

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all completely back to normal following the disruptions caused by the two snow day closures last week; which were unbelievably in March! We are now only two weeks from the Easter break and you will be aware there are many activities and events planned to close this very busy spring term.

Recent events have included an interschool football match, a KS2 SATs Parent Workshop, Reception Special Females Stay and Play and a Year 4 Pbone Parent Performance. Having popped into the Stay and Play in Reception just now, I can see it was really well attended and a range of lovely activities were happening. Straight after that was the P Bone performance to Year 4 Parents/Carers. It was very impressive; I'm always amazed at how competent and confident pupils are following the 'Wider Opportunities' provision we fund. This is very much part of our vision and values; giving all children the opportunity to learn a musical instrument (we have several opportunities as children travel through Temple Meadow including P-Bone for Year 4, Ukulele for Year 5 and Reggae Drumming for Year 1).

Next week, we have Year 1 out on a visit to Dudley Zoo, Year 3 are visiting Cadbury's World and Year 4 are visiting Kingswood. So we will be very busy.



On Monday 6th March 2023, **Mr Beer hosted an assembly** all about the brass family. He showed us his brass instruments which included the trumpet, trombone, tenor horn, euphonium and tuba.

We learnt that the bigger the instruments get, the lower the pitch. We also learnt that a trombone has a slider and that instruments of the brass family need to be able to make a buzzing sound in the mouth piece, such as a French horn. Even though a Pbone is made out of plastic, it is still classed as part of the brass family.

If your child has a place at Ormiston Forge in September, they are now offering free brass lessons with Mr Beer. Please contact Forge if your child would like to sign up.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations towards Comic Relief today; we will share the donated amount with you in a future newsletter.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Once again, this year we will host an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' on our all-weather track. This will be taking place on **Thursday 30th March 2023.**

We are tasking children to make a recycled Easter Bonnet using packaging, egg boxes or even papier mâché. As we are a Green Flag Eco School, we are encouraging everybody to 'recycle' and 're-purpose' things we already have; so try to avoid purchasing new items. All hats will be sent home at the end of the day so please ensure they are recycled too.

Every class will have a prize up for grabs, so let's try and think outside the box and make the most imaginative and creative Easter Bonnets (although they must be safe). We really do enjoy seeing what the children create – it should be a task for them, not you. Please see a few examples of Easter Bonnet's to inspire you!

Children will need to come into school wearing comfy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers on this day so that children can walk/run safely. It would be ideal to have a chin strap or ribbon attached, to ensure the bonnet stays on your child's head.

During the event, each year group will have a slot to complete their circuits before the next class enters the track. The event will be really engaging and fun. This is a pupil only event but we will capture plenty of images to share with you in the following newsletter and on our school website.

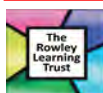


Black Country Foodbank

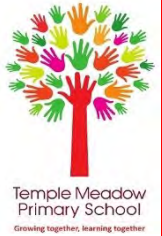
A reminder that food items can be donated to BCF before the end of term. Food items that you wish to donate should be placed in this box, located by the School Office.



Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



Voting ID Needed!



The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

WHICH FORMS OF ID CAN I USE TO VOTE?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- A photo driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (this includes a provisional driving licence)
- A Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Freedom Pass
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit The Electoral Commission website or call their helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

- You need photo ID to vote at a polling station.
- Which ID you need to vote at a polling station.
- No ID? How to get some for free.

To hear more about the 2023 elections, visit: www.sandwell.gov.uk/elections2023





Children have been busy celebrating British Science Week this week and their outcomes will be celebrated in the next Newsletter.

A reminder that the deadline to submit your Science Selfies is next Friday! Submissions should be sent to tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk

Calendar of Dates

March 2023

< > Calendar Month Print

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Girls Footb...	2 World Boo... Year 6 Boo...	3 KS1 SATS p...	4	5
6 Multiplicati...	7	8 Girls Footb...	9 Year 6 Boo... KS2 SA...	10	11	12
13	14	15 Girls Footb...	16 Year 6 Boo...	17 Early Years... Red Nose ... Year 4 Pbo...	18	19
20 Year 1 Visit ...	21 Year 3 ...	22 Year 3 Gos... Girls Footb...	23 Year 2 Mus... Year 6 Boo...	24 Year 4 King...	25	26
27	28	29 Girls Footb...	30 Year 1 Mus... Year 6 Boo...	31		
Easter Holiday						

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**.

