Temple Meadow Newsletter Friday 2nd December 2022





Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Temple Meadow and our Head Boys and Head Girls have really enjoyed decorating both of our Christmas trees. As one of them is near my office; I love hearing all the comments as children pass by them and chatted about Christmas and their excitement.

We had a lovely event with Mrs Smith's father captivating Year 6 as he delivered, what has come to be a regular event, his talk about World War 2 experiences for which he always brings a wide range of hands-on artefacts. Please see later in this newsletter an account of the talk.

Year 1 and Year 3 had a visit from the 'Animal Lady' and experienced real life animals which they really enjoyed. Please see later in this newsletter for an account of the day from Clarke in Year 3.

Well Being Award

We are delighted to be awarded our **Well Being Award** for the second time. This is a really deep and comprehensive evaluation of how we support Well Being across the school community. The Well Being team talk to staff, pupil groups and Parents/Carers. All of the information they gather is incapsulated in a detailed report which supports us with an action plan to address areas we'd like to move forward with. Once we have the report, we will of course be sharing key elements of it with our school community. A particular well done to Miss Hodgetts who has lead on this award.

Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023 is now a Bank Holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

Tuck Shop

A reminder that our tuck shop continues to run each morning before school. The tuck shop is located on the KS1 playground and run by Miss Sprigg.

Children in Need

The total raised for this years Children In Need is £120.57. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this important cause.

KS2 SATS Dates

Due to the additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023, KS2 SATS will take place from Tuesday 9th May 2023:

Tuesday 9th May 2023: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10th May 2023: English reading paper

Thursday 11th May 2023: Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12th May 2023: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Black Country TOY APPEAL

Black Country Toy Appeal

Sadly, some children may not receive a gift this Christmas. In Sandwell we are supporting Santa's Black Country Toy Appeal.

If you can afford to donate a gift, the charity is asking for NEW and unwrapped gifts including:

- Books
- Games
- Toys
- Colouring books
- Felt-tip pens/Crayons
- Crafty stuff e.g. paints
- Toiletry sets for teens
- Pyjamas / dressing gowns
- Slippers
- Pants / socks /vests
- Coats
- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Selection Boxes
- Boxes of biscuits

Donations of new items can be made at any of Sandwell's 19 libraries during opening hours, until Friday 9th December 2022. Gifts will then be collected by the charity, wrapped up and distributed to families.

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Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher

Other News





'Animal Lady' visits Year 1&3

On Tuesday 22nd November 2022, Angie's Animal Antics visited Temple Meadow. Please see the below extract from Clarke in Year 3.

On Tuesday 22nd November 2022, Angie's Animal Antics came into the school hall at 11am. She showed us some African animals related to our text, The Butterfly Lion.

First, she showed us Heather, the African Pigmy Hedgehog. Heather is 5 years old. She likes eating cat food, snails and worms.

Next, Gary the Giant African Snail. He is 8 years old and has 2 tentacles for eyes. Did you know snails lay up to 200 eggs every week?

Then Velcro, the Giant African Millipede. He has 300 legs. He eats fruit like oranges. Did you know that if you eat a millipede you'll be poisoned because they are venomous?

After that came Chesney, the American Corn Snake. He sheds his skin every 2-3 months to grow. He likes mice and he is cold to touch.

Finally, Wobble, The African Scops Owl. Wobble is 9 years old and he comes out at dusk to dawn. He has a furry mustache and is grey and white.

World War 2 Talk

This week, Year 6 had a really inspiring talk linked to their current History topic, World War 2. Mrs Smith's dad very kindly came into school to give our pupils a first-hand account of life as a child throughout the war in the local area. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit and loved seeing a range of historical items, such as ration books, helmets and photographs.



ParentLite Reminder

At Temple Meadow, we use the SIMS Parent Lite app to update data that we hold in school for your child.

Available on iOS, Android and via web browser, the SIMS Parent Lite app provides a convenient and accessible solution for Parents/Carers to electronically review and request changes to the data held on them and their children. These changes will then be communicated directly through to the School Office and our management information system will then be updated.

Invitations have been sent via email to the primary contact of each child. Please ensure that you check that your child's information is up-to-date. It is essential that your contact information is kept up to date and it is your responsibility to inform the school of any changes to your details.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Office Team.

