

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, I'm hoping you all had a really restful break and that COVID didn't spoil your plans. Unfortunately, many staff holidays were affected by COVID which is so frustrating given how hard everyone had worked in term time to keep school open.

As I mentioned in my start of term letter regarding COVID, we can expect a very disrupted term at best, especially the next couple of weeks. I am reminding you once again that only one parent/carer should be on site collecting / dropping pupils (only two families are exempt from this). We will challenge you as this is all part of our safety plan.

I have been around to all classrooms and children have settled in so well to learning. The new Class Dojo praise points that replace house points are proving to be very popular with pupils. On Wednesday, we had a virtual assembly to launch this with all children from Years 1-6.

Our new Nursery pupils have settled in really well—all credit to the Nursery Team.

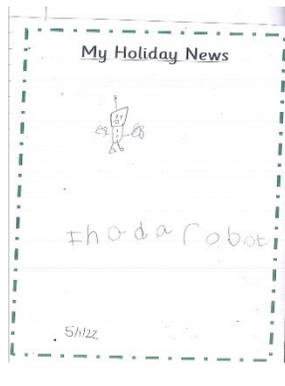
We continue to get lovely responses from British Forces overseas as part of the Year 6 writing initiative. We're showcasing some letters that were sent and received below; the children loved reading the replies.

Frankie,
Thank you so much for your lovely letter you sent to us out here in Iraq. It is really appreciated, and your kind words and very informative letter is perfectly written, well done.
It is fantastic to hear that you have been learning about Remembrance Day. As a serving officer in the Welsh Guards, it is very important to us that we remember those that have gone before us and in many cases made an enormous sacrifice. Some see it as a very sad day, but I like to think of it as a celebration of standing up for what we think is right and therefore enabling people, like yourself, to have the opportunity to go to school and learn lots of things. You are very lucky to be able to go to a nice school like Temple Meadow. We like a breath up here in our little British Camp on the 11th of November, hail a short service and I am sure like you had two minutes of silence. Also, all my soldiers wear a Poppy on their uniforms to remember.
Thank you for your questions. I have a couple of replies and I hope they answer your questions. I joined the Army about 12 years ago and unfortunately have never driven a tank. It is not my job, but I have worked with people that do drive them. They are fantastic things but are pretty noisy! Unfortunately do a job that means I have to walk/ run everywhere, but enjoy it.
You are right, it is very devastating and sad that people need to be away from their families over Christmas. However, I am very lucky and will be lucky, in return for my next week so will be able to spend Christmas with my family. I have a son called Harry (he is 5) and a daughter called Flora (she is 2) and it will be so great to see them. I have not even there since May, before the summer. The soldiers that are taking over from me will be given a Christmas dinner out here and will happily enjoy some quiet time. We also have internet so should be able to talk to their families on Christmas Day. We are also in a place that might even see some snow, which is nice for such a warm part of the world!
Thank you again for your letter, it meant a lot. Have a great Christmas and keep on doing a great job at school.
Take care,
Charlie.

Dear Maram,
My name is Captain Andy Nicholls and it was a pleasure to receive your letter. It was even better as I received it on my birthday! It means a lot to all of us here that you and your school friends have taken the time out of your busy school schedule to write us letters. It is small things like that that make a real difference for us when we are so far away from home, especially when it is so close to Christmas. It is very humbling to hear that you have been helping make paper poppies for Remembrance Day and genuinely heartwarming that you care about the people in the military. I hope that you have learnt a lot about the reasons for Remembrance Day and all of the brave men and women that have given their lives in conflict all over the world. It makes us proud to know that there are children back home, like you, who want to partake in the 2 minutes silence. I would now like to answer your questions:
1. It depends where we are on what we eat. Normally we eat in the food halls out here where you get a selection of all sorts of food. It is usually very good food, especially the dessert bar. The dessert bar is my favourite but it means I have to do a lot of running to not get fat! If we are out on a task we may have to eat ration packs which are boxes filled with food and snacks – these are not always as nice but it is better than going hungry.
2. I am doing my dream job. Being in the Army and being lucky enough to deploy on operations overseas is the thing I wanted to do more than anything.
3. My co-workers are all very nice and I am very lucky to work with them. I also get to work with people from lots of different countries like America, France, Poland and Spain. Our jobs out here are to help advise the Iraqi Army so they are able to help us defeat ISIS so the people in Iraq and our home countries can be safe.
I hope you have a lovely Christmas and that you get everything you have asked for. I am sure you are excited to spend time with your family this Christmas, especially after Covid last year meant we were not allowed to! Thank you for thinking of us and whilst we will miss our families over Christmas we will enjoy it here together and make the most of the experience. Please keep doing amazing things like making your poppies in the future.
Yours Sincerely
Anur Nishchala

