



18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We started the week proudly wearing our odd socks to show our support for Anti-Bullying week. In our Monday assembly we discussed what bullying could be, how it differs from “falling out” with friends and what we can do if it happens to ourselves or others. It was then fantastic to hear today about the acts of kindness children had experienced, including being invited to join in games, being looked after when they had hurt themselves, being comforted if they were feeling sad and being offered help with their learning.

Hopefully, we will now have some more Autumn sunshine to enjoy - have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lewis



Escape Room: On Monday a team of Year 6 children took part in an Escape Room Challenge delivered by Medway Youth Service. They had to hunt for clues, solve puzzles and crack codes all against the clock! The children worked brilliantly as a team to finish the tasks with time to spare - in fact, 8 minutes and 52 seconds to spare, a new primary school record we are told. Even more importantly the youth worker leading the challenge said they were a brilliant group to work with and a credit to the school! Well done to the whole team.



Y4 trip to Maidstone: On Thursday this week, Year 4 went off to Maidstone Museum to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians. They took part in 2 workshops and investigated artefacts. They also learned about mummification and saw a mummy from 3000 years ago, they could even see their toe nails! They all returned proudly holding the clay canopic jars they had made.

Thank you to our parent helpers that also came along, we hope you enjoyed your day too, even if it was a bit chilly in there!

Children in Need: Today, lots of children showed their support for Children in Need by wearing their own clothes, many were wearing Children In Need tops and leggings and we also saw lots of different Pudsey ears! As part of the day, the children were thinking about the challenges that some children face in their lives and experimented



with different ways they could make their school day more difficult by operating “Out Of My Comfort Zone”. This included use of blindfolds and ear defenders, wearing oven gloves for threading! This also links really well with our Global Learning themes of Education for All and Equality.



Have fun if you are attending any Children In Need events or challenges over the weekend.

Goodbye! Cheetah Class have already been told and many of you may already know that we are saying goodbye to Mr Nanson at the end of this term. Mr Nanson has been a teacher at Temple Mill for a number of years and he will be very much missed. I'm sure you will join us in wishing him all the very best as he moves on to new opportunities.

Book Fair: Next week the Book Fair will be available after school from Monday to Thursday. It will be in the Atrium, please come in via the doors from the main playground. To celebrate the Book Fair's arrival, children who had been noticed succeeding in their reading were nominated for a lucky dip to win a £5 book voucher to spend at the fair. Nominations included for some children who read every day, some who had a "breakthrough" moment, some who showed great enthusiasm and those who had made amazing progress. All of the nominees were congratulated in Celebration Assembly and the draw was held to find the winners. Congratulations to Charlie, Rayne, Joshua, Poppy and Bailey! They will receive their vouchers on Monday.

Men's Football World Cup: Also during Celebration Assembly, William drew the teams for our mini sweepstake. He had carefully identified 8 of the top teams taking part (apart from England) that each class would have an extra team to follow. Yasin then helped to seal the countries up into envelopes. A member of each class then chose an envelope for their class and then we had the big reveal! The children will now be able to find out more about the country their class has drawn. Thank you, William for organising this.



Learning won't be coming to a standstill for the duration of the World Cup, but I am sure we will be keeping an eye on what is going on.

Celebration Assembly: A busy Celebration Assembly this week but we still enjoyed hearing about some individual achievements this week. The awards covered many areas of the curriculum and many included references to growing confidence and leaps forward. In particular, one child was recognised for realising that mistakes were part of learning and not something to be worried about - a really important discovery!

Attendance: Temple the Cat spent the week with Lion class and took part in computing work on videoing and editing, luckily Lion Class won't have to keep thinking of ways to keep Temple occupied, Meerkats will be hosting next week as they have achieved 98%!

So far, this week's whole school attendance is 95.4%, the academic year attendance is 94%.

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
38	59	64	55

Well done all members of Emerald!

Christmas Dress Down Day: Don't forget, Friday 25th November is a dress down day. In exchange, we are asking children to bring in something to contribute to the Tempo Christmas hampers we are putting together for our Lucky Ticket prizes at our various Christmas events. Some donations have already come in, thank you!

Dates for your diary:

Mon 21st-Thurs 24th November - Book Fair Week
 Thurs 24th November - Years 3 & 6 Trip to Maidstone Museum
 Tues 6th December - EYFS Nativity 10am
 Weds 7th December - EYFS Nativity 1.30pm
 Mon December - KS1 Nativity 2pm
 Tues 13th December - KS1 Nativity 9.30am
 Thurs 15th December - Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Disco 3.45pm-4.45pm
 Thurs 15th December - KS2 Christmas Disco 5.15pm-6.30pm
 Fri 16th December - Pantomime (years 1 - 6)
 Mon 19th December - KS2 Carols by Candlelight 3.45pm-4.30pm
 Fri 25th November - Dress Down Day (in return for donation to TEMPO)
 Tues 20th December - Last Day of Term