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*Give your best, expect success!*

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 5! It is a short but jam-packed one so a relatively quiet start back has set us up nicely for the excitement ahead.

This term our theme is Empowerment and our children are being asked to consider how all of the other character traits we have been thinking of this year could empower us to be the owners of our own successes. You will remember that those themes were: individuality, respect, resilience and responsibility. We know our children already feel quite empowered - they have demonstrated this a number of times by taking the initiative, finding solutions and presenting ideas for improvements in school. We're hoping they will build on this and be proud of themselves every day.

I am very proud to be the Principal at Temple Mill but, as most of you will know by now, I have decided it is time for me to move on to new adventures at the end of the academic year. I'm not entirely sure what my adventures might be, but some of the children have been coming up with some interesting ideas for me to consider as you can imagine! Everything from cleaning the school to becoming a steward at West Ham! I'm looking forward to enjoying my final 2 terms at Temple Mill - I'm sure there is still time for lots of fun.

Have a lovely weekend, there is warm weather ahead so please ensure jackets and fleeces are clearly named!

Mrs Lewis

**Piano Festival:** This week Mrs Champness took our year 4 and 5 choir to a group rehearsal with Deanwood Primary and Miers Court Primary in preparation for their big performance on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Piano Festival performance at St Margaret's Church. Mrs Champness explained that the rehearsal was great and the children had a lovely opportunity to socialise with their counterparts during the afternoon. She also commended the children for their excellent conduct on the visit - she was very proud of them. Find out more here:

<https://rainhamchurch.co.uk/arts/piano-festival/>



**SATS Week:** During the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will be undertaking their national SATs Tests. The children have been working incredibly hard to get themselves ready to show us what they can do. It is a challenging week for them but the whole school helps to support them so you may find that your children in other year groups have some changes of timetable during those mornings as we call on the LSAs from across the school to help out. We are always very impressed with the helpfulness of the other classes during this week and we all wish Year 6 well!



**Getting ready for market!** Once again, we will be holding our popular Artisan’s Market on the afternoon of the last Thursday of term, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The children are, or will soon be, getting busy creating some wonderful items for the sale and will be inviting you to come along and join them in raising money for their classes. I wonder what they will spend their takings on? Last year it was ice-creams all round!



**Celebration Assembly:** Our music this week was Heather Small’s “Proud” and we have challenged ourselves to do something everyday that we are proud of. Individuals who received awards this week were proud of the achievements in their learning, rising to the challenge in maths and writing were featured as well as efforts with presentation. Children were also recognised for determination, focus and kindness. Well done to all of our individual winners.

**Attendance:** It’s been a short week but we’ve had some big numbers! Whole school attendance for the week was 94.2% and for our top attenders, Year 5, it was 99%. Well done Lion Class!

Just a quick reminder that the easiest way to report your child’s absence is by using the Studybugs app.



We get the messages quickly and it also enables you to keep an eye on your child’s attendance rates too. Attendance is a huge part of our safeguarding work. It saves the office team a lot of worry and time if they don’t need to chase up where children are when they are supposed to be at school - sometimes we even end up doing home visits to check that all is well!

By ensuring your child is at school everyday that they can be, you are giving them their best chance of

success - 96% attendance is the expected target for each child but let’s see if we can do even better. For more information about Studybugs, look here: <https://studybugs.com>

**This week’s House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
45	57	28	37

Well done to **Sapphire House!**

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

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May - Class Photos

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May - Public holiday

Week 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May - Census day

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May - Money minds - managing money workshops for the children

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Artisan Market

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May - End of Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Inset Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Term 6 begins

