



*Give your best, expect success!*

6-Dec-24

Dear Parents and carers

This week started with the story of Elijah and the Widow from the Old testament of the Bible. The story reminds us that everyone is of value and so worthy of respect. This was followed up with some very interesting discussion sparked by our Talking Point Assembly question, is all work equal? I would like to think that every member of our school community, whatever their role, feels valued and that we all treat each other just as we would like to be treated ourselves!

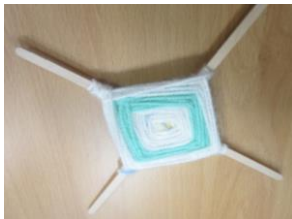
We're now looking forward to the first of our Christmas events next week, so exciting!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

**Year 4's Pocket Money Gift Sale:** Some Year 4 children have decided that

they would like to fundraise for some more play equipment. They made an appointment to have a meeting with me to discuss their plans and they had thought of just about everything and so I was happy for their sale to go ahead.



The children have been busy creating a fabulous collection of home-made gifts for pocket money prices including:



jewellery, God's Eye woven lucky squares, fun models and original art!. Their sale will on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** and the gifts will cost 50p, £1 or £1.50. It would be very helpful if children could bring in correct money or coins in a named envelop and we would suggest no more than £5.



I am very proud of the team who have put this together with just a little support from Mrs Wood. Well done everyone!



**A big thank you!** We have received a Thank You certificate from Medway Foodbank to whom we donated all of the food we collected as part of our Harvest Celebration. We donated an incredible 151.8kg of food! This will make a big difference to local people in crisis

**Hamper Packing:** Our wonderful TEMPO Elves have done it again! They have worked very hard this afternoon, with a few other little helpers, to sort and pack all of the goodies donated for our Lucky Ticket Hamper Draw. The Hampers look amazing and will be a wonderful treat for the lucky winners. Don't forget, you can purchase extra tickets at each of the Christmas events, please bring cash if you'd like to boost your chances of winning an amazing hamper.



**Nativities and Candles By Candlelight:** Next week we will be starting our Christmas events with the Reception and Nursery Nativities. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there and know you will have a wonderful time but ahead of the events, a few reminders:

- Due to fire and safety regulations, we have to limit tickets to a total 2 per **family**. Please note this is not 2 tickets per performance but in total.
- The Carols by Candlelight is largely outdoors so we can have a few more guests but we ask that you stick to the limit of 4 tickets per family. After the songs you will be invited inside for some refreshments but we have limited seating indoors, so will make use of the outdoor space - wrap up! There will also be a gift sale in aid of TEMPO and the Year 6 end of year fund.
- Please do not film or take photographs during any of the performances. You may have seen on social media post reiterating the importance of this, particularly now that cameras can be so small and hidden. In case you missed it, the main messages were:
  - We do not ask you not to take pictures because we are “spoilsports”, it is a matter of respect and safety, as many pictures or videos end up on line.
  - Some parents just do not want their children’s images online, and we should respect that.
  - For some families, it is a much more serious matter. Children could be fleeing abuse, some children may be being protected from adults that would harm them, for some children, their location must remain hidden to keep them safe.

An innocent post on line could lead to the school being identified by just a glimpse of uniform or a mention in the comments, and so the child’s location could be revealed.

This could mean a child must leave their home, their school and friends to find another safe place.

For some children who are under Local Authority Care, it could mean a change of “family”.


It really is a big deal, so please sit back and enjoy the show and respect the safety of our families.

While we are thinking about **online safety**, we know that some of you may be considering buying mobile phones or other devices that will give your child access to online content. Please ensure you know how to keep your child safe and well. You can find some good advice for yourselves online. In particular please have a look at:
















<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/professionals/guidance/thinkuknow-parents-and-carers/>

Please note, **NONE** of the online platforms here are suitable for children at our school. We have dealt with a number of incidents of children getting themselves into trouble or putting themselves at risk online and so please consider carefully what you allow your child access to and how you supervise and check their online activity.



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter	17+	
 TikTok	 Kik	 Sarahah	18+
 YouNow	 Yubo	 YOLO	 MeetMe
 House Party	 Monkey	 LiveMe	







**Celebration Assembly:** We were able to celebrate some of new children joining our school this week, they have settled really well at this tricky time of year and we are very pleased they have joined us.

Year 6 were congratulated for their application to their end of term assessments and Year 5 for their salad making skills! One of our younger children was recognised as being a literal star Star in their Nativity and we were pleased to hear about positive attitudes in learning. We also awarded another Bronze Book Challenge Award and 3 more Times Tables Rock Stars hit the next level. Well done all!

**Attendance:** Temple was forced to have a quiet week this week as Year 6 were undertaking their assessments, apparently Temple found that a bit of a struggle. However, there was fun to be had during PE so not all bad!

Unfortunately, we have been hit by a few bugs this week so our whole school attendance has fallen to 92% this week, I'm sure we'll soon be back on track. Temple will be spending the week with Year 2 next as they managed 97%. Well done to Jaguars!

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
35	61	53	26

Well done to Sapphire!

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

- 10<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity 2.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity 9.45am
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Woolly day – it's not too late to donate any jumpers or tops!
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – iRock Concert am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carols by Candlelight 3.45pm. Join us after for refreshments and our gift sale.
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Panto! Years 1-6
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco
- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> January – Term begins for pupils

