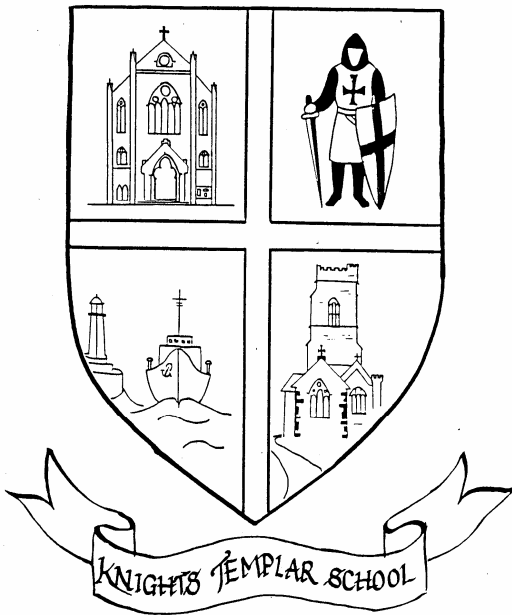


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## Settled Start

We are really pleased with how well all the children have settled into their new classes this year.

The children are working hard and having fun. The Year 4s are enjoying their new Special Responsibilities and are setting a great example to the whole school.

## P.T.F.A. Buy Big Box of Books

We are delighted to announce that the P.T.F.A. has decided to spend £5000 on buying a new reading scheme for the whole school. This is wonderful news for all our pupils as it will allow us to buy over 2000 new books for the school. This works out at over 10 new books for every child in school.

We have placed an order with Oxford University Press that will give us the very latest colourful and fun books to suit all tastes for children of all abilities from 4 to 10.

The books will include stories, non-fiction, poetry and plays. Some of the books are specifically designed for children to read with their parents at home. They have a list of questions inside that you can ask your child to help improve their reading.

We have also ordered sets of phonics books that will help all children throughout the school with reading and spelling.

This is going to have a real impact on the children's development, and we are lucky that we have so many supportive parents who have raised this money to allow us to get these excellent resources. Thank you!

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## Early Years Grant Award

We are also delighted that we have been awarded an Early Years Grant of £9000 to develop the outside of the school for children in the Reception Class.

We will be improving the outside play area by having a fenced area for the Reception children to play in.

We will also be getting various items of play equipment to enhance the learning experience of the youngest children in our school.

## Parrot Club

You will have received a flyer for our before and after school club. It will be open from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

We are holding an open day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October when you come and look at the facilities and talk to our childcare staff. You are welcome to drop in between 8.30 and 9.00am and 3.00 to 5.30pm

## Year 4 Special Jobs

We are very pleased with how well the Year 4s have started their Special Responsibilities.

They are taking their jobs seriously and they are setting a great example to the younger children.

It is great to see them being responsible citizens and having fun!

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place at the Methodist Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am led by Rev. Jane Sperring, our new Methodist Minister.

Children from all year groups will share their work and sing harvest hymns. We will also have a collection for those who wish to contribute – the proceeds of which will go to the Methodist Relief and Development Fund to buy seeds and tools for farmers in poor parts of Africa.

All parents, staff and governors are of course welcome to attend.

## Parents' Evening

We were very pleased at the large turnout for the recent curriculum meetings we held, and it was good to have the opportunity to share with you what we will be teaching your children this term.

I hope that you will all be able to attend the parents' evenings next week. If you are unable to attend on those evenings, then please arrange a more convenient time with your child's teacher.

I also hope you will be able to come to one of my meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3.40, when I hope to share with you some of the things we are working on as well as our vision for the future.

At the parents' evenings, questionnaires will be left outside each classroom. Please take a moment to fill one in while you are waiting for your appointment. They will be anonymous and will help us to improve how we work with you to support your children.

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## P.T.F.A. Events

### Family Fun Day

Thanks from Jon Plumbley to all those who helped, both P.T.F.A. members and other parents who worked in partnership to produce this great day.

Dianne Turner said, "What a fun packed afternoon, brilliantly organised with a great sense of family teamwork – the atmosphere was fantastic!"

### P.T.F.A. Annual General Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.30 in the ICT suite. Please come along and let us know if you wish to volunteer to be a class representative.

### P.T.F.A. Disco

The P.T.F.A. are also holding a disco at school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 5.30 and 7.00pm. It will cost £2 which includes a drink and crisps.

## Celebration Assembly

We have changed our Celebration Assembly from Monday morning to Friday afternoon.

It takes place between 2.55 and 3.25 and is designed to celebrate all the successes we have had in school that each week.

Children show their work, receive awards, sing the school song and come together to reflect on what the week has brought.

We will contact the parents of the Pupils of the Week and invite them in to watch their children receive this special award.

## Super Schools

The school is very fortunate to have an international sports star coming to visit us at the end of the half-term.

Ben Challenger is a Commonwealth Medal Winning high jumper and he will be spending the whole afternoon with us on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

He will have his picture taken with the children, sign autographs and lead the children through some exercises.

This will be a very good opportunity for us to raise money to support British sport and our own school at the same time.

If we are very lucky, he might even show us how he can jump over six feet high!

## Morrison's Vouchers

The school is collecting vouchers for the Morrison's 'Let's Grow' scheme. If you have any vouchers, the collecting box is held by Willow Class.

## Book Fair

There will be a book fair in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. It will be open 8.30 - 9.00am and 3.30 - 4.00pm.

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## Celebration - Honours

We are delighted to inform you that these children were made Pupils of the Week:

Class	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Willow	Hannah Amery
Cherry	Amelia Bale
Silver Birch	Jodie Barber
Beech	Abbie Scott
Rowan	Maisie Kennett
Oak	Joe Kennedy

Well done all of you!

## Future Events – Dates For Your Diary

October	Monday – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evenings (4.00 – 6.00)
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> / Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair (8.30 -9.00 and 3.30 – 4.00)
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival (10am) Methodist Church P.T.F.A. Disco (5.30 – 7.00)
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parrot Club Open Day (8.30 – 9.30 and 3.00 – 5.30)
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Superschools (pm) P.T.F.A. AGM (3.30) (end of half-term)
	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day (training day for teachers)
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school