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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the extended break and got to do lots of fun things for Halloween and getting ready for Fireworks Night.

The term has started well and we have introduced our focus value for the term which is RESPECT. Over the week the children have been thinking about respecting others, respecting the environment and also respecting themselves enough to be safe, happy and successful. Hopefully you will be hearing all about it over the coming weeks.

We all know where this term is heading so we have listed some important dates for your diary to finish this wonderful but super busy term!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

Welcome: This term we are welcoming some new members of staff. Miss Ali has joined the team as one of the Year 3 teachers and will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are also welcoming two new Learning Support Assistants; Miss Jones who will be working mainly in KS2 in the mornings and then Nursery in the afternoons, and Mr Reedman who will be working mostly in KS1. I'm sure you will make them feel welcome.

TEMPO NEEDS YOU! We are very lucky at Temple Mill to have a team of regular volunteers, parents and staff, who come along to support our events and in fact make them possible. However, we have come to the limit of what we can achieve with the planning and organising being mainly carried out in school. To move TEMPO (our Parent Teacher Association) to the next level and put on even more opportunities for the children, we really need to form a long-term committee. This would enable to eventually gain charitable status so we can feed even more back into school.



One of our wonderful parents has already volunteered to become Treasurer but we also need a Chair and Secretary in formal roles and as many other people to join as possible to share the load. The committee would of course have the full backing of the school and as much support as we can offer. If you think you would be able to help us in one of those roles or even to just do a little bit more towards planning and organising, please let us know.

Last minute Poppy opportunity: On Monday 11th November we will marking Remembrance Day by holding a 2-minute silence. We did a restock of Poppy items as they sold so well - thank you for your generosity for this fantastic cause - and we may have more left for Monday. They will be available for you make a last-minute purchase on Monday from about 8.25 if you'd like to donate.



Get Caught Reading competition: We are running a fun reading competition. All you need to do is snap a picture of your child reading in their favourite or maybe a more unusual spot and email it into the office by **TUESDAY 12th NOVEMBER**, ensuring that your child's full name and class are included in the email. Our School Council will choose 5 winning photos and each winner will receive a £5 book voucher at the **School Book Fair** which will be running from the **13th - 19th November**.



Children in Need: Friday 15th November is Children in Need day. As it is such a busy term, we will not be putting on any extra events but will mark the occasion by inviting children to wear Pudsey items, yellow or spotty clothes for the day. Please donate directly to Children in Need, find out more here: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/>



Pre-loved Uniform: Now that things are definitely cooling down, you may be interested to know we have a number of coats and fleeces in our Pre-Loved Uniform shop. There are a selection hanging up in the reception area for you to browse and plenty of other uniform items behind the counter (our thanks to the wonderful Mrs Lai who came and sorted them all out this morning!). Each item is £1.



A Remembrance Reminder: If your child is part of the Scouting or Guiding movement, they are very welcome to wear their uniforms to school to mark Remembrance Day.

Celebration Assembly: Respect was the theme of the assembly today, particularly self-respect - valuing yourself enough to make good choices and work for success. Some Head of School Awards recognised this but we also heard about respect for class mates and for our learning environment, well done to all of our winners. Our Head Pupil's reflection also touched on respectfully remembering those who have lost their lives in conflict, ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

Attendance: This week's top attenders are Year 5, Lion Class. This week whole school attendance is just below our target of 96% at 95.7%.

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
42	50	41	47

Well done to Sapphire House!

Dates for your diary: (Full details and booking etc to follow)

- 15th November – Children In Need
- 11th to 14th and 18th November – Parent sharing afternoons
- 19th & 20th November – Parent consultations
- 29th November – Dress Down Hamper Day
- 10th December – EYFS Nativity 2.30pm
- 11th December – EYFS Nativity 9.45am
- 12th December – Winter Woolley day
- 16th December – iRock Concert am
- 16th December – KS1 Nativity 2.30pm
- 16th December – KS2 Carols by Candlelight 3.45pm
- 17th December – KS1 Nativity 9.45am
- 18th December – School Christmas Dinner
- 19th December – Panto! Years 1-6
- 19th December – Christmas Disco

