DfE Monitoring Visit

Just last week TLA received a visit from the Department of Education (DfE) to see how the first half term of the new school year has started out. The visit included lesson observations across school, talking to pupils, staff and leaders, looking at academy results from 2017 and checking the learning that could be seen in pupil’s books.

We are pleased to say the visit went very well. There were lots of positive comments around teaching and learning, finances and pupil welfare. We were also left with some areas to focus our improvements on such as attendance and ensuring pupils respond to teacher feedback.

We have already started work on these areas and with support from parents and carers hope to see improvements. The AIO, Attendance Improvement Officer, has also been into school with Mrs McGloughlin and the Governors to identify families that need support with attendance.

Parent Pay

Earlier this term we launched Parent Pay with our Year 7 pupils and families. This is a CASHLESS SYSTEM in school and all money is handled in this way meaning it is safer and more secure for you and your child. We are now rolling this out across school to Rec, Year 1 and Year 2. Details have been sent home in book bags on how to set up your account.

Other benefits are that you can make you meal choices online if you are in Rec, Year 1 or Year 2 and you can see what children have chosen for lunch in Year 7.

For more details check out the academy website at http://www.templelearningacademy.org/about-us/our-partners/our-sponsors/
**Important Diary Dates**

Monday 20th Nov – Road Safety Week  
Monday 20th Nov - Launch of Living Streets Project  
Mon 20th – Fri 23rd Nov – Year 7 Bike-a-ility Training  
Mon 20th Nov – Governor Resources Meeting  
Monday 27th Nov – Read, Write Inc. Assessment Week  
Thurs 30th Nov – Year 7 Trip Leeds Incinerator @ 9.30am  
Thurs 30th Nov – Red Kite Consultation Event @ 6.00pm  
Friday 1st Dec – Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate Tombola Donation  
Friday 1st Dec – Christmas Disco Phase 1 & 2 (Rec, Y1 & Y2)  
Monday 4th Dec – Full Governing Body Meeting  
Thursday 7th Dec – Road Safety Panto (Phase 1 & 2)  
Friday 8th Dec - Year 7 Trip Leeds Incinerator @ 9.30am & 1.00pm  
Friday 8th Dec – Last Day of School Clubs  
Monday 11th Dec – Nativity afternoon (details to follow)  
Monday 11th Dec – Governor Standards Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 12th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day  
Tuesday 12th Dec – Nativity afternoon (details to follow)  
Wednesday 13th Dec – Nativity afternoon (details to follow)  
Thursday 14th Dec – Christmas Fair  
Friday 15th Dec – Christmas Party Day  
Friday 15th Dec – Last day of Term

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018 – School Starts for Spring Term  
Tuesday 9th Jan 2018 – Phase 2 (Year 2 ) Open Morning  
Wednesday 10th Jan – 1.30pm New Rec in 2018 Open Morning  
Thursday 11th Jan – Phase 1 Open Morning  
Monday 15th Jan – Full Governing Body Meeting  
Tuesday 16th Jan – Local Council Community Forum Meeting at 6pm  
Monday 29th Jan – National Storytelling Week – library launch  
Tuesday 6th Feb – Safer Internet Day  
Friday 9th Feb – Last day of half term.

Add these dates to your calendar at home.  
If any circumstances beyond our control impact on these dates we will let you know as soon as possible. Keep checking Facebook, Class Dojo, texts or the Events section of the website.

**After School Clubs and Enrichment Activities**

School clubs will continue up until the penultimate week of the half term i.e. they will finish on Friday 8th Dec.

New club lists will be sent home to parents and carers before then for clubs starting in Jan 2018.

Keep watching Facebook, Dojo and book bags for details

**YouTube**

Check out our new YouTube Channel to see more of what learning is taking place at TLA. Simply search for ‘Temple Learning Academy’ on YouTube to find us. Over the year we will be building up our resources on here.
School Milk

All primary children are entitled to free milk until they turn 5 OR the family are in receipt of benefits.

If you think you may be entitled to this please see Mrs Rowe.

If you do not meet this criteria and wish to start paying for milk contact Cool Milk through their website.

Follow us

We try to get information to you as soon as we can.

Please make sure the school office has your current mobile number and email address.

Check pupil drawers and book bags for notes, or the school website www.templelearningacademy.org.uk

Twitter feed @TempleLearning Facebook /TempleLearning

For more updates please sign up to your child’s CLASS DOJO

Medicines

Medicines can only be administered if prescribed by a doctor and need to be taken more than three times a day.

If this is the case see the admin team who will get you to complete a medicine form.

