



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th October 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	99% Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	93%
Templar	95%

This week's whole school attendance: 95.8%

Last week's whole school attendance: 95.6%

RAG Rating		98% and above
		96.1% - 97.9%
		96% and below

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Please practise the whole class spellings, as per your child's year group.

SPAG sheet(s)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Science this week was brilliant! There were lots of "Wow!" moments for Year 5 and 6. We are learning about light: light travels in straight lines but sometimes light can change direction when it passes through a different material (for example, water into air). This process is called refraction. The children had to predict what would appear to happen to the object when Mrs Mott put a pencil in water, an arrow behind a glass, a penny under a glass and water in a curved plastic bowl on top of a book. Ask the children what happened, but for a moment, it looked as if Mrs Mott had turned into a magician!



Star of the Week

Freddie for being willing to work with other year groups

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in class and for showing pride in Maths when he worked with a partner on a real head-scratcher challenge! Freddie also grew in confidence with his Harvest Festival reading.

In early June, Year 4 have to complete a times-table assessment. This is a statutory, government test. To ensure that the children are prepared, they do daily times-table practice but you can never practise too much! Feel free to make up silly songs, rhymes and rhythms if that helps you and use these websites to practise:

- Times Tables rockstars (the children do already have log-ins but please do ask if you need a copy).
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

Even though it is Year 4 that have to sit the times-tables assessment, Year 5 and 6 still rely heavily on their times-table knowledge in all areas of Maths so every Templar child can use the websites above.

Mrs Mott and Mr Bird
Templar Class teachers

Please note:

Please can Year 5 and Year 6 children come into school dressed in their PE kit on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Year 4 now do a PE session with Mrs Harris so please can they wear PE kit on a Thursday and Friday. Thank you.

The school PE kit should be plain black or blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with a plain white t-shirt. (This can be their normal school t-shirt.)

The weather is no longer turning – it's turned! - so it's time for the children to bring in coats please.

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

Harvest Festival

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for joining us at the Harvest Celebration in the church and for everyone who supported their children to learn their words or helped them with songs. The children's performances were outstanding, showcasing their talent, hard work, and enthusiasm. Harvest is a time to reflect on abundance, gratitude, and sharing, and the message was



beautifully conveyed by our children. Your support means the world to us, and we couldn't be prouder of how well the children represented the school.

Curriculum Focus – that the children have been learning this week?

Alongside preparing for our Harvest Festival the children have also been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Templer have researched prominent figures Emmeline Pankhurts and Millicent Fawcett and their impact on the Suffragette movement to then go on to write biographies next week. This research has really inspired our children and it was wonderful to see all of Templer Class engaging in discussion about the impact they had on our lives today.

This terms Christian value which we have focused on has been trust. We have explored how this is all visible in the way in which the children treat each other on a daily basis. We see trust in the way our teachers and students have worked together to create a nurturing environment where everyone feels safe to learn and grow. Trust, as a Christian value is not just a concept, it underpins the foundation of All Saints Marsh and the relationships we hold dear.

Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

Just finally I would like to give all parents and carers a reminder that our parent feedback survey is open, and we welcome your thoughts on your child's experiences at All Saints Marsh.

We are seeking your valuable feedback to help us to continue to build a positive learning environment where all our children flourish

Your feedback will help us to gain a better understanding of your views on your child's experience in school and hear your thoughts about being part of a family of schools, so we can see how we are doing and recognise opportunities for improvement. The anonymous feedback survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code. The survey opens on Monday 6th October and close on Friday 20th October

Link to survey for parent/carers to



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Please provide your feedback by end of day on Friday 19th October 2023.



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complete: <https://forms.office.com/e/yQCTaHTkD0>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023 / 2024

- 16th October - Individual School Photos
- 16th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Forde and Courtenay)
- 18th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Forde, Courtenay and Templar)
- 19th October - Parent Consultations 3.15 - 6pm (Templar)
- 18th - 20th October - Year 6 PGL Residential
- 23rd - 27th October HALF TERM
- 17th November - Children In Need

FAMILY SUPORT


School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children

Parents/carers can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for [information and advice](#) on **07520631721**.

They also have a [website](#) that's split into a kids zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.

The banner features the 'Health for Kids' logo and the Devon County Council logo. It includes navigation buttons for 'Staying Healthy', 'Illness', 'Feelings', and 'Getting Help'. A central text box says 'A fun and interactive resource for learning about health'. Below this are icons for 'Games', 'Activities', and 'Quizzes'. The website URL 'www.healthforkids.co.uk' is prominently displayed. A 'Psst! Parents!' section mentions that users can get advice on supporting their child's health and wellbeing, with a link to 'www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon'. At the bottom, there is a 'ChatHealth' section with the phone number '07520 631721' and a QR code for further service contact details.

