

NEWSLETTER

7th January 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 91.6%.
Congratulations to year 4 who are the winners this week with 97.2%!
Although this is really pleasing, as it is below 98% no class will have an own clothes day next week.

Special on Census Day

On Thursday 20th January all children in year R, 1 and 2 will be cooked a special meal which they will have.

The menu is as follows:

Beefburger (60% burger + 40% bun = 100% delicious)

Cheese and Tomato Wrap Stack
Triangles (How many sides are there?)

Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings

Spaghetti Zeros
Sweetcorn and Peas
Jacket Wedges

Millionaire Biscuit
Ice Cream
Fruit Pots
Yoghurt

A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We do hope that you managed to have a lovely, relaxing Christmas break and Happy New Year to you all!

It was terrific to welcome the children back to school yesterday and to see them settle so quickly back into class routines.

All staff at TGA have worked very hard in preparation for the children returning by doing new displays in the classroom and in communal areas. As are school we have also introduced 'Zones of Regulation' which you may have heard about from your child(ren). This helps to support children in managing their emotions and helps them to regulate if they are feeling sad or frustrated.

Teachers are also readying trips for the term so more information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Due to the rising number of Covid cases, we have made some adjustments to school life, which you will find within this newsletter.

Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting us in implementing these new measures.

Have a lovely weekend,
SLT at TGA

Forest School next week:

Tuesday 11th: Year 1
Wednesday 12th: Nursery and Reception

Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline: **0808 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call 999.
Our school safeguarding leaders can be contacted by emailing stillman@templegroveacademy.com or telephoning 07835946414 / 07943276854

New Staff:

We are delighted to be able to welcome Mrs DeFreitas to TGA. She will take on the role of Finance Manager as well as working in the school office.

We would also like to welcome the following members of staff to our terrific team:

Mr Harley will work as a teaching partner in Reception class, Mrs Hawkins will support in our EYFS, Miss Funnel and Miss Dunn will work as teaching partners in year 1 and Mrs Parker will support our year 6 class.

We are very pleased to have made such wonderful appointments and – again – welcome all to the TGA team.

New Measures in School:

Due to rising COVID cases you will have seen that we have re-introduced staggered timings at drop off and pick up. This is to minimise the risk of transmission.

Years N, R, 1 and 2 can be dropped off at any point between 8.45 and 9am and are to be collected at 3.00pm; years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can arrive at any point between 9 and 9.15am and are to be collected at 3.15pm.

We also continue to encourage parents and carers to wear face coverings when on school site to further mitigate the spread of the variant.

Furthermore, although assemblies were 'bubbled' prior to Christmas, we have decided to hold all assemblies in individual classes for the time being (Star of the Week Assemblies will also take place in respective classes), lunches are also being further staggered, with years 3, 4, 5 and 6 eating in their classrooms.

The Tunbridge Wells Children's Centres have revised their opening times and our Family Advice Line will no longer be operating:

NEW opening hours for Tunbridge Wells Children's Centres from 4th January 2022:

- Little Forest, Friars Way, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3UA - **MON-FRI 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- Harmony, High Street, Rusthall, TN4 8RZ - **TUES, WED & FRI 8.30am – 1.00pm**
- The Ark, Broadwater Lane, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5RP - **MON, TUES & THUR 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- Southborough, Broomhill Park Road, Southborough - TN4 0JY **TUES & WED 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- Cranbrook, Carriers Road, Cranbrook TN17 3JZ - **MON-FRI 8.30am – 4.30pm**
- Paddock Wood, Wesley Centre, Paddock Wood TN12 6DS – **THURS 9.30am – 11.30am**

FAMILY ADVICE LINE: Now that all our centres have reopened we will no longer be operating the Family Advice Line which was initiated during the Covid-19 lockdown period whilst centres were closed. However, we continue to offer as always, advice, guidance, information and support to all families as and when needed. Parents can contact us directly if they wish to speak to one of our experienced members of staff Tel: **03000 414 600** Email: Tunbridgewellsc@kent.gov.uk or pop into one of our centres.