School Lunch Menu

Check
with your school
for full details

**NEW FOR
2022/23**

FILLED JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH MEAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

Monday

Week 1

MEAT
FREE

Fish Fingers, Mash Potatoes, Peas & Carrots

Vegetable Lasagne, Garlic Bread, Peas & Carrots or Assorted Salads

Jacket Potato with Cheese
Assorted Salads

Chocolate Pinwheels
Strawberry Mousse
Fresh Fruit Slices

BBQ Chicken Wrap, Sauté Potatoes, Peas & Carrots or Salads

Jacket Potato, Tuna

Cheese & Beans, Assorted Salads

Toffee Cake & Custard
Fruit Jelly
Fresh Fruit Platter

Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Bacon, Beans, Omelette, Hash Brown)

Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausage, Beans, Omelette, Hash Brown)

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Warm Pancakes & Strawberry Sauce
Muller Yoghurt
Melon Slices

Chicken Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Pasta & Assorted Salad

Margarita Pizza, Seasoned Wedges, Sweetcorn & Salad

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo
Assorted Salads

Sprinkle Tray Bake & Custard
Cheese & Biscuits with Apple
Fresh Fruit Salad

Harry Ramsden's Junior Pollock, Chips, Peas, Assorted Salad

Quorn Nuggets, Chips, Peas, Assorted Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Iced Shortbread Biscuit
Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Salad

06/06/22, 27/06/22, 18/07/22, 05/09/22,
26/09/22, 17/10/22, 14/11/22, 05/12/22,
09/01/23, 30/01/23, 27/02/23, 20/03/23
24/04/23, 15/05/23

Week 2

MEAT
FREE

Veggie Burger, Diced Herby Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad

Quorn & Sweet Potato Curry, Naan Bread, Rice, Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Apple & Banana Cake & Custard
Cheese & Biscuits with Apple
Fresh Fruit Slices

Beef Grill in a Bun, Cajun Wedges & Baked Beans, Salad

Roasted Vegetable Bake, Crusty Bread, Assorted Salads

Jacket Potato with Beans
Assorted Salads

Oat & Raisin Cookie & Glass of Milk
Arctic Roll
Fresh Fruit Platter

Sweet Chili Chicken Breast, Rice, Veg Medley & Coleslaw

Fishless Finger, Sauté Potatoes, Veg Medley & Coleslaw

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Chocolate & Orange Mud Pie
Muller Yoghurt
Melon Slices

Beef Bolognaise, Spaghetti & Garlic Bread

Loaded Pizza, Pasta, Sweetcorn & Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese
Assorted Salads

Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard
Fruit Jelly
Fresh Fruit Salad

Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans

Cheese & Red Pepper Flan, Chips, Baked Beans, Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Chocolate Crunch & Custard
Frozen Toffee Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Salad

13/06/22, 04/07/22, 12/09/22, 03/10/22,
31/10/22, 21/11/22, 12/12/22, 16/01/23,
06/02/23, 06/03/23, 27/03/23, 01/05/23,
22/05/23

Week 3

MEAT
FREE

Baked Enchiladas, Peas & Sweetcorn Salad

Quorn Southern Style Burger, Herby Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn, Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese
Assorted Salads

Banana Muffins
Muller Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Salad

Pork Sausage, Yorkshire Pud & Gravy, Veg Medley & Cauliflower

Cheese & Potato Pie, Veg Medley & Cauliflower

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Melting Moments & Glass of Milk
Cheese & Biscuits with Apple
Fresh Fruit Slices

Roast Chicken & Gravy, Roast & Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots

Vegan Meatballs, Gravy, Roast & Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots

Jacket Potato with Beans
Assorted Salads

Carrot Cake & Custard
Fruit Jelly
Melon Slices

Mexican Beef Chilli, Rice, Sweetcorn & Salad

Loaded Pizza, Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans & Salad

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo
Assorted Salads

Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard
Vanilla Ice Cream Tub
Fresh Fruit Platter

Harry Ramsden's Junior Pollock, Chips, Peas, Assorted Salad

Veggie Sausage, Chips, Peas, Assorted Salad

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted Salads

Cornflake Tart & Custard
Chocolate Whip
Fresh Fruit Salad

20/06/22, 11/07/22, 19/09/22, 10/10/22,
07/11/22, 28/11/22, 02/01/23, 23/01/23,
13/02/23, 13/03/23, 17/04/23, 08/05/23

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.

