



*Give your best, expect success!*

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back. It was great to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and so keen to get on with their learning journeys. Today they told me they were enjoying being back because of writing, seeing friends again and playground football!

One of our big focus areas this year is recognising and using our strengths to best effect. The children have been using the book "Incredible You" to start thinking about what they can already do well and what they would like to do over the year.

We have a few new displays to bring this altogether, including one to highlight the children's achievements outside of school, so please keep sending in photographs of them in action or with the awards they have earned.

We're looking forward to an incredible year for Temple Mill, and can't wait to start sharing all of the good news ahead.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**Welcomes!**

We'd like to welcome all of our new families who have joined the Temple Mill community this year, whether in Reception or in classes across the school, we are looking forward to getting to know you.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff this term. Mrs Saunders has joined our admin team and will be working as part of our team. Also Miss Clitheroe has joined us as a nursery mid-day meals supervisor. We hope they will be very happy with us here at Temple Mill.

### **Reception Veg Patch**

Last year's Reception Class (now Year 1) worked really hard to clear the ground and develop their vegetable patch. Today in assembly Year 1 were presented with the fruits of their labour! A selection of onions, tomatoes and pumpkins were delivered by Mrs Ximines after being harvested by the new Reception Class!

### **Celebration Assembly**

The teachers were hard pressed to choose the two standout children for Head of School Awards this week. There were a few wobbles here and there but we have been very impressed with how soon the children have settled in. A special mention for our Year 1 children who have done brilliantly in the move from Reception to the main corridor - they have been amazing and got a special round of applause.

Also congratulations to our Year 6 children who have really hit the ground running, they have got stuck straight into the learning and all the duties expected of our oldest pupils. As well as some



getting ready for the Medway Test next week - good luck to all - several have also put in their letters of application for the Head Pupil posts and the staff voting for the House captains is underway! The new Head Pupils and House Captains will be announced in the Celebration Assembly next week.

Individual awards were given for achievements related to settling into new classes including reference to organisation, confidence, kindness and enthusiasm. Well done to all.

**Attendance:** This week we had 2 classes with 100% attendance - this is the first time ever so well done to both Leopard and Lion Class. Previously this has meant that Temple the cat splits their time between the classes but this year we are doing things a little differently. We want to promote punctuality this year as we know that arriving late can cause upset and disruption and so have decided that in the event of a tie in attendance, the decider will be on the number of children who were at school on time every day. So, on this occasion, Leopard Class were the most punctual and so Temple will be spending the week with them. Well done, Leopards!

We are delighted that this week we have beaten our target of 96% whole school attendance. We have managed 96.7! Hopefully we will keep this up, and even improve upon it, through the year.

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
68	71	74	79

Well done all members of Ruby!

**Pedestrian Path**

This week we have been watching the flow onto and from the site at the beginning and end of the school day and have tried to divert people onto the pedestrian path as much as possible. For the most part this has been successful and so we would encourage everyone to now move to using the path rather than the drive to access and leave the site. This adds another layer of safety, it is very rare that cars move on site when they shouldn't, but now that we are living in different times, we are in a position to reduce the risk even further.

**Dates for your diary:**

- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Weds 13<sup>th</sup> September - Medway Test (Year 6 only)
- Weds 13<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 Teeth Investigation
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 Swimming commences
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> September - Friday Football not running today
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September - Meet the Teacher 3.30pm-4.15pm
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> September - Individual & Sibling Photos
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> September - TEMPO Meeting 1.30pm
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> September - Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception through to Year 6)
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 4 Trip to Temple Manor
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October - TEMPO Movie Night
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> October - Term Ends (Children in school today)