Dear spectacular soldier,
My name is Aava, I am 11 years old and I am a pupil here at Temple Meadow Primary School. I would like to say a massive thank you for all the great things you have done. It is a privilege to be able to write to such an amazing soldier like you.
As it will soon be Remembrance Day, I would like to say another great big thank you. It is important for us all to remember all the people who have passed away in the course of protecting our country. Hence that is why, on the 11th hour of the 11th month at 11am, I will be honoured to observe the two minute silence.
Because we have been learning about WW1, I would like to ask you a few questions to a real soldier:
Have you ever driven a tank?
What is your favourite part of your role in the army?
When you started your job did you get the role you hoped for?

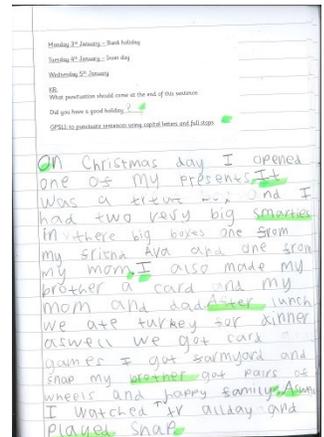
I appreciate the sacrifice you have had to make being away from all your family I spend especially at such a special time as the year, however, I hope you have the chance to enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner and presents. What is your favourite part of the dinner? Mine is the Christmas crackers.
I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours faithfully,
Aava



Some lovely work

Reception have been talking about holiday news and Harrison has drawn a picture of his favourite present. Reception have also been busy learning about SuperTato. Evelyn enjoyed trapping the superhero vegetables in the classroom!

On the right you will see some lovely written work from Jessica in Year 1 about her Christmas.



Best regards and stay safe, Ms Walsh - Headteacher



Other News



Parent lite

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 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.

Please ensure that you check 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 office of any changes to your details.

Class DoJo

We have this week launched our new pupil reward system Class DoJo. Letters have been issued to parents via pupils this week for you to view your child's account. Class DoJo is free to use for all parents, however a premium version of the application, Class DoJo Plus, is available for parents to purchase. The premium version includes alternative reporting systems on your and allows you to view historic data as well as much more. You can see more of what Class DoJo Plus does by heading to the app.

Class DoJo also includes a messaging function. This is not monitored and should not be used by parents. All queries should be raised via our email (tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk) or by calling the school office.

Academic Year Term Dates



Spring Term 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Polling Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

Inset Day: Friday 27th May 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer holiday: From Friday 22nd July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 5th September 2022

Half-term holiday: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Term ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas holiday: Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Term ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holiday starts: Wednesday 26th July 2023

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 11th January 2022
Reception Vision Screening Check

Thursday 13th January 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Tuesday 18th January 2022
Flu Immunisation Mop-up

Thursday 20th January 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 27th January 2022
School Photograph Day

Thursday 27th January 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 3rd February 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 10th February 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Wednesday 16th February 2022
Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Thursday 17th February 2022
Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 17th February 2022
Parents Evening 4.30-6pm

Thursday 3rd March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 3rd March 2022 4-5pm
KS2 SATs Parent Workshop

Thursday 10th March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 10th March 2022 4-5pm
KS1 SATs Parent Workshop

Friday 11th March 2022-Sunday 20th March 2022
British Science Week

Thursday 17th March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 24th March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 25th March 2022
Mothers Day and significant adults Stay and Play
AM Nursery and Reception—9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Thursday 31st March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 7th April 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 8th April 2022
Rhyme Parent Celebration
AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am
PM Nursery—12.45-1.45pm

Tuesday 26th April 2022
Welcomm/ Talk Boost Stay and Play
AM Nursery and Reception—9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022
Decca in school
Year 2 Medicine session—1.20-1.50pm
Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs session 2-3pm

Friday 17th June 2022
Father's Day and significant adults Stay and Play
AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Friday 8th July 2022
Nursery Sports Day
AM Nursery – 9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Wednesday 13th July 2022
Year 6 Safeguarding Day

Thursday 14th July 2022
Rhyme Parent Celebration
AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am
PM Nursery—12.45-1.45pm

Friday 15th July 2022—Nursery Graduation Day
AM Nursery—11-11.45am
PM Nursery—2.30-3.20pm

WILD WEST LUNCH



on: Thursday 20th January

Buckaroo Bangers with BBQ Sauce

Buffalo Bill's Pizza Slice

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans

Campfire Chips, Cowboy Beans

Cavalry Coleslaw, Mixed Salad

Chocolate Wagon Wheels

Howdy Partner Ice Cream

Sheriffs Fruit Salad

