



Give your best, expect success!

2-Feb-24

Dear Parents and carers,

February at last! That must mean Spring is just around the corner.

The House Captains have been working with me to come up with their Holiday Challenge for half-term, Nursery and Reception class have had some very interesting visitors and Year 2 had great fun firing paper mice from plastic bottles!

The teachers have been busy too; this week they have met with their counterparts from our sister primary schools to discuss their particular subjects of expertise. Working together has meant we have been able to strengthen our curriculum and also share our expertise too.

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully we'll spot some more signs of Spring.

Mrs Lewis

Don't be idle - switch off your engine! This week a concerned neighbour has raised the issue of some parents arriving early for pick up and then sitting in their cars with their engines running. The neighbour's concern was relating to those with asthma or other respiratory conditions who can be adversely affected by this. Air quality is something we should all be aware of - our children at Temple Mill are very passionate about looking after the environment so please try to avoid doing this. Idling engines are considered such a problem that they can lead to a fixed penalty notice and fine.



Cars on site: Can we please remind everyone in our school community that the restrictions to when and how people drive and park are entirely about the safety of our children. Therefore, please observe the speed limit of 5mph, park considerately and adhere to the timings given for vehicles to be moving on site. Thank you.

PE Kit: On PE days, children are able to wear PE kit into school. However, this seems to be coming something of a dress down for some children. Please remember that the PE kit is a part of their uniform and so should consist of:

- ✓ Plain white or purple t-shirt or polo shirt
- ✓ Dark (navy or black) shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- ✓ Plain black or purple sweatshirt
- ✓ Well-fitting trainers

We have a stock of pre-loved PE kit in school and will give items to children to borrow should we deem their kit inappropriate for school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Friday Club: Our Friday Clubs are now getting very busy and we may need to cap attendance. If we need to do this, we may require evidence of working patterns to ensure there are places for those that need them. If you have booked your child in but then change your mind, please cancel your place so we can adjust the groups according to how many children are expected. Can we please also ask that you ensure that your child is collected at **3.20pm**, your place may be withdrawn if you are consistently late.



Calling all artists and crafts people! Mrs Gee loved reading and gardens and so as part of her memorial project, we'd like to create a wow factor in the library and have been looking at Reading Trees. We wondered if any of you are or knew of someone that we could commission or who could help us to create something special. Here are a couple of ideas we have come across but we are open to suggestion!



TEMPO Movie Night: We will be holding our TEMPO Movie Night next Thursday. There is choice of 2 films for each age group and you can sign up on Arbor. There will be popcorn and hotdogs, all for £2.50! As ever, we would love to have some more helping hands to help with the refreshments, if you can help, please let the office know. As you know, TEMPO's aims this year are to put on some great social events, cover the costs of the Panto coaches and add in a few extras here and there. The main project however, is to coordinate and contribute to the fundraising for Mrs Gee's memorial project.

Celebration Assembly: This week, Vinnie and Oscar (2 of our Head Pupils) chose "High Hopes" by Murder at the Disco for our music. Vinnie explained that he thought it was a positive song and reminded us to have high hopes for our futures.

The children really impressed me with a memory task I had set them. In last week's Monday assembly, I gave each class an 11-digit code to remember for Friday's assembly. I wasn't at last week's Celebration Assembly but the children all rattled through their codes. Today, I decided to challenge them to do it again and they did! They'd all used different methods to help them - chunking, rhythms and even dance moves!





This week, a large number of the awards were for wiring and I have been lucky enough to have been visited over the week by some great writers across the school. There was still a maths mention and one for technique and balance in PE. Well done to all of our winners.

Two Bronze and 2 Silver Awards for the 40 Book Reading Challenge were also presented to children in Year 5 today. They enjoyed coming along to choose their bookmarks and reading journals.

Attendance: Temple spent an eventful week with Year 4. He joined in with DT and Rugby - Temple seems to have had a few bumps along the way so attended assembly covered in plasters! Next week, Temple will be with Year 3 who achieved 95%.

This week's whole school attendance has dropped to 93% due to a few bugs and colds. In assembly we had a chat about good health hygiene so hopefully we will all be back to full strength soon.

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
83	90	78	101

Well done to Ruby House! Usually the last Friday is our Colours Day but as we are marking Numbers Day next Friday, Colours Day will be the first Friday of Term 4 so there's still time for the children to earn plenty of House points next week.

Dates for your diary: (Full details and booking etc to follow)

08/02/2024 TEMPO Film Night

09/02/2024 NSPCC Numbers Day - dress up in number themed clothes!

09/02/2024 Term ends.

