

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing updates - On Wednesday I sent a very detailed letter regarding our staffing changes following the Easter break. I have included this below as a reminder for you.

Nursery staffing change - Miss Day leaves us at Easter; we wish her well and thank her for her care and attention to our pupils in Nursery. We welcome Mrs Law who joins us a new and permanent teacher. Mrs Law is warm, welcoming and very experienced and will be a lovely addition to our team. Children will have the opportunity this week to meet her when she is on site, as part of her induction to school.

Reception staffing change - Miss Evans moves into Year 1 after Easter covering the maternity gap created by Mrs Lowe. Replacing Miss Evans in Reception is Miss Williamson, who joins us both as a class teacher and as the Early Years Lead. Miss Williamson is very experienced and thrilled by the promotion she has achieved at Temple Meadow. She joins us from Oakham Primary School. Miss Williamson is an imaginative teacher, warm and welcoming. She will be a lovely addition to our team. Children will have the opportunity this week to meet her, when she is on site as part of her induction to school. Miss Evans is literally just down the corridor so will ensure the handover and induction to both our new staff is well planned.

Year 1 staffing change - You cannot have failed to notice Mrs Lowe's 'bump'. Mrs Lowe returns after Easter for 2 weeks and is then off on maternity (naturally she is very excited by this). Miss Evans AHT; moves into Year 1 after Easter covering this maternity gap created by Mrs Lowe. Miss Evans knows the children well having taught them in Reception and Mrs Lowe has plenty of opportunity to handover all the information Miss Evans will need. Miss Evans will be phase lead for Years 1 and 2 as she is an AHT (Assistant Headteacher).

Mrs Shelley – Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) - Mrs Shelley one of our Higher-Level Teaching Assistants (HLTA) also has a prominent 'bump'. Mrs Shelley returns after Easter for 2 weeks and is then off on maternity (naturally she is also very excited by this).

Office team - We welcome Mrs Jones to our office team. Her role is School Administration Officer (SAO). She replaces the role previously held by Mr Haywood, who left a few weeks ago having achieved a promotion at another school. Mrs Jones will be joining us shortly.

Miss Cornfield – School Office Manager (SOM) leaves us at Easter having achieved a promotion to School Business Manager (SBM) at another school. She will be very much missed as she has been a key member of the Temple Meadow team; always approachable, efficient and highly professionally. However, we are delighted that she has achieved the promotion she has sought in a new school much nearer to home. We wish her all the best in her new career.

Ramadan - The holy month of Ramadan begins this weekend for many of our Muslim community. This event celebrates the time in A.D. 610 when Allah revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. This sacred period invites Muslims to renew their spiritual relationship with God and to practice self-discipline. Celebrating Ramadan includes fasting from sunrise to sunset, which is a challenging but rewarding experience. It is very important that if you plan for your child to fast we are made aware in writing to tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk. From Temple Meadow we would like to wish you all a Ramadan Mubarak.

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher

Year 1 Mock Phonics Screening

This week, Year 1 have sat a mock phonic screening paper to help them prepare for their upcoming test in June. The Year 1 team are incredibly proud of the children's accomplishments in phonics and how hard every child has worked. Keep up the fantastic work Year 1! - Mrs Alam & Mrs Lowe



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Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

Summer term after school clubs

The random selection took place in school today and you will be notified by **Wednesday 6th April** if your child has successfully secured a place. If you do not receive a text message, your child has been added to the waiting list.



Reducing Screen Time for Upper Key Stage 2

Older children and teenagers are spending more time using digital devices and social media than ever before. The increase in screen time causes many parents and carers to worry about how children's online activities are affecting their physical, mental, and emotional health. Try these tips and questions below to have conversations with your children about their screen time habits.

1. Show interest in what they're doing (What's your favourite app or game right now? Can you show me how it works? What's something you like about it? Why?)
2. Help them recognise their screen time habits. (What are some of our families habits with devices like phones or TV? Do any of our habits get in the way of things like sleep, spending time with friends and family and school? Are there any habits we should try and change?)