N New **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan **B** Boosted by hidden fruit and vegetables

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

GIRLS

INDOOR FOOTBALL



Be part of our family

EVERY THURSDAY 6:00PM - 7:00PM

**WBA COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL,
HALFORDS LANE, B71 4LG**

**Turn up and register on the night,
or scan the QR code below to book.**

For more information, email:
georgia.lambert@albionfoundation.co.uk

**AGES
10-12**

**ALL
ABILITIES
WELCOME**



SCAN ME



Live in Sandwell and
LOOKING FOR EXCITING
ACTIVITIES TO KEEP
CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

during school holidays?




Limited spaces!

FREE
Spaces available

➤ 07469947722

info.elpsports@gmail.com

➤ Ages 6 - 12

➤ Venue: Haden Hill Leisure centre,
Barrs Rd, Cradley Heath B64 7HA

➤ LOADS of FUN activities including SPORTS, TREASURE
HUNTS, LIVE MARIO KART, ARCHERY and MORE!

➤ Dates:

Monday 3rd April -

Thursday 6th April
(4days)

➤ Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

SCAN ME!



COME AND FIND
OUT MORE AT:

<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

MAKING HAF HAPPEN IN SANDWELL



Department
for Education



Sandwell
Leisure
Trust



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Empowering People, Empowering Change

Cranstoun Drop-in

Do you have questions about your own or someone else's drug or alcohol use?

**Drop into Cradley Community Link
for free information & advice:**

Mon 13 Feb, 10am-1pm
Mon 27 Feb, 10am-1pm
Mon 13 Mar, 10am-1pm
Mon 27 Mar, 10am-1pm

Cradley Heath Community Link
72 High Street
Cradley Heath
B64 5HA



Charity No: 1061582

cranstoun.org



Easter

EGG APPEAL

HELP CHILDREN IN THE BLACK
COUNTRY HAVE A CRACKING EASTER

Donate an egg at any Sandwell
Library before Monday 27 March





How to get the most out of reading with your child

Reading and sharing books with your child is a great way to have fun, develop language skills and build closeness. This leaflet contains our top tips and tricks for you to try at home for successful book sharing. Remember, there's no right or wrong way to share a book with your child!

What are the benefits?

- **Regular book sharing and storytelling helps build closeness.** It promotes positive relationships between parent/caregiver and child and helps to build a bond. This can also lead to a boost in your child's overall confidence!
- **It helps develop active attention and listening skills.** These skills underpin a child's learning and communication development. Having good attention and listening skills will really help prepare your child to start school, get them used to looking/listening for long periods of learning and the wider world of work.
- **Looking at books helps improve visual memory.** Children will develop their skills of searching for things on a page and noticing little details. It also helps encourage imaginative thinking, particularly when there are fewer pictures.
- **Book sharing helps children develop their understanding of spoken language.** Children will need to hear language lots and lots before they are able to use it. It's never too early to share books with your child!
- **Early access to book sharing and storytelling supports reading and literacy skills later on.** Children who enjoy looking at books from a young age are more likely to go on to become successful readers.
- **It can help manage/reduce screen time.** Children who are read to regularly show greater interest in books and are more likely to choose them during their free play time.

Where can I find out more about reading with my child?

The Book Trust the UK's largest children's reading charity and are dedicated to getting children reading. You can find lots more helpful strategies on their website including a guide on how to choose books for your child's age.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

For more information about local library services, including where to find your nearest and how to join, visit the Sandwell Council Website

<http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/libraries>





Tips for reading with children of any age

- **Make it special-** Set time aside and find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/iPad and put your phone out of sight.
- **Give them some control-** Ask your child to help you choose a book. For young children try holding up two books and encouraging them to point to which one they want. Letting them choose shows you value their opinion and will make them feel listened to. This in turn makes them more likely to engage with the book.
- **Be close together-** Cuddle up on the sofa, drag the pillows on the floor, invite them to sit on your knee or simply sit down next to their bed as they listen. Involve younger siblings too!
- **Involve your child-** Encourage them to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.
- **Point to the pictures-** Name things for your child and describe what you can see. Children love to listen to you talk; it doesn't matter if you don't always stick to the written story!
- **Encourage them to make up their own story-** This works really well for books that don't have many words. You can help them by giving them simple sentence starters such as *first the bear... or then he saw...*
- **Label emotions and talk about feelings-** Explain why a character is feeling happy, sad, angry etc. This will help your child to develop empathy and understand their own emotions.
- **Ask the right questions-** This will depend on your child's age but asking the right question can help develop their understanding and use of language. For young children you could try asking them where an item is on the page or point to something and ask what it's called. For older children you could ask them why something happened or what do they think will happen next? Always remember to tell them the answer if they don't know!
- **Show and tell-** Non-verbal's and body language are a really important feature of communication. A good way of keeping children engaged is to use your whole body to tell the story. Over emphasise emotions on your face, act out some actions, hide behind your hands when a character is scared or puff your chest out and pretend to be the monster in the story.
- **Have fun!** This is perhaps the most important thing when sharing a book with your child. Enjoy your time together and don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!





