



21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you had lots of fun over the Easter break, some of the children have been telling us about their adventures and of course their Easter Eggs!

Our term has gotten off to a great start so far and we have some busy weeks ahead as we start the final third of the school year. We started the week with some poetry as it was the International Day of Haiku Poetry earlier in the week. It led to a conversation about choosing our words carefully in all that we do. I have been delighted to receive a number of wonderful poems written by some of the children in their own time, thank you to all of our budding poets!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**Bright and fresh:** Over the holidays Mr Patey has decorated our school hall and it looks wonderful,



although he did have to take on a talented apprentice for the tricky bits...

Mr Patey even painted the heaters so it looks very smart indeed, we have all agreed to do our best to keep it looking that way. Mr Patey was also very

touched by the number of children who have thanked him for his efforts, it's always nice to be appreciated!



**Summer uniform shop:** - Hopefully we will see some wonderful sunshine soon and so we have updated the uniform shop in the main reception area with summer uniform. Please pop in and browse, if you cannot see the sizes you require please ask as we have more behind the desk. All items in the Pre-loved shop are for a suggested donation of £1. Funds raised from the shop go towards school projects.



**Temple Mill Stores:** A little while ago we launched Temple Mill Stores to offer a helping hand with the cost of living challenges we have been facing. We received some very generous donations and have been able to keep the store well-stocked. Some items are approaching sell by dates so we are keen to pass them on to anyone that needs them before they go to waste. If you would like to restock your cupboard from our store, please ask contact Mrs Gee or Mrs Gabriel and we can discretely organise a shopping bag for you.

**Sun health** - We think we have jinxed this after today's rain but we are beginning to see a few brighter days which, hopefully, means the sunshine is on it's way! This also means looking after ourselves in the sun - please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream as we are unable to apply this throughout the day, they will also need a named water bottle in school each day and also a named sun hat. Water bottles are available from the office for £1.50 which will be charged via Arbor.



**A fond farewell:** Mrs Banham is due to leave us at the end of next week for pastures new! Mrs Banham has been an integral part of the team at Temple Mill for 15 years so has helped many children through their Primary school years. She tells us she will cherish those memories always. Mrs Banham will be missed very much but I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best in her new venture.

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat has spent this week with Lions (Year 5) and was kept extremely busy with some flower based science and art. We are thrilled that this week we reached our whole school target of 96% and are now looking to do even better! 5 classes this week achieved 96% or more but Temple will spend next week with Butterfly Class who achieved 98.73!

A special mention to Jaguar Class who due to unusual circumstances for a classmate can't quite officially reach 100%. Today, taking that into account, the children who currently attend Jaguar Class did indeed achieve 100% so well done to those children. We have agreed to make this adjustment every week to see if they can do it again!

So far, this term's whole school attendance is 94.91%, the academic year attendance is 93.63%

#### **This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
99	127	121	105

Well done all members of Sapphire! All of the Houses scored really highly this week so we are off to a flying start - we wonder who will achieve the high score over the term and be rewarded with the next Colours Day.

**Head Pupils' Reflection:** We are grateful to be brought back together, happy and healthy. And to those families who have observed the month of Ramadam, we wish you a peaceful and happy Eid.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> April - NEU Strike Day

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May - NEU Strike Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Red, White and Blue Dress Up Day to mark the coronation of King Charles

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATS

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - KS1 SATS

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 5 Trip to Horton Kirby

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> May - Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - Term Ends (children in school)