



6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break and we wish you all a Happy new Year.

As you might expect, we started the term thinking about New Year's resolutions. The children have certainly set themselves some interesting personal challenges like trying new foods or activities but we also started to think about a whole school resolution. One popular idea was thinking what we could do for the environment and we thought we could be better at recycling in school - at the moment we mostly recycle paper and card but we could do more. To get us started, the school council, with Mrs Lucas and Mrs Wood, have provided their classes with collection boxes to recycle used pens. This works well within our aims to recognise ourselves as Global Citizens. Look out for other recycling opportunities coming soon.

There's lots to look forward to in the coming year so here's to a successful 2023 for us all, whatever our goals,

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**TEMPO:** In the run up to Christmas, the school, with the help of some wonderful volunteers, organised a number of fundraising events. We had some great feedback from children and families about the events and we are delighted to let you know that our efforts with discos, hampers and carols have already covered the cost of the coaches for the next Panto trip (pencilled in for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December).

As many of you are aware, our families and staff organisation, Tempo, was paused during the pandemic and, as some key people moved on, had not quite recovered. However, following the success of the recent fundraising, and a few more volunteers coming forward, we are delighted to tell you that we are ready to relaunch!

We have set up an interim committee (Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gee, Mrs Mroczka, Mrs Flinn and Mrs Collis) so we can set up a new bank account and register with Parentkind (the national PTA organisation). Fortunately for us, due to the success of the previous Tempo committee, we have a great start up budget and so can get busy organising the next series of events for our children and their families.

We will soon be inviting you to attend the first AGM so you can find out more about how you can get involved, whether as part of the committee or as a volunteer helper for events. At the meeting we will formally elect a committee and start the conversation about what we would like to achieve together.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all previous committee members and volunteers for their hard work prior to the pandemic, and for setting us up so well to take TEMPO forward. Hopefully, some of you would like to become involved again and your experience would be most welcome.

**Welcome:** This term we are welcoming Mr Drury and Miss Forrest to our staff team. Mr Drury is our new Year 3 teacher and Miss Forrest is joining the team in Butterfly Class. The

**Staying Well:** You will see below that our attendance is back on the up but we do still have to be vigilant regarding illnesses such as Scarlet Fever and Strep A etc. We always follow and share UKHSA advice on these matters and will continue to do so. In the meantime, we are encouraging good hand and respiratory hygiene in school and would ask that you do not send children into school if they have a fever.

For your information, we have a confirmed case of chickenpox in Nursery so please be vigilant for this too.

**Re-use and Recycle:** As mentioned earlier, we are aiming to do our bit for the environment by trying to reduce our waste. Here are some other things we can do:

***'Recycle 4 Charity'** Printer Cartridges - we can collect these for recycling whilst also raising funds for charities, please drop any into box in main office reception area.*

***Used Pen Collection:** Please send in any used pens to add to your child's class recycling box.*

***Pre-Loved Uniform:** If your child has grown out of any items of uniform - including shoes, trainers (or even football boots!) and they are still in good condition, please donate them to our Pre-loved Uniform shop where they can be sold on to raise funds. Please feel free to access our Pre-loved Uniform Shop - all items are available for a suggested donation of £1 per item.*

***Book Exchange:** A great way to recycle books you are finished with. Bring in a book to add to the exchange and feel free to take as many as you'd like to in exchange!*

**Celebration Assembly:** it has only been a short week but we still managed to find plenty to celebrate in every class. Many Headteacher Awards today featured new positive attitudes and determination as well as personal achievements in maths.

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat will be spend next week with Jaguars (year 2) as they have achieved a 99.2%.

So far, this week's whole school attendance is 95% and for the academic year attendance is 92.5%

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
23	23	33	16

Well done all members of Emerald!

**Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 iRock assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January Years 3 - 6 iRock assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Superhero Census Day Menu for lunch

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> January - EYFS Dinosaurs & Transport Workshop

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Leopard Class Assembly

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - NSPCC Number Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Meerkat Class Assembly

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - School Trust Day (no children in school)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Children return to school