



Give your best, expect success!

14-Sep-24

Dear Parents and carers,

Our first full week is done and we are now firmly settled back in, classes are getting organised and routines are becoming established.

This week, continuing our theme of Individuality, we have been thinking a lot about the skills and qualities we are discovering in each other- including people we have known for a long time. The adults have been considering who would make a good House Captain and Mrs Caselton and I have taken some of the children in Year 6 through the Head Pupil application process. A number of other children across the school have been really shining this week and it has reminded us that we need to have high expectations of these remarkable young people in everything they do! After all, that's really our motto: Give your best, expect success!

"High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation."
Charles Kettering

Have a lovely weekend - I hear rumours of sunshine ahead!

Mrs Lewis



Pupil Leadership: The big news this week is that our new Year 6 Pupil Leaders have been appointed. After a lot of deliberation, we are delighted to announce that our new Head Pupils are Rosie, Olly, Jensen and Paige. Congratulations to



them all.

House Captains are selected by staff vote and this year's team are:

Emerald	Diamond	Ruby	Sapphire
Freddie and Vona	Mae and Henry	Isabella and Billy	Patrick and Maddie

Next week, the process of selecting School Councillors for each class will begin and will be by pupil vote.

A request for help: We are blessed with a long drive that means we have a bit of distance from the busy road. However, it is impossible for us to supervise children all the way to the top gate, so while we are reviewing our options to try and improve this, we are asking for your help.

If you collect your children from the playground, please keep them with you. Everyone should walk straight up the middle of the car park as they leave the main playground - previously children have been injured and cars have been damaged when children have chased around them so please do not allow this. Please continue to supervise your children all the way up.

While the car park at the top can be a useful place to wait for older children, again, please keep your younger children close to you and away from the cars. It is not an appropriate or safe place for the



children to play.

Children who are leaving the site alone are expected to walk sensibly up the drive with due consideration to other people on site. If they are unable to do so, then they will need to wait until a staff member is available to walk them up.

Finally, older children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to bring their phones to school as a safety measure for if they are walking home alone. Children do not need a phone in school otherwise. If your child has been given permission to have a phone in school, the expectation is that their phone remains switched off and ideally in a bag until they have left the site. We have had some concerns raised about children taking pictures of each other or making calls and using inappropriate language. If children are unable to respect these expectations, then they will no longer be permitted to bring their phones to school.


Please reiterate these messages to your children. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Meet the Teacher: On Monday 23rd September, we will be hosting our “Meet the Teacher” event for Year 1-6. From 3.45, your child will be able to take you into school to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher. The classrooms will be open until 4.45 so there should be time to visit more than one classroom if you need to. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to this event, just collect your child as usual, wait on the playground to give the teachers a chance to catch their breath and then you will be welcomed in!

Celebration Assembly: We had a first ever Friday! George was nominated for a certificate by Mrs Jackson for his help in settling some of the younger children at After School Club, he sat quietly with them and read stories to help everyone feel relaxed. Other awards were given for excellent learning in a number of areas of the curriculum including music, and another award of note was for one child reassuring another when tackling a tricky task. Well done all.

Attendance: We have reorganised our assemblies now so that attendance is announced and celebrated on Mondays. Last week, Temple visited Year 6 as they achieved 100% the previous week. Temple was able to feel the buzz of excitement as leadership roles were in the air! Whole School Attendance is currently at 97% which is great and above our target of 96%

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
127	115	138	138

Well done to Emerald and Ruby!

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

- 17 & 18/09/24 – Medway Test – Year 6
- 23/09/24 – Meet the Teacher – Year 1 – 6
- 24/09/24 – School Photographs
- 03/10/24 – Census day
- 10/10/24 – World Mental Health Day
- 11/10/24 – Harvest Event
- 17/10/24 – TEMPO Film night
- 18/10/24 – End of Term 1



