



*Give your best, expect success!*

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Temple Mill Leaders have been dropping in on classes to see how the classes have settled, it's been great to see the children looking at home and getting used to routines, display boards and books getting filled and new expectations being set.

We hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed meeting your child's new teacher and seeing their new classrooms at the beginning at our Meet the Teacher Event on Monday. The Head Pupils tell me they enjoyed their first public duty and hope that you found them welcoming and helpful - if a little shy and giggly at times!

On the whole, a great start to the year and now time to get cracking!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis.

**Tempo AGM:** This afternoon we held our Tempo AGM. Tempo is our staff and parent organisation dedicated to providing fun activities and raising funds for the school. It was a small but highly talented group today and we were able to elect the core roles. Mrs Lewis remains as Chair, Mrs Gee will continue as Treasurer and Mrs Martin joins the team as Secretary. They will be supported by the core team: Mrs Hyland, Mrs Lai, Mrs Collis, Mrs Mroczka and Mrs Flinn. If you would like to join this group, please let Mrs Gee know. We also mapped out a calendar of events and agreed that although we hope to raise enough money our usual projects (the Panto Coach, special souvenirs etc) the focus would be on fun for the children and their families.

**Others ways to help:** Next week we will be launching our search for a new parent Governor, a great way to support the school. We are also always interested in Reading Volunteers and would also be grateful for parent support for our weekly swimming and for our trips and visits. Please let the office know if you could help in any of these ways.

**New Intake Tours:** It is coming up to the time of year when parents will be looking for their child's Reception Class Place. We are planning a series of tours to show potential new parents what a fantastic school Temple Mill is. As our children are our greatest asset, we start our visitors off with a pupil led tour. After this, the families are invited to our hall for a presentation from Mrs Ximines and a chance to chat to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Caselton and our Head Pupils. If you know of any families that might want to join the Temple Mill Community, please let them know about these opportunities. Tours can be booked by phoning or emailing the office and the times and dates are:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October: 1.15 or 2.15  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: 1.15 or 2.15  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: 9.15 or 10.15  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: 9.15 or 10.15  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January: 9.15 or 10.15



**Apology and correction:** Last week the newsletter featured a piece about Esme meeting her hero Leah Williamson, but the England Captain was mistakenly named as Leah Williams, oops! Apologies to Esme and Leah.

**Goodbyes!:** Our two cooks, Cassie and Candy will be leaving our school at the end of next week. Both have been associated with our school for a long time and have gotten to know our children well. We wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

**Parking:** I suppose it was inevitable but unfortunately, here is the first safe parking request of the year. Our entrance is positioned in a tricky place on the brow of the hill and so safe parking is hugely important to allow our children and families to move on and off site without harm.

There must be **NO STOPPING** at all on the yellow zig-zags at the beginning and end of the day - this is to ensure the best possible visibility for pedestrians and drivers. The double yellow lines near our entrance serve a similar purpose but also reduce delays by ensuring turnings are not blocked or made more difficult to navigate. **ALL PARKING RESTRICTIONS NEAR SCHOOLS ARE TO PREVENT CHILDREN (INCLUDING YOUR OWN) BEING HURT SO PLEASE RESPECT THEM.**

On another parking point, please do not block our neighbours' drives, your few minutes of convenience could make a huge difference to somebody getting to work or to an important appointment on time. At Temple Mill, we encourage the children to consider the rights and needs of others and also their responsibility to their community, so let's all set a good example.

Thank you, hopefully this will be the last parking notice of the year!



**Celebration Assembly:** Our new Head Pupils and House Captains were all in place for our Celebration Assembly this week and one of the first jobs we had was to announce our new **School Council**. These children have been elected by their class mates and will be working with Mrs Gabriel to work on projects in school and beyond. Welcome on board to: Florence, James, Eleanor, Arjan, Harrison, Erin, Rayhan, Isabella, Rosie, Jenson, Roman and Noa!



Individual Head of School Awards went to children recognised for their “go getter” attitude, never giving up, focus, taking part and maths. Well done to all of our winners.

**Attendance:** Temple had a fabulous week with Butterflies, enjoying so many activities. Temple will spend next week with Lions (Year 5) who achieved 98%

I'm delighted to say that we have achieved another 97% across the school for attendance.

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
88	108	98	93

Well done all members of Sapphire!

**Dates for your diary:**

- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> September - Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception through to Year 6)
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 4 Trip to Temple Manor
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October - Census & Hot Dog Day
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October - TEMPO Movie Night
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October - Term Ends (Children in school)

