



*Give your best, expect success!*

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for our final term of the academic year. We hope you all enjoyed the break last week, the children have been telling us about some of the things they got up to - some of you don't seem to have had a very restful week!

Term 6 is always such a busy time, finishing one year and getting ready for the next. Over the next week we will be beginning some of our transition work to help children make the move to their new classes or indeed, new schools. We started today by welcoming Reception Class to our celebration assembly.

Have a lovely weekend - enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Lewis

**Moving on:** Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mrs Kelly this week, she was our Nursery Midday Meals Supervisor, but is now moving on to new ventures. We'll still see her around the place at drop off and pick up but wish her all the very best.

Later this term will also be saying goodbye to two other very important people. Miss Voller who has been working in our office will be leaving us to focus on her family business. She has loved getting to know our children and families and we will miss her very much.

I know you will all be very sad to hear that Mr Patey has also decided it is time for him to finally retire. Unbelievably, he only joined us 18 months ago - it feels as if he has been part of Temple Mill forever! I think we have noticed the difference he has made. We don't have an exact date yet, Mr Patey has kindly said he will stay until we find a suitable new caretaker.

**Managing the hot weather:** Next week is forecast to be very hot and so we will need to work together to help manage the heat. In line with government guidance, we will try to ensure classrooms are ventilated and windows are kept shaded. On the very hot days, we will adjust the length of time children are outside for breaks and PE. We will be encouraging the children to drink plenty of water, reminding them to wear hats outside, make use of shaded spaces and encouraging them to moderate their play to avoid overheating. Please apply sun cream before school, we are not able to apply sun cream to the children during the day. For the most part, children should not need to reapply during the day due to the mediations put in place.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and named sun hat in school every day.

**Mini Youth Games Football:** Some of children represented the school at the MYG Football Tournament this week. It was hot, hot, hot but they managed to keep their cool and enjoy their day. Mr Drury was very proud to take them to his first MYG with us and told us that he received many compliments about their sportsmanship and conduct over the day. He said they really embodied our new motto: Give your best, expect success! Well done team!



**Vegetable Patch:** Wow! The EYFS vegetable patch is coming on a treat! We can't wait to see what they produce by the end of the year!

**Tesco Community Grant:** The EYFS team are keen to develop their outdoor space and have recently been successful in putting together a plan and getting to the community vote stage of Tesco Community Grant! They're hoping to be successful in gaining a grant of up to £1500 for their sensory garden project. You can help by voting for us at any of the following stores and encouraging your friends and families to vote for us too!



3232 Strood ME2 2DE Large unit  
 6784 Strood Exp ME2 2UW Small unit  
 5424 Whitegates Express ME2 3PW Small unit  
 5238 Frindsbury Strood Exp ME2 4JD Small unit

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat has spent this week with Lion Class (Year 5) Temple took part in science, creating mnemonics to remember the order of the planets and finding out about space. Next week, Temple will return to Meerkats who managed a wonderful 98%

So far, this week's whole school attendance is 94%

**Celebration Assembly:** Celebration Assembly was extra special today as we welcomed Butterfly Class to join us. Congratulations to Ivy and Darcie, their first Headteacher Awards to be given in the hall! Celebration Assembly is always a fabulous feature of the week when we can enjoy the successes of our friends.

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
58	68	59	55

Well done all members of Sapphire! All of the houses are really excited this term as they are hoping to earn the Colours Day for the highest score in the term but also, the fun afternoon for the highest score over the year!

**Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 15th June - Class Photos  
 Thursday 22nd June Sports Day for Y1-6 am Family Picnic for everyone pm  
 Friday 23rd June Sports Day for EYFS am  
 Tuesday 27th June - Yr 5 & Yr 6 Science Workshop  
 Weds 27th June - Reception Class Trip to Riverside  
 Tues 4th July - Yr 1 & Yr 2 Trip to Fenn Bell Zoo  
 Tues 4th July - Yr 6 Production 6pm (Year 6 only)  
 Weds 5th July - Yr 4 Visit to Pizza Express  
 Thurs 6th July - Transition Day  
 Thurs 6th July - Reports to Parents  
 Fri 7th July - Trust Development Day (children NOT in school)  
 Weds 12th July - Nursery visitors in school (Zoolab)  
 Mon 17th July - iRock Concert 10am  
 Tues 18th July - Nursery Last Day (children NOT in school on last two days of term)  
 Friday 21st July - Term Ends (Children in school)