



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 19th January 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	100% Amazing well done!
Courtenay	99% Fabulous
Templar	99% Superb

This week's whole school attendance: 98.8%

Last week's whole school attendance: 97.4%

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning
Spellings – learning rules as well as words (so that the rules can be applied to more complex words later on).

Reading:
Comprehension (Next week's home learning will

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Reading, we have started a new book for the Half Term called, 'The Secret of Splint Hall,' by Katie Cotton. The book is set shortly after World War Two: a family lost their father and have been forced to move into the ancestral family home – an enormous mansion – to live with their Auntie and her very unpleasant husband. The house and its grounds hold a secret that takes you completely by surprise! It does not match the setting at all so Katie Cotton is a great author to choose if you like to read unpredictable plots. She also uses the paintbrush tool (when an author uses language to paint clear pictures in the reader's head) very effectively. This website is a fantastic way of finding new authors and authors that are similar to ones you are already like: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/bookmatch>

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use the same text again so please keep it safe.) It is the same text for each year group this week, as it supports our English learning.

Star of the Week

Kaylyn has worked really, really hard on making positive choices and she has made some excellent contributions in lessons this week. Keep up the good work Kaylyn!

Year 4, 5 and 6 all take part in Handwriting lessons twice a week. We are following the Handwriting plan that the whole Learning Academy Partnership uses. Based on assessment last Half Term, we are focussing on single letter formation. It is essential that each letter is formed correctly before we then attempt to join the letters together. Once a letter has been taught, I expect to see this letter being formed correctly in the children's books. If it is not formed correctly, the letter is circled and feedback asks the child to repeat it again underneath. When children are writing at home – producing home learning for example – please remind them of the importance of forming their letters correctly. The letters we have taught so far are: c, a, o, d, g, q, l, t, b, p.

In a newsletter before Christmas, I mentioned that it would be really helpful if school dinners could be ordered before the relevant school day as lots of children ordering a school dinner each morning takes quite a bit of time. I would like to say a massive thank you to you all for making this happen: it makes a real difference to our mornings and means we can crack on with our learning 😊

Reminder: We will be once again celebrating NSPCC's Number Day. This year we ask all children to come into school on Friday 2nd February dressed as either their Times Tables Rock Star/NumBots Character or something imaginative related to Maths! There will be a prize for the best dressed. Please can we ask children to bring in a donation on this day to go towards NSPCC.

Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley
Templar Class teachers

Please note:

PE for Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday.

PE for Year 4: Thursday and Friday.

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe

We are inviting all our children to participate in our special project! Capture the joy of reading by sending us a picture of your child immersed in their favourite book, ideally in their most cherished reading spot or reading to their most cherished person. We're



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creating a vibrant display at the school entrance to celebrate the magic of reading and the happiness it brings to our community. Share your snapshots, and let's make our school entrance a colourful testament to the power of reading at ASM!

We are Stronger Together

As you will be aware the Christian value of perseverance is our focus for this half term. In Collective Worship this week we focussed on the story of Nehemiah. We learnt that perseverance extends beyond individual efforts; it involves uplifting and encouraging others. This valuable lesson instils in us a sense of shared responsibility and that encouraging our friends is as crucial as persisting in our own challenges, creating a foundation for a resilient and united school.



We all belong in our School Trust

A reminder that regular attendance at school is crucial for our children's academic success and personal development. Consistent attendance fosters a routine that prepares all our children for future challenges and helps them foster relationships with their peers. It also enables our staff to provide continuous support, tailoring their teaching to individual needs. In this newsletter, you'll find more detailed information on the significance of attendance and further advice on illnesses and school.

In realising the possible so that all children can flourish

This week's lunchtime clubs have been a resounding success, thanks to the leadership and commitment shown by the Year 5 and 6 children running them. Their dedication has not only made the clubs enjoyable but also created a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all. We're confident that their enthusiasm will continue to foster a sense of community and make lunchtime a highlight for all children involved. A reminder of the different clubs is set out below.