This advertisement is for a text message service. It features the Devon County Council logo at the top. The main text reads 'IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER' in large, colorful letters. Below this, it says 'You can text a Health Visitor on 07520 631 721'. A list of topics they can help with includes 'CHILD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT', 'MENTAL HEALTH', 'ADJUSTING TO PARENTING', 'SLEEP & FEEDING ROUTINES', 'TOILETING & CONTINENCE', and 'FAMILY HEALTH'. At the bottom, it says 'Text us for confidential advice & support' and includes a QR code and the 'ChatHealth' logo.

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Christmas Toy Appeal

As in previous years, the Salvation Army have kindly offered to help families in need this Christmas.

They will be concentrating on Toys and aim to provide 3 items for each child plus a selection pack and copy of their Children's Christmas comic. They try and tailor the presents, so it would be helpful to know about the children's special interests or disabilities/allergies if they have any, dinosaurs, cars etc. or requires toys with no sound effects/tactile etc. They also need to know the age and gender of the children.

If you would like Mrs Webber to make a referral, please let her know her by 1st December. They will also need your name and family postcode which will be treated in the strictest of confidence and for that reason we do ask for your permission to share this information.

Action for children Devon Childrens Centres are offering a selection of webinars and online events – Please see a link for the collection [HERE](#) – Webinars and bite sized events will be added to this collection on an ongoing basis.



Is your child struggling with their mental health?

Alongside You...

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS

8 weekly online sessions on Mondays 5:30pm - 6:45pm

A safe and supportive group facilitated by two Arts Therapists

Together we will explore the commonalities of being a parent and each session will have a theme named in advance. This will likely include:

- how we might best help a child/young person
- how we look after ourselves
- communication and relationships
- identity
- trauma and the body
- self-harm
- suicidal thoughts
- planning for safety
- accessing services

Please email: info@youthartsandhealth.org and we will send you more information and a booking form.

Places are limited.

YOUTH ARTS & HEALTH TRUST

Our mission is to provide high quality arts therapies and creative arts activities to children, young people and their families that develops their skills, confidence and resilience.

Fully funded thanks to the **NATIONAL LOTTERY FUND** **COMMUNITY FUND**

GENERAL CONTACT: info@youthartsandhealth.org www.youthartsandhealth.org



Digi Dads Connect

Digital Drop in session for male carers

Join us for our new Digital Dad's Drop in!

Devon Children's Centres, Digital Service are offering digital drop in sessions for male carers.

So why not pop in to this informal, friendly drop in session and discuss topics that are important to you and your family. The session will give you the opportunity to get support from other male carers in Devon with the assistance of a Family Practitioner.

Monthly sessions are from 7pm - 8pm on Mondays

Dates are:
23rd October
27th November
11th December

To book your place on any of the sessions, please click the link above or scan the QR code below

You will join the session via Microsoft Teams.

Topics can include: sleep, eating, toddler tantrums, bath times, getting to school on time...

Any questions? Please contact: devondigital@actionforchildren.org.uk

They are also offering monthly male carer drop in's called Digi Dads connect! – this is a safe and supportive digital session for males with child caring responsibilities to meet and share. Here is also a link to book onto those sessions - [Click here to book Digi Dads Connect](#) These sessions are run once a month for 20 participants at each session.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHAT Space @ Newton's Place

Feeling like you could do with a chat? You are always welcome at CHAT Space in the community area of Newton's Place,

Every Friday, 1pm - 3pm

Free tea & coffee



Newton's Place, Wolborough St,
Newton Abbot TQ12 1JQ
(That's the big church opposite ASDA!)



Saturday 15th of October

Apple Harvest

Decoy Community Orchard 10.30am-12pm

Pick your own apples

Follow signs through BMX track, from bottom of Devon County
Football car park, Coach Road.

Apple Pressing

Vicary's Field Community Garden from 1.30pm

Bring along an empty bottle and take home some
fresh juice!

Over the foot bridge from Baker's Park Car Park

These events are free but a donation towards costs is
very welcome

Libraries Unlimited

STORY TIME

With author Anne Parsons

Thursday 26th October, 11am - 12pm
Newton Abbot Library

Join author Anne Parsons as she reads from her latest book **Archie, Go!** followed by themed crafts. This is the third and final installment in the Archie series

Anne will also be selling signed copies of her book if you would like to take one home!

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