Girlguiding

1st Old Hill Girlguiding

Come and join the fun!!

If interested call

Claire (Brown Owl) for Rainbows and Brownies on 07842653439

Alison (Jazzy Owl) for Guides on 07720847817



For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



For ages 7 to 10



For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you [girlguiding.org.uk](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 306016



Hurst Green Primary School

Narrow Lane, Halesowen, B62 9NZ



CIRCUS
THEME!

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April (9am - 3.30pm)

Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Children aged 5-11, eligible for free school meals and in receipt of a Sandwell HAF Barcode.



To book onto camp, you must be eligible for free school meals and registered with Sandwell HAF. Register and book via holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk to book your activities. You will need your HAF barcode to book.

Hurst Green Primary School
Narrow Lane, Halesowen, B62 9NZ

Only 20 spaces available!
Don't miss out and book today!



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Sandwell Holiday Activities - Rowley

Sandwell Holiday Activities offer exciting opportunities for children who live or go to school in Sandwell to take part in activities during school holidays. There is lots of choice right across Sandwell with different activities happening in each town. Activities are for children aged between school age 4-16 years.

Easter activities will run from Saturday 1st April to Sunday 16th April 2023.

If your child is eligible for HAF then you will be contacted during March by email or text with a HAF activity voucher containing a unique HAF code for your child and a link that enables you to book activities.



If your child does not receive benefit related Free School Meals, you can find other activities on our website (some may have a charge attached) visit <https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

You can access activities right across Sandwell. Here are some activities available in your local area: -

Sport 4 Life UK - a great way to stay active and meet new people. Activities include football, rounders, cricket, baseball, dodgeball, golf, archery, circuit training, tennis, volleyball and many more!

Creative Active Lives CIC – You can enjoy in the morning some of the following activities: arts or crafts, outdoor games, balloon modelling, hula hooping, make a healthy smoothie with our Smoothie Bike, or giant bubble workshops! In the afternoon we will have a special guest who will be, depending on the day: Creature Features Reptile Experience, Circus Skills, Coding/Gaming Zone, Graffiti Art workshop, enjoy a giant bubble show!

Vibes N' Shine CIC - We will be offering, arts and crafts, cooking sessions, a chance to see and touch a range of different animals. We will be able to use our detective skills and find hidden eggs. You will have the chance to show off your creativity skills by decorating your own easter bonnets, you will take part in team building activities and group activities. You can come along to ninja warrior and enjoy a competitive assault course challenge against others.

Sporting Spirits & First Touch Coaching - a variety of multisport activities. The popular ones at our previous camp were football, cricket, tag rugby and badminton

ELP Sports LTD are providing sports and games which will promote healthy physical lifestyles. They will also be doing enrichment activities such as treasure hunts and orienteering as well as making their own food.

Sporting your Futures - a range of Multi-Sports and activities such as football, tennis, dodgeball, archery, golf, hockey, fencing, boxing, tag rugby, handball, rounders, cricket, badminton, multi-skills alongside arts and crafts and game consoles (PS5/FIFA).

Go Play Sandwell - FREE play for all ages <https://goplaysandwell.co.uk/>

Provision to meet high level SEND needs

4 Community Trust SEND - a range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play, water play, plus, many more

Warrens Hall riding School - Private 1-2-1 Horse Riding Lessons, Grooming, Pat a pony, and Mental Health Counselling sessions combined with Equine Therapy (JV with Kaleidoscope Plus Group)

Fantastic Journeys - Fantastic Journeys is a social enterprise that supports children with additional needs to take part in creative arts activities.

KIDS Specialist Provision - Borough wide activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND

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