

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



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TEMPLE Grafton  
C of E Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> am

Class 1 Forest School

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Red Nose Day

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> am

Class 2 Forest School

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> pm

Class 4 Forest School

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> am

Class 1 Forest School

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> pm

Class 3 Forest School

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> am

Class 2 Forest School

APRIL

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

PTA Easter Cake Sale

END OF TERM

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

PTA Easter Egg Trail

Mon 26<sup>th</sup>

Pantomime Day

### Whole School Return

It has been so wonderful to have all our children back where they belong! They have all settled well and seem genuinely happy, on the whole, to be back with us and, more importantly, all their friends. In the mornings, school learning has moved back into the normal structure pretty seamlessly and whilst we are going to start assessing and identifying any gaps over the next few weeks, all is looking very promising at this stage. So, you have all done an excellent job, for which we thank you.



We have used our afternoons to re-visit aspects of the recovery curriculum, giving our children creative time to relax, chat with their friends and to explore how they are feeling to be back at school.

Both KS2 classes spent an afternoon each in our Forest School with Melissa and her team. They will have one further afternoon this half-term:

Class 3 Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Class 4 Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The Forest school schedule for Classes 1 and 2 remains the same as usual.

### Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Red Nose day. Our brilliant school council met recently and after consideration decided that, as a school, we would follow the Superhero theme and help raise money for Comic Relief by making a donation to dress as our own personal favourite superhero for the day. They also felt that if anyone would prefer, they might just like to wear bright colours.

As I type this message to you all, you should know that I am surrounded by Red Noses! This year's collection, priced at £1.50 each, is made up of a group of woodland creatures, 100% plastic free and therefore very green indeed. Each has its own box which, if opened carefully, becomes the Red Nose's tree house! Children will be able to pay for their Red Nose in class and they will be given them just before they leave school on Friday afternoon. This will ensure that the Noses remain personal and do not get swapped or lost during the day.



### Pantomime Day

Looking ahead to the summer term, our annual Panto day should be happening on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, fingers crossed.

### TGS Parent Teacher Association

Last evening our PTA met to plan fundraising events for the term ahead. Our PTA has long been a beacon of the community spirit that makes TG School such a special place. The energy and commitment of all the members is reflected in the generous contribution the PTA makes to so many aspects of school life. Without them our school trips would double in price, to mention just one element of our children's learning and the cultural capital such opportunities provide. Without them, our school would be poorer. The present group have been giving of their time for a number of years, and without more members to join and come up through the ranks, as it were, the PTA cannot survive in the longer term. New members will not only find that they are supporting the school and their children's education, but also becoming part of the fun, laughter and sense of well-being that goes hand-in-hand when working together for the good of all.



### Star of The Week

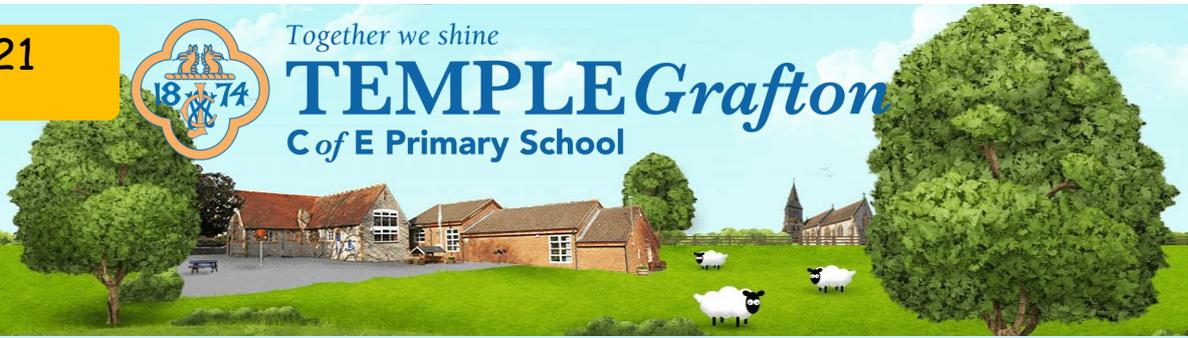
Autumn O'Dwyer	Class 1
Evie Brazier	Class 2
Evelyn Temple	Class 3
Oscar Gould	Class 4

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## PTA News

Welcome back to all those returning to school this week! With the light at the end of the tunnel getting brighter as far as lockdown is concerned we are really pleased to bring you some plans from the PTA!

Following our first PTA meeting of 2021 last night, we are excited to announce the following upcoming PTA events;

### Easter Cake Sale – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Our marvellous PTA cake team would like to offer some homemade Easter delights for you to buy!



- Chocolate Easter Nests x 4 - suggested minimum donation £1.50
  - Easter Rocky Road (21cm x 15cm tray) - suggested minimum donation £4
  - Carrot Cake (13cm x 7.5 cm) - suggested minimum donation £4
- Vegan Carrot Cake with lemon icing (13.5cm x 7.5cm) - suggested minimum donation £4 (Vegan carrot cake recipe comes from the brilliant [veganeat.co.uk](http://veganeat.co.uk) website, which is run by one of our TG families!)

If you would like a list of ingredients for any of the above, please ask and this can be supplied. Please send your orders to [Ptatemplegraffton@gmail.com](mailto:Ptatemplegraffton@gmail.com) by Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Supplies will be limited so get your orders in early to avoid disappointment. If you have any allergies please get in touch to discuss this. Payment can be made on the day by giving an envelope with the correct money inside, cheque made out to Temple Grafton PTA or bank transfer, please ask for details when ordering.

**Orders will be ready for collection on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021** at pick up. The pick-up point will be in the staff car park. If you won't be at the school at pick up time or your child is in the wrap around facility, please let us know and we can either arrange to drop the order at your house or get the order to you another way.

### TG's inaugural Easter Egg Trail – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April

We are really looking forward to bringing this Easter egg discovery trail to you this year! Using 'eggs' that will be designed and decorated by the children in school. Each graphic will include a letter, which, when all collected together will spell out a special message. These 'eggs' will be placed around the Graftons for families to hunt for between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April. Maps will be available to collect for a small donation at pick-up and drop-off times during the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> March. We hope you will all be able to get involved in this fun ramble around the area local to our school.



### 'Virtual' Balloon Race – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021



This innovative event is organised by Ecoracing and allows the children to design and name their own helium balloon. The balloons will be 'released' from St Petersburg on 1<sup>st</sup> May and will virtually travel for 7 days. Where they end up depends on how they've been designed and the weather conditions at the time, all developments of their journey can be monitored online. And there are some great prizes for the balloons that 'travel the furthest' within the 7 days.

Other organisations along with TG will be taking part so it is a large event with some amazing prizes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize £500 cash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Apple Ipad
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 10 winners of £10 book token

In addition, TG PTA are offering our own 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes just for our school participants. The cost of each balloon is £3 and a large portion of this will go straight to the PTA funds. Further details will be provided nearer the time but can be found at [ecoracing.co](http://ecoracing.co).

**All** of the money raised from the events outlined above will go towards improving the outside space around the school. Including repairs and improvements to the running track and lower playground area. We urge you to please get involved and support these endeavours, we're sure you will agree these improvements are a great cause and will benefit all of the children!