



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 3rd November 2023



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	96 % Well done Forde Class!
Courtenay	95%
Templar	91%

This week's whole school attendance: 94.1%

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.

Book Review – please see template. Each child also has a list of prompt questions to help

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant start to the Half Term, with 14 class points already awarded by the end of Tuesday! I have been very impressed by how the children have remembered our routines and how quickly they have returned to focussing and giving their all during lessons. Well done Templar class!

In English this week, we have started our unit on Writing to Entertain – Fantasy Writing. The week began with one of my favourite activities to prove the point that authors have to use a lot of detail with setting and character descriptions, so that the reader can really imagine the scene and characters. I asked the children to work in pairs: each had to draw a

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<p>them with their book review. Please do not stick the Book Review in as I would like to include some examples in our Templar Reading scrapbook.</p>	<p>Fantasy animal in its setting, but their partner was not allowed to see. Then, each child had to describe their picture to their partner in such detail that it could be reproduced exactly. Some pairs came very close to exact copies! In the next lesson, the children had to evidence what they had learned about the necessary level of detail by writing a setting and character description about a sad image. This led to some very good writing that showed real progress from the start of term.</p>
<p><u>Star of the Week</u> Lexi for showing such kindness to her class and to Mr Bird and Mrs Mott by offering to help so often.</p>	<p>We also enjoyed a Book Hunt in English this week...Cheekily, Mrs Mott had hidden the pages of the book for this Writing to Entertain Unit – ‘Gorilla’ by Antony Browne – around the classroom. Templar class had to locate all the pages and then use textual clues to piece the book together. It was such a joy to see the children really buzzing about a book with such enthusiasm and intrigue 😊</p> <p>Mrs Mott and Mr Bird Templar Class teachers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please note:</p> <p>PE for Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday. PE for Year 4: Thursday and Friday. 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.)</p>


MESSAGE FROM MR O’SULLIVAN

It has been a fantastic first week of the new half term despite the impact of storm Ciaran with the children settling back into their learning beautifully. In Templar the children have been focussing on writing with detail and I have included an extract from Hettie’s writing which I am sure you will all agree has you hooked from outset.

“I’m bored and isolated, the bedroom seemed to wail with despair. The only glow of light was streaming out of a TV. The left hand wall paper formed unknown creatures that scuttled down the wall like spiders”

Commissioning Service 14th November

On the 14th November at 1.30pm the children and the staff team will be attending a service at St Paul’s church led by Reverend Gareth. This service is a headteachers commissioning service and is being hosted to welcome me officially to the school community. As parents you are more than welcome to join us at the service, but I want to stress that this will not be our normal church service, the staff and children will this time make up part of the congregation. It would be wonderful to share this moment with you however there is no expectation for parents to attend.

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PTFA Fun Run – 9th November.

What a wonderful amount of donations already received an amazing £342!

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible generosity in supporting our fun run through your donations. It was unfortunate that we had to postpone the event, but we're thrilled to announce that it's now rescheduled for Thursday 9th November. We invite you to join us throughout the day to share in the excitement and fun. Your continued support means the world to us, and we can't wait to make this event a memorable day for everyone. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

PTFA Rags to Riches 8th November

We would like to remind parents that on Wednesday the 8th the PTFA are inviting you to receive unwanted clothes with the aim of raising some more money to support our school. Our PTFA have been wonderfully active in this term and this is another example of an event being hosted to raise more valuable funds to support our children.