Class DoJo Reminder

As you may be aware, ClassDoJo features a built-in messaging feature where Parents/Carers have the option to message their child's class teacher. Please note that these messages are not monitored and this feature should not be used. Any messages that are for the attention of the school should be sent to us via our email address (tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk) or by telephone (01384 569021).

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Little Wandle

At Temple Meadow, we believe that engaging Parents/Carers with their child's phonic learning is key to their success. To support you with how we teach phonics at school and to support you with the pronunciation of the different sounds, you can access videos using our Little Wandle website. Simply click *parents* then *support for parents*.

www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk

Eco Committee

This year, the Eco Committee are excited to be applying for the Green Flag Award again. The Green Flag Award provides a framework for empowering young people to make a difference in their school and local community. The eco committee have been busy completing an environmental review of the school and creating their action plan. The three areas we will focus on this year are **Litter**, **Waste and Marine** as well as continuing with our growing plans. Below are some pictures to show some of the tasks we have completed so far.



Bulb planting



Litter picking



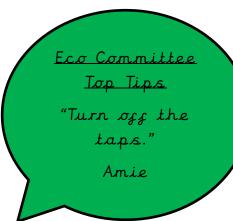
Tidying beds and planting shallots and garlic.



Research

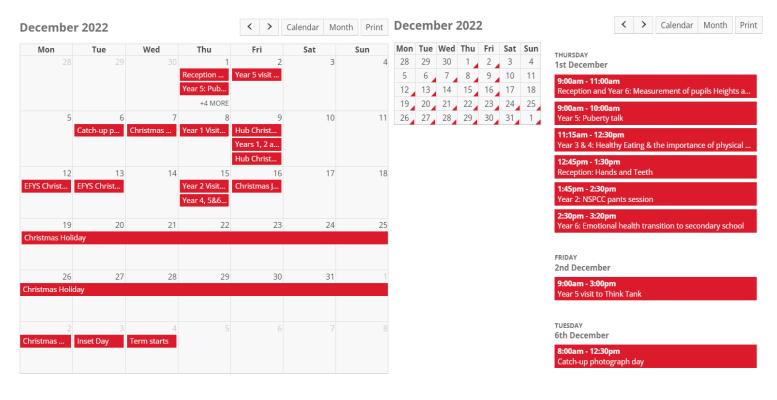


Measuring for signs



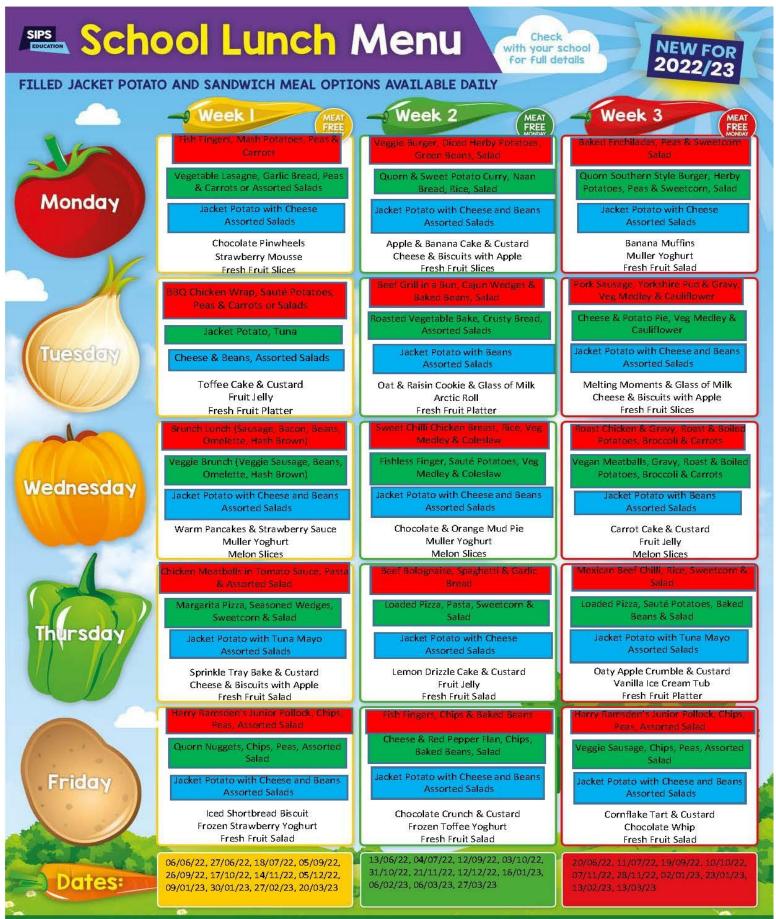


Calendar of Dates



A reminder that all of our Important dates now feature on our School Website.

