



4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

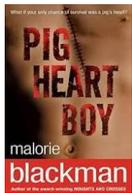
Welcome back, we hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the warm weather! The children have been telling us about the fun they had going out trick or treating for Halloween. Our assembly on Monday was about “Respect” and some were able to give examples about how they were respectful of others while doing this, for example by remembering their manners and also respecting those who do not want to participate by not disturbing those in undecorated houses. We clearly have some very kind and considerate little monsters at Temple Mill!

The term ahead is looking absolutely jam packed and of course, we are heading towards Christmas. Look out for news of all of the opportunities we will be cramming in.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**TEMPO:** we are determined to get TEMPO, our family and staff organisation, up and running again so have a few social and fundraising events planned for this term. Look out for a separate Christmas at Temple Mill letter for more details and opportunities for you to get involved and support our school.



**Healthy heart visit Year 6:** Year 6 were visited by Mrs Nicholson from Medway Council this week. Because the children have been reading the book “Pig-Heart Boy” by Malorie Blackman, she came to speak to the children about her work as a health professional. The children enjoyed her visit and learnt a lot - they even got to handle a squishy heart replica!

**Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal:** Next week our Year 6 leaders will be selling poppies in exchange for a donation to the Poppy Appeal. They will visit each class each morning. Poppies are available for any donation you wish to make and other items are available for various suggested donations:



Zip pull: 50p Reflector: 50p Wristband: £1 Snap Band £1.50



**Diwali Tea:** EYFS children enjoyed learning from each other about Diwali and created some wonderful art and made lamps, they then celebrated with a special tea party. They wore bright scarves and enjoyed some delicious sandwiches!

**Parents evening and sharing sessions:** Our Year 1 Parents Sharing Session was very well attended this week and the children loved showing their families the learning they are proud of. Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Caselton, Harley and myself also enjoyed the opportunity to look at some of the children’s successes, we were very impressed. We hope to see more of you at next week’s sessions.

Don’t forget to book your parent consultation appointment on Arbor. If you are not able to attend, please contact your child’s teacher and we will try to arrange an alternative time or telephone call if we can, but please bear in mind this is a very busy time for everyone in school so an appointment on the planned evenings is always best.

Don’t forget, during the consultation evenings we will be showcasing some of our school community



services like the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop, The Book Exchange and Temple Mill Stores. Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Caselton will be on hand to talk to you about the other ways we can support our children and families.

**Healthy Lunches:** Recently we have seen an increase in the number of packed lunches being sent in that contain chocolate bars or sweets. Please do not send these foods in as part of lunches, save them for after school treats. If you would like more information about healthy options for packed lunches you can visit this site: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/> Thank you for your support in this matter.



**Dog walking:** Please can we remind you that our site is a dog free site, even when school is closed. Unfortunately, we have been finding several piles of dogs' mess on our paths and even the patio area in front of school, in recent mornings. Mr Patey is doing his best to clear it but please be careful as you make your way down to the gates.

**Celebration Assembly:** Some great achievements this week with children demonstrating how much they respect their school, each other and their learning. This is shown by the awards for self-improvement, supporting each other and so much positivity!

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat spent the week with Lion class and took part in science and art lessons and even had a go at some sewing, persevering to complete a blanket stitch challenge! Temple will be returning to Lion Class again as they achieved 98% attendance! So far, this term's whole school attendance is 93.1% and for the week it is 93.1%.

We are aiming to get our whole school attendance back up to over 96% and will be working with our Attendance Advisory Practitioner to improve our figures. A good level of attendance is so important to all elements of school life, as our Top Attenders board in the hall says, "The first steps to success are showing up!"

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>

Well done all members of Ruby! At the beginning of the year we discovered that the precious stones we use for our house names have different qualities associated with them:

**Ruby:** commitment, ambition, energy, inspiration and wisdom.

**Diamond:** strength, creativity, courage, truth and balance

**Sapphire:** Justice, positivity, motivation, joy and calm

**Emerald:** compassion, growth, hope, honesty, and peace

I wonder if this matches the children you know?

**Dates for your diary:**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2 Parent Sharing Afternoon 2.45pm
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3 Parent Sharing Afternoon 2.45pm
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> November - Reception 2023 Tours at 9.15am and 10.15am
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Parent Sharing Afternoon 2.45pm
- Weds 9<sup>th</sup> November - Reception 2023 Tours at 9.15am and 10.15am
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Parent Sharing Afternoon 2.45pm
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Parent Sharing Afternoon 2.45pm
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> & Weds 16<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultation Evening (by appointment only)
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Trip to Maidstone Museum
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>-Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair Week



Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> November - Years 3 & 6 Trip to Maidstone Museum

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Non-uniform day in exchange for Christmas Hamper Items