Make sure we have your latest contact details – address, telephone, email and parental contacts.

We are now emailing information to parents and carers. Please supply your email address to Mrs. Rowe to be added to the list.

Mornings and afternoons are very busy in every school. We have the luxury of not being trapped at the end of a road or in a cul-de-sac.

Please park carefully, safely and with respect for pupils, other drivers, local residents and pedestrians.

Allow time for your journey, and a 5 min walk to school from your car for an 8.30 am start.

If you live local please walk to school. Please do not block entrances or get into arguments outside school over parking.
School Attendance

School attendance has recently come under scrutiny by the DfE and the AIO (Attendance Improvement Officer). As a school our attendance figure is **94%** which is below the target of **97%**.

Good school attendance is vital to your child’s success at school, their emotional well-being and their safeguarding. Please support us by making sure your child is in school every day. A full copy of our Attendance Policy is available on our website.

**Following advice from the AIO**, after 3 separate incidents of absence we can no longer authorise medical or illness without a doctor’s note or appointment. Without evidence these will be unauthorised and could result in a referral or fine by the AIO.

Also following discussions with the AIO, **school punctuality** is being monitored each morning. Families regularly arriving late to school have already been identified from morning registers. Please speak to school if you need support as we don’t want anyone struggling or getting fined.

Thank you to the vast majority who do have excellent attendance and who do arrive to school on time every day. Your great efforts are also noticed and appreciated.

Red Kite Learning Trust – Community Consultation

TLA are proud to be members of the Red Kite Teaching School Alliance. This is a partnership of Yorkshire schools and institutions, across all phases, primary, secondary and special, from inner city locations to rural contexts, that have come together to share our skills, experience, talent and capacity to help improve the learning and achievement of young people across Yorkshire and the Humber.

We are now considering a more formal partnership by joining the Red Kite Learning Trust. This is a Multi-Academy Trust that will give us greater strength as an academy as we grow. A consolation letter has already been sent to you a few weeks ago.

You are invited to a community consultation event to find out more or ask any questions about this partnership on

**Thursday 30th November**

@ 6.00 pm Meadowfield Primary School

We look forward to seeing you there.
A big page of moans ..... 

(but it will make school better for everyone)

We welcome children bringing **bikes or scooters** to school. Bike storage is located as children enter school and pupils are welcome to use these. You will need to bring a **lock and chain** to secure them. School will not be responsible for loss or damage.

**Please do not allow your child to ride scooters or bikes up the path past the bike store to ensure their safety and that of others.**

Polite reminder...

**Smoking is not permitted** inside the school building or anywhere on school grounds. Cigarettes and **e-cigs** must be smoked outside our boundary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Despite being a school of animal lovers, **dogs are not allowed in school grounds**. Schools are very busy places at the start and end of each day and can stress out animals. We often have animals in school but these are under strictest supervision and accompanied by risk assessments to ensure the safety of pupils.

No matter how small, cute and friendly your dog is, we must request it is kept at home, in the car or outside school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

There have been several incidents of bad language being used in school. Sometimes by pupils and sometimes by parents. Please be assured we do not tolerate bad language and we discuss this with those involved.

Please be mindful you are in a school environment and bad language is not acceptable.
### School calendar academic year 2017-2018

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### Term length
- Autumn: 70 days
- Spring: 58 days
- Summer: 67 days
- Total: 195 days

### Bank Holidays include
- Christmas: 25 & 26 December 2017
- New Year’s Day (bank holiday): 1 January 2018
- Good Friday: 30 March 2018
- Easter Monday: 2 April 2018
- May Day: 7 May 2018
- Spring Bank: 28 May 2018

### TLA TRAINING DAYS - No pupils in school
- Friday 20th October 2017
- Friday 6th July 2018
- Monday 23rd July 2018
- Tuesday 24th July 2018
- Wednesday 25th July 2018

If any circumstances beyond our control impact on these dates we will let you know as soon as possible.
Parent Governors

Last half term we invited nominations to fill vacancies of the Parent Governor roles on our Governing Body. We have two new parent Governors joining the team, Mr John McRae and Mrs Tonia Thomas who have children in Year 2 and Year 7.

Keep checking our Facebook page and website for updates on all our Governors and the work they do to support your school and your child.

PTFA – Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

Our PTFA are now planning our Christmas Fair which will take place on Thursday 14th Dec @ 3.00pm.

There will be craft stalls, games, cake stalls, tombola, Christmas activities and possibly a special guest from the North Pole. We would love to see you there as a guest or a volunteer. If you can volunteer please let school know.