Any changes to dates/times are updated immediately via the website which means what you see is always live information. To find the dates, simply head to our website, click **Parents & Carers** then **Calendar of Dates.**



SERVED DAILY: BREAD BASKET, FRUITY WATER, ASSORTED SALAD, SEASONAL VEGETABLES SERVED AT THE COUNTER.

Dishes may change without prior notice. This is a generic menu and may differ to the menu bespoke to your school, check your school's website for full details. New Vegetarian Vegetal B Boosted by hidden fruit and vegetables

We have more FRESHLY COOKED FOOD on our menu's than ever before!



ALL WELCOME IN OUR



relax in our Church Centre **on Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm** November to March

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Rowley Holiday Activities

Welcome

Welcome to the Rowley edition of the Holiday Activities Newsletter! It's a place for you to find lots of useful information for fun activities to keep your children happy and active over the school holidays

A Summer of fun

Firstly, let us tell you about what we got up to this summer, there has been so much to do and so much fun has been had across Rowley over the holidays. Five different organisations provided activities right across the area. They included Taking part in English and Maths on the move, young people working together, multi sports, holiday camps and lots more!

WOWs!

Some summer 'wow' moments in Rowley include...

English on the Move and Maths on Move programme.

Learning new skills such as archery and fencing

Children from different schools coming together and making new friends

Winter Activities

RB Active Holiday Club For ages 5-12 years.

RB Holiday Camps offer Sports, Arts & Crafts and Team Games for children to stay active, bond with new friends and have lots of fun during holidays.

Sporting Your Futures - Cradley Heath Holiday Camp For ages 5-16 years. A range of Multi-Sports and activities

Sporting Your Futures - Goals Soccer Centre Holiday Club For ages 5-16 years. An amazing time experiencing exciting sports and making new friends.

Winter Wonderland For ages 6-12 years (16 with SEND).

We will be offering new & exciting activities for all the children to explore. Winter themed Arts & Crafts, glitter tattoos, a large selection of board games, inflatable target games and family game zone.

FTC & Sporting Spirit HAF Winter Programme For ages 5-11 years.

We will run a variety of multisport activities. The popular ones at our previous camp were football, cricket, tag rugby and badminton.

Visit the website to find more activities right across the borough https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/





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Aspire Active Education Group's Ofsted registered Holiday Activities programme offers children aged 5 - 11 an unforgettable school holiday. It's all about fun, food, and physical activity.

The holiday activities in Sandwell are action-packed! A day at camp will include four physical activity sessions and a nutritious meal. The physical activity sessions are: multi sports, Maths on the Move, English on the Move and Active Families. The children can engage in bench ball, basketball, archery, tennis, ultimate frisbee, netball, dodgeball, football, cricket, volleyball, handball, and hockey.

The team are experts in sports and physical activity delivery meaning every session is high-quality, safe, accessible, inclusive, inspiring, and lots of fun!

Every child who joins is given a Home Resource booklet packed full of physical activity challenges and delicious recipes for them to try at home.

The programme gives children the chance to try new sports and activities, learn new skills, make new friends, and build confidence, keeping them active and smiling during the school holiday.

If your child likes to be active and take part in arrange of physical activities this holiday club is for them.

"When we got there the staff were lovely and the atmosphere was really nice. Hugo enjoyed it and that's the most important part for me." Quote from Parent

'Tis the season to have fun!

Our pick and mix menu means we have lots of activities to suit everyone including:

- Live festive panto
- Winter Wonderlands
- Holiday Clubs
- Multi Sports, football,
- dodgeball and more
- Winter arts, crafts and
- decoration making
- Learn an instrument, perform in a band
- And much, much more...



Simply complete the short, simple form to register.

FILL IN THE FORM HERE https://app.upshot.org.uk/ signup/62b2ae22/



Already registered? Brilliant! You won't need to do this again. Simply wait for your email to say bookings are open.

Follow us on: **GoPlaySandwell** to keep up to date with all the latest Holiday Activity News or visit **www.holidayactivites.sandwell.gov.uk** to book activities

