

Templars Primary School

Newsletter 6.9.24

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Message from the Headteacher

A huge welcome back to our Templars Community and a special welcome to those of you who are joining us for the first time.

We want all children, families and staff to feel that this is a place where they are part of a team and where they belong. Our school wraps its arms around our community to provide a place of consistency, security, warmth and respect where we can all reach our full potential as learners, friends, carers and workers.

Lots to share with you this term, but first a shout out to National Grid who worked like trojans to ensure we could open to pupils on Wednesday - it was a close shave! Whilst we were away, many others have been working to improve our environment - thank you to Jaguar Landrover who sent 17 volunteers to freshen up the Nursery and Reception outdoor areas. Surveys have been undertaken to arrange planning permission to extend our current library into a Community Centre where we can offer a space for a Community Cafe, toddler groups, youth clubs, parenting groups (lots of ideas!) There is a new 'Secret Garden' in Reception, some safe steps in the playground, a very tidy outdoor classroom and right at the last minute, Mr Weller pulled out all the stops to build us a giant sandpit for Opal Playtimes! Thank you too to all the staff who came in during the holidays to clean and tidy their classrooms ready for the big opening.





Check out our new website - we are still working on it but we think you will find it easier to find information you need. Your children will be bringing home a number of leaflets over the next few days with key dates, who to contact and the latest apps we are using in school. They will also bring home a topic web and a list of spellings for the term so that you can share their in their learning (much more on the website). We are changing homework this year and will be launching a new app but if you want to know more, please come to the new to year group meetings starting NEXT WEEK at 2.30pm

Year 1: Tuesday 10th September

Year 2: Thursday 12th September

Year 3 and 4: Friday 13th September

Year 5: Tuesday 17th September

Year 6 (Dol-y-Moch residential meeting too): Tuesday 24th September

I will share more detailed information and take questions in these informal meetings in the library - come and say hello! For other key dates coming up, please see the list below or go on the website calendar.

Please read on to find how you can help us if you are an Asda shopper and also there is some great free help for children and families below, particularly those with SEND/mental health.



We are looking for donations of buckets, spades, sieves and other sand play instruments.

We would also like picnic cloths, wheelbarrows, and pushchairs.

NO MORE TYRES!



Asda rewards has a new campaign if you click on your Asda rewards app you can choose Templars as the selected school

Support for Parents



1 - Deadline 17.9.24

The Coventry Children's Boot Fund is a Coventry based charity which provides school shoes for families in their time of need. No child should be made to feel different because their circumstances

mean they don't have a well-fitting pair of shoes to wear to school. The damage to their self-esteem and the potential to miss out on education can affect their life chances.

The fund was set up by teaching assistant, George Gibson at South Street School in Hillfields in Coventry in 1889. It was a time of great poverty. The boys were 'wretchedly-clothed, under-nourished and almost bootless'.

George placed a 'boot box' on his desk and invited better-off boys and visitors to contribute money to buy boots and warm clothing for those in need.

The Coventry Children's Boot Fund was born.

Unfortunately, the pressure of today's fast-moving world can leave a young family behind. Even today many children attend school wearing worn out or poorly fitting shoes, which parents simply cannot afford to replace.

We do carefully assess the need, but we do not judge – it is the child that matters.

When you see a child at school wearing ill fitting, worn out leaking shoes in winter because the parents cannot afford to replace them, you realise The Coventry Children's Boot Fund is as relevant today as it was more than 125 years ago.

The Coventry Children's Boot Fund receives no government funding and relies on the kindness of donations and sponsorship.

Ask at the school office for an application form and we will submit it for you.

Find out how to raise happy, secure and well-behaved children

Join our free 11-week online course
'Positive Family Foundations'

free online course

This course is for
All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn
How children develop with practical examples to support behaviour, well-being and mental health.

What we do

- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
- give you digital resources to help your learning
- answer any questions you've got by email

Where it is
A pre-recorded online course to watch where and when you like.

When it is
Online, from Monday 16th September for 11 weeks

How to join
Scan the QR code to enrol.
View all Family Learning courses and enrol online at www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted

To find out more email kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk

'It was easy to get online to do this - even with the kids at home!'

Assume you have a place unless you hear from us

Family Learning are running free several courses that could be of interest to you this term.

- To help parents understand the British Curriculum and **how we teach English and Maths** to children we have two curriculum based 'recorded' online courses parents can enrol on. Each course is around 30 minutes per week for 10 weeks.

- Our **'Positive Family Foundations'** course is a nurture-based parenting programme helping parents understand many aspects of child development, such as attachment theory, brain development and sensory regulation. We investigate their impact on the way their children behave. There is an online 'recorded' version that around 30 minutes per week for 10 weeks.

We are also very lucky to have Kate's team back at Templars to run a face to face group on a **Monday morning at drop off**. Come and off load with others and get some top tips on how to raise your brilliant child. We will give you a coffee or tea and a biscuit too! Templars parents who have been before have said...

