



Give your best, expect success!

6-Sep-24

Dear Parents and carers,

I think I need to start with a huge “thank you” to you all for sending your children back so full of positivity and enthusiasm! There have, of course, been a few little wobbles here and there but, on the whole, it is as if we have never been away!

We’re really looking forward to building on our successes of the last year and we really couldn’t have hoped for a better start - although a little more sunshine would have been nice!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

A fond farewell: Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Flinn, the Butterfly Class is not at school. Mrs Flinn has now left our school to look for exciting new opportunities. We’d like to thank her very much for all of her hard work and we wish her well.

A warm welcome: We would like to welcome Miss Davis to the Temple Mill team. She will be joining Mrs Jobson in Year 2 as their joint class teacher. Mrs Jobson will be in class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Davis will finish the week. I’m sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Curriculum news: Building on some of the positive comments about personal development in our Ofsted report, over the summer we have been looking at enhancing our curriculum to really showcase this area of strength. As a team, we identified 6 values or qualities that we wanted to have as a focus for each term: Individuality, Respect, Responsibility, Empowerment, Resilience, Ambition. We consider these to be important qualities for the children to know about and to adopt.

This term we are starting with “Individuality”. The children have been talking about their strengths, similarities and differences. Our assemblies have included signing along to songs on that theme; “Make Your Own Kind Of Music” and “This Is Me”. We celebrated the 18 different languages spoken in our families and were inspired by the range of skills on display at the Olympics and Paralympics. We’ve also started to think about how we combine our strengths to make a team. We’re looking forward to seeing how the theme develops over the term.



Lost Property: At the end of the first week we only have 2 items in the lost property basket; a Spiderman cap and a Temple Mill cardigan - neither are named. We have been able to return left items with names but the children have also been much more responsible about collecting their belongings so we are very pleased. We are now hoping to eventually do away with the basket altogether!







Traffic on site: Just a reminder that we do our best to restrict traffic on site at busy times as we use the drive to make it easier for our families to walk onto and leave the site comfortably and safely at drop off and pick up times. There should be no cars moving on site during these times. If you do find yourself in your car, you must not move your car while any of our children or their families are walking up the drive, you must wait in your parking space and not attempt to drive past them.

Celebration Assembly: Our first Celebration Assembly of the year was wonderful with many children being recognised for their individual talents and for exceeding our expectations of them. I was especially pleased about those children who were identified as being a very positive part of their classmates' successful return to school.

Attendance: Attendance will now be announced on Mondays, but I can tell you that our school attendance so far is at a very pleasing 98%. Well done everyone. Look out next week for a letter explaining the governments new guidance for school attendance.

This week's House Points:

| DIAMOND | SAPPHIRE | EMERALD | RUBY |
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| 18 | 14 | 27 | 24 |

Well done to Emerald House, a great start. Ahead of selecting our new House Captains, some of the classes have had a bit of a reshuffle to balance up the teams - there seems to have been a bit of migration over the years. I would very much like to thank those children that offered to switch to ensure our House Point system is fair to everyone.

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
- 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

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Lewis
Principal

