



2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Temple Mill now - the trees are up, the hampers are being packed and we have the longest paper chains you have ever seen!

So now we just all have to stay well and happy so we can all enjoy the next couple of weeks together, we look forward to seeing many of you at our events.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**Book Fair:** Our Book Fair proved very popular again, with lots of families happily browsing the books. Every book sold raises a little towards our own selection so thank you to all that came along.

**Year 3 and Year 6 Trip to Maidstone Museum:** Year 6 visited Maidstone Museum today to further their learning of World War 2. They explored the museum learning about how Maidstone was impacted during WW2 and the worst day of bombing which they called 'Black Friday'. Year 6 also found out where the West Kent Battalions were deployed to throughout the war. They took part in an 'Evacuee and Homefront workshop' and then had some time to explore the rest of the museum. The children were very well behaved and it was great to see them applying what they had already learnt in school during the workshop. Well done year 6.



Year 3 also enjoyed their visit and took part in a workshop to further their learning on the Stone Age. During the workshop, they held Stone Age artefacts and compared them to tools that we use today. They also created our own Stone Age names and played some different matching games. After this, we explored the

museum and saw lots of different exhibits

**Year 1, 2 and 5 Author Visit:** A spaceman visited on Thursday! Three of our classes met the author James Jefferson. He read his book, "I Want To Go To Space" about a child who dreams of visiting the stars.

The children enjoyed finding out more about the book and what it is like to be an author. They enjoyed meeting his alien friend too!



**Filming Our Christmas Songs:** On Monday and Tuesday next week we will be filming the children performing their Christmas songs. They should wear their uniform but if you have one, please send in a Christmas hat or headband for them to wear for the filming. Not to worry if you don't, we shall soon find a piece of tinsel for them!

**Winter Woolly fundraiser:** The School Council would like to invite the children to wear a Winter Woolly to school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December in return for a donation of £1 for our Tempo pot. It doesn't have to be Christmas themed, it could be the fluffiest fleece, the huggiest hoody or cosiest cardy! Usual school uniform trousers or skirts please.

**Celebration Assembly:** This week felt very much like a turn around week! Many of our awards went to children who had found more confidence, positivity or both in their learning which is always worth celebrating.

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat spent the week with Meerkat class and took part lots of exciting events. Temple will be spend next week with both Tiger and Lion Class, both of whom achieved 95%.

Our while school total took a bit of a dip this week and stood at 94% - we are experiencing the usual Christmas time bugs, coughs and colds so please be vigilant and encourage your children to keep up their good hygiene - there are some nasties about at the moment.

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
75	75	86	81

Well done all members of Emerald!

**Dates for your diary:**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity 10am

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity 1.30pm

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> December - Wear a Winter Woolly Day

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity 2pm

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December - Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Disco 3.45pm-4.45pm

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Disco 5.15pm-6.30pm

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime (years 1 - 6)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Carols by Candlelight 3.45pm-4.30pm -please bring your torches, lanterns and battery powered Candles. We hope you will join us for songs and refreshments.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> January - Term 3 Starts (Children return to school)



*Don't forget your Lucky Tickets for the Nativities and Carols By Candlelight events. The hampers look amazing – thank you to Mrs Gee and Mrs Martin for packing and wrapping them!*