Kate was amazing

Learnt loads

Meeting new people

Helping my child

Learnt a lot, learning new forms of discipline

Understanding children

New skills to use for my child

Power of the pause + positive recognition are working

Sharing stories

Listening to Kate

Thank you so much - it was perfect

Very rich info, v interactive

A new life skill

Online course

Join our free 11-week online course- 'English in the Primary School'

This course is for
All parents and carers with children in Coventry.

What you'll learn
The phonics, reading, grammar and spelling used in primary schools and how you can help at home.

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"It was fab as I work full-time and couldn't go to the daytime classes."



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Support your child with primary school maths

free online course

Join our free 11-week online course -
Maths in the Primary School

This course is for
 All parents and carers with children in Coventry

What you'll learn
 The maths words and methods used in primary schools and how you can help at home.

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- email you a new 30-minute course video each week
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"I learnt lots – now it's much easier to help my son with his maths"



Are you a parent or carer, who would like FREE support with your child?

Compass Shine are offering the following workshops:

- **Understanding Anxiety - Wednesday 10 September, 10.00am-11.30am, Aspire Family Hub, CV1 2SF**
- **Understanding Neurodiversity - Wednesday 2 October, 9.45am - 11.15am, Moat Family Hub, CV2 1EQ**
- **Understanding Self Harm - Wednesday 6 November, 10am-11.30am, Mosaic Family Hub, CV4 9PL**
- **Understanding BIG emotions, Wednesday 11 December, 10am-11.30am, Mosaic Family Hub, CV4 9PL**

For further information or to book your place please contact Compass Shine on 024 7518 6206, email compass.cype.ip@nhs.net or [visit this site.](#)

Dates and Events

Event	Dates
BOOST Day	During this week
New to Yr1 parent Q and A meeting	10 th September 2.30
New to Yr 2 parent Q and A meeting	12 th September 2.30
New to Yr 3/4 parent Q and A meeting	13 th September 2.30
After School Clubs begin	16 th September
New to Yr5 parent Q and A meeting	17 th September 2.30
Boot Fund Application deadline	17 th September
New to Yr 6 parent Q and A meeting and Dol-Y-Moch meeting	24 th September 5.30 pm
European Day of Languages (join us in pm.)	26 th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning (join us in am.)	27 th September 9
YR 2 trip to Selly Manor	2 nd October
SEN Coffee Morning	3 rd October 9-9.45
Reception Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9 th October
Year 1 and 2 Phonics Classroom Viewings	10 th October
World Mental Health Day	11 th October
Parents Evenings Tues 3.30pm to 5.30 to and Wed 3.30 – 6.30 pm (no after-school activities)	15 th October 3.30-5.30 16 th until 6.30
Parent Forum	24 th October 9am 2.30 and 5.30
Half Term	28th Oct until 1st
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Pupils return to school	4th November
Prospective parents Reception Open Morn	5 th November
Flu Nasal Spray	6 th November
Odd Socks Day – in support of Anti-Bullying	11 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	11 th – 15 th November
Boot Fund Application deadline	12 th November
Children in Need Day - wear spots for £1	15 th November
Templars Community One Stop Shop	19 th November
Reception to Warwick Arts Centre	3 rd December
SEN Coffee morning	4 th December
Prospective parents Reception Open Afternoon	5 th December
Non-Uniform day for Fayre donations. Christmas Movie Night and Parent Bingo	9 th December
Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils	Mon 16th December
Be Our Guest Christmas Events	16th – 20nd December
Christmas Fayre	18 th Dec 3.30 - 5
KS1 Christmas Nativity	19 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	20 th Dec
Christmas Holidays	23 rd Dec-3 th January
Pupils Return to School	6th January

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Parents Forum	28 th January
SEN Coffee Morning	31 st January
Boot Fund Application deadline	4 th February
Safer Internet Day	11 th February
Half Term	17 th – 21 st February
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BOOST Day	During this week
National Careers Week	3 rd – 7 th March
World Book Day	6 th March
Parents Evenings (no after-school activities)	18 th – and 19 th March
Templars Community One Stop Shop	3 rd April
Photo Day	8 th April
Be Our Guest Events	7 th to 10 th April
Teacher Training Day – school closed for pupils	Fri 11th April
Easter Holidays	14 th to 25 th April
Pupils Return to School	28 th April
SEN Parent Coffee Morning	1 st May 9-9.45
Bank Holiday	5 th May
Boot Fund Application deadline	6 th May
KS2 SATs for Year 6	12 th – 16 th May
Mental Health Awareness Week	
Half Term	26 th – 30 th May

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Pupils Return to School	2 nd June
BOOST Day	During this week
Yr 4 Multiplication Check	Begins 2 nd June
Year 5 Swimming Sessions	Begin 2 nd June
Yr 1 and 2 Phonics Screening	Begins 9 th June
New to Nursery Parents Evening	18 th June
New to Reception Parents Evening	25 th June
Transition Day	2 nd July
Be Our Guest Events	14 th – 18 th July
Summer Fayre	16 th July
School Ends for Summer	18 th July

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Morning Drop-off between 8.40 and 8.50 am. Gates shut at 8.55. 9am Registers Close.

Collection between 3.15 and 3.30pm.