Talk about their emotional health (How do you feel when you're on ____? Does it make you feel uncomfortable, worried, sad or anxious? Do you feel like you've spent too much time online?)

Miss Skelding - Computing Coordinator

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Sandwell School Games—KS1 Football Festival

Some of our KS1 children participated in the Sandwell School Games Year 1 and 2 Football Festival held at St Michael's High School on Wednesday 23rd March. The focus of the event was teamwork. The children treated everyone equally, supported each other and worked together to have fun and achieve. They showed maturity and sportsmanship when celebrating the successes of other teams and represented our school with fantastic behaviours and positive attitudes.

The children took part in a group warm up with young leaders from St Michael's and participated in a variety of skill-based activities before breaking off into mini tournaments against other local schools. There are some images of our day below. **Mrs Colwell - PE Coordinator**



Holiday Activities

Bookings are now being taken for Sandwell's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Easter programme.

Here is what you need to know

Register your child or children if you have not already registered - [Register now for holiday activities and food | Sandwell Council](#)

Click on the tabs to find an activity

Follow the booking instructions to book your children's places.

FREE activities include:



- Bushcraft sessions • Holiday Clubs
- Residential centre day trips to Frank Chapman and Edmond Hall
- School of Rock at Coneygre Arts Centre
- Skate workshops in local parks

- Fashion workshops • Street dance and DJing
- Animation and photography • Youth Clubs
- Theatre workshops • Sports and more

ALL of this for free with a healthy lunch included - Free school meals just got fun!

Register at:
www.sandwell.gov.uk/homepage/298/holiday_activitites_and_food

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Medical Students

During the week commencing **Monday 25th April 2022**, we will be hosting two third year medical students from the University of Birmingham. The purpose of this week is to enable them to develop their knowledge and understanding of child development and interactions, as well as gaining experience and developing skills to help them relate to young children; all of which will be very important when they complete their Paediatrics rotation.

During their time at Temple Meadow, the students have a set list of tasks to complete. These not only benefit the students, but also school, as many of these link with the health aspect of the RSHE curriculum.

Such activities include:

- hearing children read and reading to children
- eating lunch with children and playing games with them
- teaching some year groups basic first aid skills
- giving a careers talk linked to the NHS
- delivering sessions to some year groups around healthy living, self-care and hygiene
- be available to parents before and after school, in the playground, to enable the families to understand working in the NHS, healthy eating and exercise.

This is where you come in. We would really appreciate your engagement with the medical students during this week, answering any of their questions or seeking their impartial advice or support.

We appreciate that drop off and collections can be very busy and time constrained for many of you; however, if you would like to speak to the medical students regarding support with healthy eating and exercise, to find out more about working in the NHS or just to share your views and thoughts around any of these topics, please do let us know by emailing tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk and we will ensure the medical students seek you out during their week with us.

Please remember to include your name, your child's name.

Miss Dale - Assistant Headteacher

Easter Bonnet Parade- Tuesday 5th April

We are hosting an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' (similar to what we did 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.

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

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 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 5th April 2022

Easter Bonnet Parade - Pupil event only, no parents/carers on site.

Thursday 7th April 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 8th April 2022

Pupils break up for Easter break

Monday 25th April 2022

Pupils return to school

Monday 2nd May 2022

Bank Holiday - School closed

Thursday 5th May 2022

Polling Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May 2022

Year 6 SATs

Thursday 12th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 19th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Monday 23rd May 2022

Blue for a loo fundraising day

Thursday 26th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 26th May 2022

Pupils break up for half term

Friday 27th May 2022

INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 6th June 2022

Pupils return to school

Thursday 9th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Year 2 DECCA session 1.20-1.50pm

Year 6 DECCA session 2-3pm

Wednesday 15th June 2022

School Nurse Sessions

Reception Hands and Teeth - 9.30-10.15am

Year 5 Body Changes - 11-12pm

Year 6 Healthy Relationships - 1-2pm

Year 3 Healthy Eating - 2-2.45pm

Thursday 16th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 23rd June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 30th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 7th July 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Year 6 Safeguarding Day