



27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievably, we are heading towards the end of January already! The term has been flying by, in part because we have had a few new things this term.

Year 4 welcomed their families to our first Class Assembly and were able to share the learning and achievements so far. We're now looking forward Year 1's turn. Look out for dates for your children's Class Assembly. We hope that these, the Class Newsletters and website will help you to keep in touch with your child's learning between the more formal occasions to meet.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

iRock assemblies: Last week we had some very entertaining assemblies with Rory from iRock. Rory was promoting iRock music lessons which are group lessons based around forming a rock band. By the end of the assemblies, bands had been put together and were performing "We will rock you" so who knows what can be achieved after a term of lessons.



Letters and emails have been sent home with more information, if you would be interested in signing up, please do so via www.irockschool.com or by email info@irockschool.com.



Year 4 Leopard Class Assembly: Leopard class loved sharing their learning and this is what they said about it: *Year 4 had the exciting opportunity of launching the class assemblies for this year. They enjoyed sharing all of their learning over the last term which included examples of their story writing, poems, bumper stickers for the Turtle Conservation Society, learning about the Magic Kingdom, book sleeves and lots of photos. Thank you to all of the parents in Year 4 that came along to see the children's first assembly.*

"I didn't expect as many people to come. It was really good."

"I really liked it because parents were watching and we could tell them about what we have been learning in class. They don't usually get an opportunity to see everything in the classroom."

"It was exciting as everyone came to see what we have been doing in the classroom and they don't usually get the chance."

"It was good to share our learning with our parents and the rest of the school too."

"I hope everyone liked it as it was a good experience. We can't wait to see the next class assembly."

Bless you! with all the coughs and colds around at the moment, we are getting through tissues faster than we can order them! If you are shopping and come across a good deal, please could you consider popping an extra box in your basket for us - all donations gratefully received!



Pupil Parliament: Two of our Head Pupils, Ava and Harry, attended the Howard Academy Trust Pupil Parliament this week to meet with their counterparts from the other schools in our Trust. They shared news from their schools and were not surprised to here that all schools had complaints about the toilets! Ours have been refurbished recently but we agreed, people could use them more responsibly. On the plus side, it seems all schools have children that are kind, adults that listen to children’s opinions and interesting lessons. Thank you for representing us so well.

TEMPO film night: Our next Tempo fundraiser is a fun film night! The event will be held on Thursday 9th February after school and is a great opportunity for children to watch a favourite film together while enjoying some hot dogs and popcorn! Look out for the posters being sent home today for details of the films on offer, timings and how to book your place.



NSPCC Number Day: We will be supporting this event by inviting children to come to school wearing maths/number themed clothes. Please donate directly to the NSPCC.

Attendance: Temple the Cat has spent this week with Meerkat class and will spend next week with Leopards (year 4), achieving 98.7%.

So far, this term’s whole school attendance is 94.7%, the academic year attendance is 92.9%

This week’s House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
55	66	65	96

Well done all members of Ruby!

Parking on Cliffe Road and neighbouring streets: Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints about our parents blocking driveways and preventing people from being able to leave their drive during drop off and pick up. This has resulted in our neighbours being late for appointments or work. Parking in this way is selfish and inconsiderate and can damage our good reputation locally. Drivers blocking driveways can be reported to Medway Council on 01634 331760 and a penalty notice may be issued, please see https://www.medway.gov.uk/downloads/file/1802/double_parking_and_parking_at_dropped_footways_guidance for more information. Please ensure that our neighbours’ driveways remain clear.

Mobile Phones: Please can we ask that you do not have your mobile phone out on the playground or in the queues for pick up and drop off. This is for reasons of safeguarding, privacy and to allow you to give your full attention to your children. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Numbers Day
- Tuesday 7th February - Yr 1 Meerkat Class Assembly
- Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 10th February - Last day of term
- Monday 20th February - School Trust Day (no children in school)
- Tuesday 21st February - Children return to school

