



Templar Class Weekly Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024



'Building Lifelong Foundations Together'

Attendance



Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Class	Weekly Attendance
Forde	98%
Courtenay	96%
Templar	99% Well Done!

This week's whole school attendance: 97.8%

Last week's whole school attendance: 96.4%

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

Our whole school attendance target is 96%

Home Learning

Spellings – rules as well as words please.

English

Vocab. Please use dictionaries/search online to find three new words that you would like to include in your diary writing about Scott the explorer.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 4 Residential children in Templar. They returned tired but happy, having experienced a whole host of exciting challenges and opportunities. Templar are thrilled that you had such a great time and we're really proud of you 😊

In English this week, we have started working on the sentence-level part of our Diary unit about Scott the Explorer. Our aims are to write a formal diary entry, with historical references (for Year 5 and 6) that is full of feelings and detailed descriptions that make his journey come to life. Here are some snapshot sentences to showcase our learning:

"Alarmingly, the sun has been selfish with its warmth, allowing the wind to

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<p>They could be adjectives to describe Scott's feelings, or the setting, or verbs that show how hard it is to travel through such a tricky terrain. <i>See separate sheet for more ideas.</i></p>	<p>push us back like the wind is warning us that it's too dangerous again and again." "After transporting the wooden whaler through the thick ice for what seemed like years, axing the ice to reach our food, longing for us to reach our rest station, we were finally able to pause." "The suit-black skies started to shimmer with a kaleidoscope of blue and green, which rippled like waves."</p> <p>When you are Reading at home with your children, please can I encourage you to read a wide variety of text types with your child, as well as their daily book. For example, if your child does not normally read recipes, newspaper or adverts, could they read one this week? Talk about the differences between that text type and others they have read. In addition, when you are reading stories with your children, please can you ask questions that require them to <u>explain</u>? Year 4, 5 and 6 Reading has a strong focus on explaining texts, with evidence to support, so we do a lot of this in school but Miss Blakesley and I would very much appreciate more practice with this at home. Thank you.</p>
<p><u>Star of the Week</u> Ruby P for her active engagement with her Reading, showing such determination to achieve every possible mark.</p>	<p>Mrs Mott and Miss Blakesley Templar Class teachers</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Please note: PE for Year 5 and 6: Wednesday and Thursday. PE for Year 4: Thursday and Friday.</p>

MESSAGE FROM MR O'SULLIVAN

We Believe

We are stronger together.....

This week in our collective worship, we shared the parable of the Good Samaritan. Inspired by this story, we collectively embraced the challenge of extending the same level of love and compassion to every member of our school community. This parable gets us to think about even when we don't know a person it's important to treat people with care and love. Through reflection and discussion, we reaffirmed our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where kindness and love knows no bounds.

We all belong in our School Trust....

This week's residential for our Year 4 children was an incredible adventure, filled with laughter, new experiences and triumph. The children embraced every challenge, from conquering the high ropes to navigating night-time treasure hunts with enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to witness them overcome their initial nervousness about being away from home, and instead, they flourished, forming new friendships with our friends from Ellacombe and creating lasting memories. Their resilience

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and spirit were truly inspiring, and it's evident that they all had a remarkable experience they'll cherish for years to come. A big thank you also to Miss Harris and Mrs Armstrong for their hard work supporting our children for the 2 days.

In removing barriers for all....

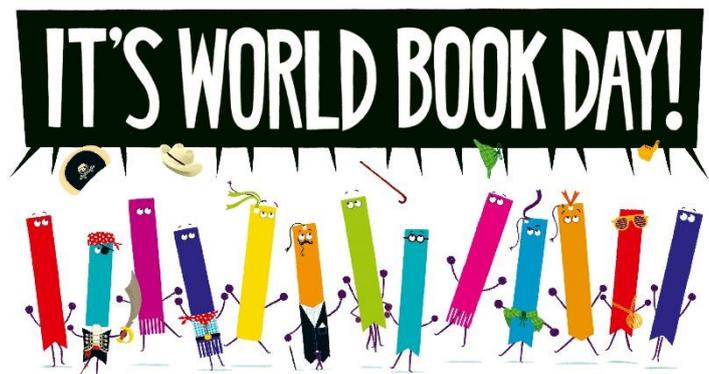
We are thrilled to celebrate the outcome of the meeting with the PTFA this week! It was collectively agreed that a portion of the funds raised this year will be allocated towards purchasing new resources for our EYFS children to use and enjoy in the outdoor area. This investment promises to enhance our children's learning experiences and further enrich their time spent outdoors. Additionally, we are overjoyed to announce that thanks to the PTFA's generosity, all children will have the exciting opportunity to embark on a school trip, with the PTFA graciously covering the cost. More information will be shared in the coming weeks about the different trips on offer for the different year groups. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the PTFA for their dedication and generosity and to everyone who has donated this academic year.

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In realising the possible so that all children can flourish....

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming celebration of World Book Day next week with a special visit to Newton Abbot Library! It promises to be an enchanting day filled with the magic of storytelling. We encourage all children to join in the fun by dressing up as their favourite book character. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at school if you are having any problems with a costume. We're here to support and ensure every child can fully participate in this exciting event!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

4.3.24 6.3.24 7.3.24 Parent Consultations
8.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
8.3.24 PTFA Parent / Carer Day Craft
15.3.24 Red Nose Day
21.3.24 Cricket Engagement Day
22.3.24 Courtenay Class Forest School
26.3.24 PTFA Non School Uniform (details to follow)
28.3.24 PTFA Forde Class Bake Sale
29.3.24 – 12.5.24 Half Term
7.3.24 World Book Day
27.3.24 – Easter Service 1.30pm
29.3.24 – 12.4.24 Easter Break

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30.4.24 Maths Challenge Day – Year 5 – details to follow.
23.5.24 PTFA Courtenay Bake Sale
24.5.24 National Child Measurements (R and Yr 6)
27.5.24 – 7.6.24 Half Term and Non Pupils Days
14.6.24 PTFA Parent / Carer Craft Day
20.6.24 PTFA Templar Bake Sale
27.6.24 Sports Day / PFA Summer Fete
11.7.24 Sports Day / PTFA Summer Fete (Reserve date)
22.7.24 Leavers Assembly at St Paul's
24.7.24 End of Term



COMMUNITY NEWS

Families invited to help shape future support services

Devon are changing the way that young families are supported at Children's Centres, and are inviting those who use the services, as well as professionals and community groups, to help influence the changes.

It follows a national move, announced by the Government last year, for Children's Centres to become Family Hubs, as part of its Start for Life Programme initiative.

In Devon that means extending the age range, from current services that deliver targeted support to 0 to 8-year-olds, to future services that provide targeted and universal support to 0 to 19-year-olds, or up to 25-year-old young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). And it would mean a wider range of services than present, including support from local community groups, working together to help young families.

Exactly which services will be integrated into a Family Hub will very much depend on the needs of local families. But the kind of services that families could access include early years services and education; Public Health Nursing and Midwifery services; activities delivered by local groups; drug, alcohol and domestic abuse support; mental health support and youth services.

[Read the full story on their website](#) to find out more, including how to have your say on the plans.

The consultation is available by visiting the [Have Your Say](#) webpage.



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WEEK 2 - MON 8TH - FRI 12TH APRIL

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