Monday – TTRS/ Numbots/ Maths games

Tuesday – Colouring Club

Wednesday – Board Games KS2

Thursday – Reading Club

Friday – Board Games KS1



Attendance

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

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If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

They give the following advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and Colds – It is fine to send your child in to school with a cough or a common cold. However, you should keep them off if they have a fever over 38 degrees.

Chicken Pox – If your child has chicken pox, keep them off school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after they start appearing.

Cold Sore – There is no need to keep your child off with a cold sore.

Conjunctivitis – You do not need to keep your child off with this. They may come to school but will need advice from the pharmacy.

Head lice – There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice, but you will want to gain advice from a pharmacist on how to treat it.

Impetigo – If they have impetigo, they will need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until the sores have crusted over and healed.

Sore throat – There is no need to keep your child off with a sore throat unless they have a temperature too.

Vomiting and diarrhoea – children should stay off for 48 hours after being sick or having diarrhoea.

Covid -19 – Your child is no longer required to do a Covid 19 lateral flow test. If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or cough, and feels well enough, they can still come to school. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to do their normal activities. If a test is taken, they should remain at home for 3 days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2024

26.1.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
30.1.23 2.15pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting
2.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
8.2.24 – Candlemass (Year 6)
12.2.24 – 16.2.24 Half Term
21.2.24 Rags to Riches Collection
23.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
26.2.24 – 28.2.24 Year 4 Residential
4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations
8.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
15.3.24 -National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)
21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day – details to follow
22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
7.3.24 World Book Day
27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm
29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break
30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5 – details to follow.

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FAMILY SUPPORT

FEELING THE PINCH AFTER CHRISTMAS?

TEIGNBRIDGE CVS Teignbridge .gov.uk

Free Cost of Living Event

Drop in for help, advice and information around home/housing/energy/wellbeing/maximising income/learning/food support and more

Come and speak with:

- Teignbridge District Council
- Teign Housing
- Exeter Community Energy / Local Energy Advice Partnership
- Citizens Advice
- Wellbeing in Action
- Assist Teignbridge
- Learn Devon and Eat That Frog
- Devon County Council Early Years Services
- Crafty Cook CIC
- QWELL online mental wellbeing community
- Teignbridge CVS
- Cash Access UK
- Homes for Ukraine
- THAT Foodbank
- DWP and more...

free entry + free raffle ticket for each visitor.
Prizes include slow-cooker, heated throw, flask and air fryer!

Saturday 27th January 2024
Newton Abbot Market Hall (Food Hall area)
10.30 – 2.30

We have some online slots available for those unable to join in person please email anja@teigncvs.org.uk or call 07435 570161

OFFICE NEWS



Rags to Riches –Following the success of our last collection we are asking if you have any more quality reusable clothes that you are no longer needing p – please donate! Bags are available from the PTFA. Please bring in all donations on Wednesday 21st February. Thank you for your support. Let's see if we can smash how much we raised last time!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Free tree giveaway!

Slapton Village Hall

20th January 2024 10am-2pm

Come and collect between 1-5 trees to plant in your garden and help enhance Devon's treescapes. All trees will be UK broadleaf species and will be 20-40cm in height. All trees will come with tree protection and a planting and aftercare guide.



- * Tree hub cuppa & cake
- * Kids corner
- * Information stalls & wood craft
- * Talks for landowners 11am-12pm on hedges & trees - Prebook

Contact: treewarden.slapton@icloud.com



Museum Make and Create



2024 - A year of Noticing

Make a Journal

The museum looks after some fascinating diaries and journals from the past that document life in Newton Abbot. Created by local people, they share observations, thoughts, drawings, and stories that capture events during the year in which they were made. Be inspired to create your own journal that you can fill with stories and pictures of your year throughout 2024.



Saturday 3rd February

10:30am-12:30pm

Book now for February's FREE Make and Create session

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../make-and-create-journal...>

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