

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of Spring term, I hope everyone had an opportunity to recharge ready for what will be a very busy half term.

Website - Coming very very soon will be our brand new website. It is a huge improvement on our current one, it really showcases our lovely school and is much easier for everybody to navigate to the information you require. We do have to complete a few administrative tasks at our end whereby we close off our current site and agree a launch date. We are hoping all of this will happen fairly quickly!

World Book Day - As I am writing this I can see all children are really enjoying World Book Day, thank you for your support in sending them in their Pyjama's. Miss Evans who leads on Reading for Life has organised the day and we have included some images within this newsletter.

Ukraine - I did send a letter yesterday about our approach to the unfolding crisis in Ukraine. The useful link I shared for Parents and Carers is as follows - [Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine \(cityofsanctuary.org\)](https://cityofsanctuary.org). Our approach is to sensitively support pupil curiosity whilst at the same time ensuring that we don't unnecessarily alarm or worry children. If you have any concerns or need any support, do contact our Pastoral team.



Staff support for Ukraine appeal - As a staff group we are making a collection to send to the 'Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal', which is linked to the UK government response, underpinned by a wide range of charities with proven track records of getting aid and support where it is needed.



The Government is match funding this so what ever we raise will be doubled.

For our pupil, parent and staff community we would like to support the initiative being co-ordinated by 'Dudley Community Polish Church' this has been suggested by Cath Beard (one of our parents and by Mrs Francis one of our Learning Support Staff. We will act as a drop off point for our parent community and I am asking any parents that feel they could support us, with dropping things collected off to let us know via tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk. We aim to involve our Head Boys and Head Girls in this along with Y6 and Y5 who are having some learning sessions linked to this crisis.

COVID - Our current COVID Risk Assessment remains unchanged, we will be putting the gazebo back outside to facilitate the outdoor office; we recently took this down due to weather conditions. We don't anticipate any changes to our current Risk Assessment until after the Easter break.

Irresistible Lunchtime - As it is a new half term, Mrs Van Straaten has launched a new set of activities including Hockey, Basketball and Football. When the weather becomes drier we will be looking to introduce mindfulness Yoga.

Uniform - Thank you for supporting us with uniform expectations as we move into a new half term, can I politely remind you that long hair does need to be tied back.

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



Drop off Point
9:30am - 3:00pm

Polish Community Church Dudley
Lighthouse Cafe

36 Salop Street, DY1 3AT, Dudley, West Midlands

Response to Ukrainian War Refugees
The Lighthouse Centre
@Dudley Community Church

Supporting Ukrainian War Refugees
9:30am - 3:00pm



Working with our Charity Partners in Poland.

We are collecting unused: Sleeping bags, air mattresses, sleeping mats, blankets, Torches, batteries, candles, Cloths, terry nappies, diapers, diaper pants, wet wipes, bed pads, sanitary towels, tissues, Nappies (Pampers, Huggies etc.) terry cloth diapers, diapers, panty liners, tampons & deodorants. Baby formula (include allergy sufferer lactose-free infant milk, gluten-free infant milk etc.), liquid paracetamol for infant, Towels, tooth brushes, tooth pastes, shower gels, shampoos & soap. First aid kits: ACE Bandage, Gauze, medical tape, Antiseptic wash, Medical Gloves, Band-Aid, Paracetamol.

For more information, please contact Pastors Jarick & Paulina, Dudley Community Polish Church
Pst Jaroslaw Jastrzebski (Polish) - 07878179364
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Pst Joe Jones (English) - 07964620842



Other News

World Book Day

I would just like to say a big thank you to all of our parents and carers who supported our pupils with celebrating World Book Day yesterday. Pupils had a fabulous day taking part in their reading sleepover and loved sharing their favourite bedtime stories with their friends. All pupils have now received their £1 book token for their free book which can be exchanged in many local supermarkets. Here are some images of our activities...



Reading competition

Again, a big thank you to all of our pupils who entered our unusual reading competition. All of our winners have received a £5 Waterstones voucher. The winners are:

Early Years-Amelia for reading underneath a table with her dad.

Key Stage one-Taylor for reading inside a pigeon shed.

Key Stage two- Quinn for reading a book upside on a trampoline.

Miss Evans - Reading for Life Coordinator



Reading in school

As part of our reading deep dive feedback from pupils; it was evident that pupils were not aware of their class authors. To ensure our pupils have knowledge of a range of authors and the books they have written; each class participated in activities to find out more information about their class author. We have displayed their work in the library for pupils to read.

Miss Evans - Reading for Life Coordinator

Other News

Brook: Support Parents and Carers around Relationship and Sex Education

Brook has been commissioned to work for the next two years in Sandwell supporting parents and carers around Relationship and Sex Education (RSE). This is to provide parents and carers with the confidence and skills to discuss relationships and sex with their young people and support the mandatory RSE that the young people will be learning in school. In addition some sessions will be focussing on supporting young people with emotional wellbeing.

Brook will be running a series of Facebook Live sessions that parents and carers are invited to join. The sessions will be informal, and Brook will answer frequently asked questions, provide tips on how to discuss certain topics at home as well as provide the opportunity for live questions.

