we have put on. We can not do our work without you. We are supporting the development of the science / sensory garden and we look forward to seeing how this develops. We have also funded new dictionaries for all classes. And of course continued with our regular commitments. Moving forward we will be publishing more regular PTA newsletters to let you know how much money we have made and where the money is being spent. So please look out for this. We would also like your feedback and ideas on events and will be asking you to complete a short questionnaire. We wish all the leaving year 6's all the best as they move on to new schools.

And we wish you all a lovely summer!

## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Star of The Week**  
**Friday 12th July**  
**Class 1 Whole Class**  
**Class 2 Olivia**  
**Class 3 James**  
**Class 4 Hugh & Jackson**

