



# Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'**

## Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	100% - Fantastic 3 weeks in a row!
Courtenay	95%
Templar	97%

This week's whole school attendance: 97.5%

Last week's whole school attendance: 98.8%

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, using the same text as last week.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearing the end of our English unit on Persuasive writing, with an outcome of a persuasive speech. Our topic is plastic pollution in the oceans and Templar class are very passionate about preserving our marine life. Please do ask them about their persuasive speeches – they could even give you a practice performance at the end of the unit!

Year 5/6 PE is Dance. Our unit is based on the music from 'The Greatest Showman' and our central character is a circus ringleader – a role that requires power and presence. I am so impressed by the children's engagement, behaviour and the way they have really gone for it with trying to portray the role of ringmaster. I change the groups each week and give them three or four skills – building each time on the previous week's learning – that they need to include in a routine. The children should be

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### **Star of the Week**

Bertie for his best PE session EVER!

He stayed quiet when it was needed but then made excellent contributions to make us all more circus-y! Keep it up Bertie 😊

really proud of how they work together as a team to achieve mini routines. This week, we worked as a class to follow along to a given routine, with music, before we then use our learning about levels, travelling, shape, space, canon and unison to make our own routines! It is great fun 😊

Reminder: We will be once again celebrating NSPCC's Number Day. This year we ask all children to come into school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

This week, in active worship we have continued discussing the value of persistence in the children's learning. We have focussed on the model of climbing stairs and the feelings we go through when tackling a new task. The children were also invited to reflect on the persistence exhibited by others. It was great to hear how they admire and emulate those around them who exemplify tenacity, recognising that the value of persistence extends beyond All Saints Marsh. The children especially enjoyed looking at famous figures such as Lionel Messi and Albert Einstein who suffered setbacks but showed persistence to overcome their hurdles and go on to achieve wonderful things

#### **We are Stronger Together**

As you will know we held Phonics workshops for parents this week and it was lovely to see those of you who could attend. We understand the challenges of balancing busy schedules and wanting to be as informed as possible. In recognition of this Miss Perry-Bates will be recording a comprehensive video of the workshop, ensuring that all parents have the opportunity to get the information. If you have any questions regarding Phonics teaching and early reading, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Perry-Bates.

#### **We all belong in our School Trust**

You will have seen last week that I spoke about our plans to create a whole school display celebrating reading at the heart of our school. We have received lots of photos but invite you all to contribute a photo of your child immersed in their favourite book, ensuring that every individual is beautifully represented in our display, symbolising the shared love for reading that unites us at the heart of our school. Of course, please feel free to email in the picture so that it can be printed in school.

#### **In realising the possible so that all children can flourish**

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We are excited to share that our teachers have been actively engaging in CPD focused on metacognition and the science of learning. By delving into these areas, our trust aims to better understand how children think, learn, and process information. With an emphasis on metacognition, children can develop essential skills like self-awareness and strategic thinking, enabling them to navigate their educational journey with greater success. Look out for more information regarding our 'Optimal Learning Approach' in the coming months.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2024**

30.1.24 2.30pm Year 4 Heatree Parent Meeting  
2.2.24 Courtenay Class Forest School  
2.2.24 Number Day  
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) - Moved to 24.5.24  
21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day  
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.  
24.5.24 National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)

## OFFICE NEWS

Road closure

We have been advised by Wales and West that Osborne Street will be closed from the junction of Chapel Road to outside Number 1 Osborne Street from 12/2/24 for 4 weeks, traffic diversions will be in place.

## FLU CLINIC

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have a flu clinic available with limited spaces in the local area so if you previously did not consent and now wish for your child/children to receive the Nasal Flu vaccine, please call us on the number below and we will be happy book you into a clinic.

Devon School aged Immunisations: **01392 342678**

Kind Regards

Cornwall and Devon School Age Immunisation Service

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COMMUNITY NEWS

# MAD4TENNIS

NEW

BEGINNERS GROUP TENNIS COACHING

AT NEWTON ABBOT TENNIS CLUB

**SATURDAY 20th January 2024**

**9.30 am - Red Ball  
(Reception - Year 3)**

**10.15 am - Juniors  
(Year 4 - Year 8)**

**Equipment Provided  
Everybody Welcome!**

**£6 per player  
(45 mins)**

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