The sessions will run 6.30pm-7.30pm on the following dates:

8 March 2022 - Mandatory RSE: To give parents and carers an understanding of what RSE lessons at school will be covering, as well as equipping you with practical tools and knowledge to broach these subjects at home.

16 March 2022 - Consent: How do I explain what consent is to my child? This is a question that lots of parents and carers want to know about in order to support their child understand the true meaning of consent.

24 March 2022 - Body Image: What is body image and the importance of feeling positively about our bodies? How to support young people to understand that a positive body image is associated with better self-esteem, self-acceptance and healthy lifestyle behaviours, including a balanced approach to food and physical activity.

28 March 2022 - Mental health: What is mental health and wellbeing? And how can Parents and Carers support young people to have open discussions regarding mental health.

Brook will initially trial the above sessions and respond to any feedback before further sessions are booked in later in the year.

If you have any questions, please email midlands.education@brook.org.uk



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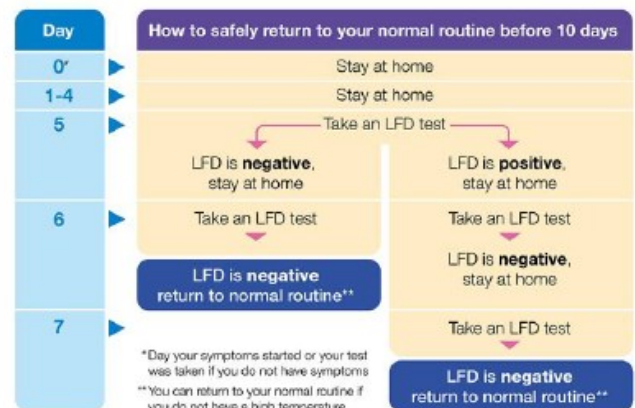
Red Nose Day

Since its launch in 1988, Red Nose Day has become a much-anticipated date in the calendar. It's the day when people join forces to raise money for brilliant causes in the UK and around the world. At Temple Meadow, **on Friday 18th March, pupils can help to fundraise by donating £1 on parent pay and coming into school dressed in their school uniform with a 'bad hair day'**. Children will also be taking part in a superhero mile challenge on our school track and will be setting themselves a goal to achieve and complete. The payment item will be set up on Parent Pay week commencing Monday 14th March.

COVID isolation guidance for pupils

If you are COVID positive you should still isolate for 5 full days if the LFT is negative on days 5 and 6. Or continue to isolate until day 10.

Although there is no longer a COVID-19 test and trace service – the expectation is that people do not go to school or mix when they are COVID positive.



Other News

Our Mile Challenge Results!

The Mile challenge helps to improve our physical, social and emotional wellbeing. Pupils in each class take ownership of the number of laps they complete each time and their class sports ambassador has the responsibility of recording the number of tracks completed. Pupils then challenge themselves to beat their own score each week by walking, jogging or running. At the end of each half term the number of tracks completed are added together to see which class has completed the most miles. The winning class is awarded with a trophy.

How does the Mile Challenge benefit our bodies?

- It helps us to improve our fitness levels
- It encourages us to be aware of our own health
- It gets us out into the fresh air, whatever the weather! We are lucky to have an all-weather track
- It gives us a brain break so we feel ready to learn when we return to class.

Our Spring 1 results:

Winners: 3 Fine- 1,165 laps = 145 miles

4 Cowell: 886 laps = 111 miles

4 Ahlberg: 855 laps = 107 miles

5 Pullman: 842 laps = 105 miles

5 Rosen: 825 laps = 103 miles

6 Rowling: 785 laps = 98 miles

6 Morpurgo: 759 laps = 95 miles

2 Dahl: 658 laps = 82 miles

2 Geraghty: 653 laps = 82 miles

1 Donaldson: 355 laps = 44 miles

1 Tomlinson: 276 laps = 35 miles



Collectively last half term, we have completed 1,007 miles

Easter Bonnet Parade- Tuesday 5th April



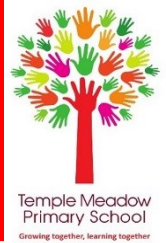
We are hosting a 'Easter Bonnet Parade' (similar to what we have done last year on our all-weather track), this will be taking place on **Tuesday 5th April**. We are tasking children to make a recycled Easter Bonnet using packaging, egg boxes or even papier mâché. Children will need to come into school wearing comfy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers so that children can 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. Also, 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 end of the day and please can we ensure they are recycled too.

Every year group 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 please (although they must be safe). Unfortunately, we won't be able to have parents on site to watch this but we will capture plenty of images to share with you in the following newsletter and on our brand new school website. Please see a few examples of Easter Bonnet's to inspire you! Mrs Alam - RE Coordinator



Academic Year Term Dates



Spring Term 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

**Thursday 10th March 2022**

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 10th March 2022

KS1 SATs Parent Workshop (Teams) 4-5pm

Friday 11th March 2022

Artist to visit Year 4 in school

Friday 11th March 2022-Sunday 20th March 2022

British Science Week

Thursday 17th March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 18th March 2022

Red Nose Day

Thursday 24th March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 31st March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Tuesday 5th April 2022

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 7th April 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

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

Additional dates will follow when we are able to ease our
COVID Risk Assessment.