



*Give your best, expect success!*

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're definitely getting that autumn feeling now! Our site is covered in conkers and fallen apples and soon Mr Murray will be spending every waking moment chasing leaves, clearing leaves and dreaming about leaves! It also means that our grassy areas will be turning muddy so please keep your children on the paths on the way in so that we can keep the mud out of school as much as possible, thank you!

If you come into school via the main playground you will have noticed that we now have our head pupils joining us on the gate in the mornings. They are very proud to be there and helping to create a warm welcome to all of our children and their families, I hope you are enjoying seeing them there. All of our pupil leaders are settling into their roles brilliantly and we are very impressed by them all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis.



**Tri-Golf** Some of our Year 3 and 4 children represented us at a Tri-Golf competition this week. Mr Drury and Miss Wyld went along with them and they had a great morning using their golfing skills. It was quite a challenging course and there was one hole that only 2 children in the whole competition were able to beat! Well done to all of the children who took part!

### **Year 4's Teddy Experience Day!**

As part of our writing curriculum, we have "Experience Days" where

children can explore the themes or vocabulary they are learning about and then use to enhance their writing. Year 4 are using the book "Bike Boy" and for their experience day brought in a favourite teddy from when they were younger to help them explore how a person's life changes over time.

Here they are with their cuddly friends!



**Goodbyes:** Sadly, we said goodbye to our cooks, Cassie and Candice today. They have been part of Temple Mill for a long time, and as they said in their special assembly moment, they have seen so many of our children grow from tiny dots to impressive young people. We will miss them, but wish them all the best in their new adventures.

**Coming into School:** Our site is very busy in the mornings with children coming into the school at different points. We ask you to please keep your children with you while waiting and off the grass or drive. We do our very best to keep the site vehicle free at these times but the safest bet is to keep together and on the paths.

On the long path to the main playground, we are discouraging the children from trying to get to the front and to line up at the back of the queue as they arrive. Otherwise we can end up with a large

number of unsupervised children at the gate and unfortunately this can lead to problems with overcrowding and the conduct not being what we would expect from Temple Mill children. We are not able to guarantee a staff member can be there before the gates open so we would appreciate your support with this.

Over by EYFS and the main entrance, we have 3 queues! We'd like to request that the Reception parents queue on the path to the left of the gate and Nursery parents to the right, along the wall of the building. Year 1 parents can then wait along the fence around the Children's Centre garden. This will keep the lines clear of each other, allow families to leave the site easily and keep the access to the main office clear for other visitors.

Thank you for your support in this.

### Celebration Assembly

In assembly today we considered some of the improvements that are being made to the school building, for example new energy efficient lighting and that today we were having new and safer doors installed in the hall. This gave us an opportunity to think about our belief that we all have the right to an environment that promotes and well-being and success but also we have a responsibility to make sure we look after it for others!

Individual awards this week have included those for children who have shown incredible leadership, for kindness, for growing confidence and being positive role models with the hard work and enthusiastic attitudes.

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat had a great week with Year 5 and seemed to experience almost all of the 13 subjects in our curriculum in just one week; from gymnastics to science and even some bridge building. Temple apparently especially enjoyed Mrs Champness reading the class story!

It was very close for Top Attenders this week. I even had to put Year 6 on the spot to demonstrate their rounding skills to find our winner. With the smallest of margins, Meerkats were announced as Top Attenders with 99%!

Special mention to Mrs Saunders and Mrs Gee who were visited by our Medway attendance advisor this week. They were grilled for about an hour and then commended on the work they do to improve our attendance figures and support our families. Well done to both!

This week, whole school attendance was 97% and so far, this term's whole school attendance is 97%

### This week's House Points:

| DIAMOND   | SAPPHIRE  | EMERALD  | RUBY  |
|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| 98  | 73  | 68   | 99  |

Well done all members of Ruby!

### Dates for your diary:

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 4 Trip to Temple Manor
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Magistrates visit to Year 6
- 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 today)