All Saints Marsh C of E Academy



PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 8th November 3pm

All are welcome to join the PTFA to discuss and make preparations for the Christmas Fayre. All help much appreciated, Tea, coffee and biscuits available and children welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd November - PTFA Fun Run - POSPONED TO 9TH NOVEMBER

8th November - PTFA Rags to Riches

14th November 1.30pm Commissioning Service St Paul's Church

16th November - Grandparents Reading Afternoon KS2 2.00 - 2.30pm KS1 2.30 - 3pm

17th November - Children In Need

29th November - Templar trip to Coombeshead to watch Panto

30th November - Templar Bake Sale

4th December - Templar Lantern Workshop at the Avenue Church

5th December - PTFA Whole School Cinema Visit - Arthur Christmas

6th December - School Christmas Meal and PTFA Xmas Fayre

13th December - Lantern Parade - Newton Abbot Town Centre

14th December - Nativity at St Pauls' Church 1.45 and PTFA Christmas Disco

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Tue, 14 Nov 2023 19:00 - 22:00 GMT

Tickets available from: [Let's Talk Primary - Session 1, November 2023 Tickets, Tue 14 Nov 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Aimed at parents and carers of young people aged from 5 to 9 years old, it is a chance for you hear about the challenges young people face in ever changing world and to hear about the tools techniques you can use to support your children.

The topics covered will be as follows: -
Session 1 - Tuesday 14th November

- Development
- Anxiety Landscape
- Family life
- Ever changing risks and world
- The online world

Session 2 - Tuesday 21st November

- Relationships
- Gender stereotypes
- Positive body image
- Mental health

Some of the feedback we have had from parents of our Let's Talk Teenagers and Let's Talk Pre-Teens is below.

"The work you are doing is VITALLY important. I have been feeling so alone and isolated as a single parent. This has made me feel supported in just an hour and a half"

"This has been the best online service I have ever been on...thank you. worth every minute of our time and yours"

"Again, another really good session. I wasn't sure whether to join as I have done the teen talks and my youngest is 12 but thought it might help... and it has already"

"I thought they were very tough topics and the session and links will be invaluable to help me to discuss them with my daughter who is in Year 6 and also my son who is in Year 4"

**LET'S TALK
PRIMARY**



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this
and

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 art activities to children, young people and their families that develops their skills, confidence and resilience.
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Youth Arts Trust

Limited places available for the fully funded online support group for parents. Mondays on zoom beginning later this month. Please contact info@youthartsandhealth.org with your email address and they will send you the application form. A friendly, supportive and nurturing group (bring a cuppa). Thanks to Lottery funding. 😊

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**LANTERN
PARADE
WORKSHOP**

Saturday 9th December

Fancy making your own Lantern and taking part in 'The Wild Creatures Come to Town' Lantern Parade on Wednesday 13th December?

NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL

CREATION MYTH PUPPETS

Join Templar Class by making your own magical lantern creation and joining us at the parade.

Public workshop held at
The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot
Tickets available from Newton's Place on 01626 201120
Morning workshop 10am - 1pm
Afternoon workshop 2pm - 5pm
£5 per ticket! - (CASH ONLY)



NEWTON ABBOT MUSEUM
YOUNG CURATORS CLUB
Every Tuesday from 14th November to 5th December
16:00 - 17:30

Learn how to run a Museum and care for historic collections

Accession and handle historic objects	Identify the 10 Agents of Deterioration
Curate your own display case	Look for pests and identify insects
Write museum labels	

NEW CURATORS ONLY FREE AGES 7-16

Book now on our EventBrite Page:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/newton-abbot-museum-34258269903>



FOR NEW CURATORS ONLY -Newton Abbot Museum

Join our team of Young Curators and learn all there is to know about running a museum and taking care of objects in our collection!

Across four weeks we will explore the collection and undertake fascinating curator tasks.


Tuesdays: November 14th, 21st, 28th and December 5th

Timings: Arrive after school anytime between 3.30 and 4.00pm for a 4.00pm start. Finish 5.30pm

For beginners aged 7 - 16

Please note these sessions are not appropriate for those who have already attended our Curator Club this summer, please don't sign up if your child has already become a young curator with us.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../young-curators-club...>

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Warm Bank @ Newton's Place


Open space, ideal for writers and makers!

All Welcome!

Every Friday, 1pm - 3pm
From 11th November - 16th December
Newton's Place, Wolborough St,
Newton Abbot TQ12 1JQ

**Keep warm, have a chat
and a free cuppa, and
be creative!**



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