## Temple Meadow Newsletter Friday 8th April 2022





#### Dear Parents and Carers

This is our final newsletter for this term, which aims to celebrate the events that have been happening in this final week. Events this week included a Dodgeball tournament at St Michaels High School and our Easter Bonnet Parade. It was lovely to see the Easter Bonnet creations in school yesterday, we have included some photos below.

As we move into the Summer term, hopefully things will begin to be more 'normal' in terms of COVID restrictions. Please do check the diary dates attached as some of these revert back into face to face events.

STAR Assemblies - Please note after the Easter break we will be inviting parents and carers into STAR assemblies; we have decided

to create a one week delay between announcing the 'STAR' and celebrating in an assembly. This ensures that parents and carers have sufficient notice to make arrangements in order to attend our celebrations. In my questionnaire this is something that you have frequently requested and now is a perfect opportunity to implement this change. Our first STAR assembly will take place during week commencing **Monday 2nd May**, you will of course receive an invitation when this applies to you.

**Forest School** - We are all celebrating Mrs Bayley's achievement in having completed her Forest School accreditation. This has involved a significant amount of study combined with work and is the equivalent of completing an A-Level. Forest School has been such a lovely addition to school life. It has had the desired impact for pupils, including: building confidence, developing friendships, supporting communication and language skills, trying things pupils have never tried before, immersed in nature and enjoying special treats like hot chocolate and stories around a camp fire. Having observed a Forest School session this week, I must say all credit to Mrs Bayley regarding how she has implemented various activities. This week I witnessed tree loppers being used to make bee hotels from bamboo; a slack rope being used; a bowsaw being used for cutting logs; hammers and nails being used to create weaving templates; branches and small logs used to create dens; mud kitchens and mud painting. It really is a lovely school experience.

**Medical Students** - Miss Dale has already provided you with information about the two third year medical students from Birmingham University, who we are hosting a placement for after the break. 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. 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 and your child's name.** 

Summer Term After School Clubs - You will have been notified by text message if your child has secured a space in a Summer Term after school club. These clubs start on week commencing Monday 25th April. Please do refer to the letter emailed to you regarding times and collection points.

**Uniform** - As ever thank you for supporting us by sending your child to school in full school uniform. We look forward to welcoming pupils back following the Easter break with the same high uniform expectations.

Water bottles - Can I take this opportunity to remind you that every pupil must bring a water bottle to school daily, these must not be glass bottles.

Thanking the staff team at Temple Meadow - as ever all staff have been very hard working and focused on delivering the best they possibly can for all pupils.

**Finally,** we say a fond farewell to Miss Day in Nursery. Who leaves us today; we wish her all the best. Additionally, Miss Cornfield leaves us from the Office team. Genuinely, we are all really sad to see her go; but it is so nice that she has a really exciting career direction to follow. She has been such a popular and reliable member of team Temple Meadow. Working closely with me in the PA part of her role, I have nothing but praise for her. She is always reliable, accurate, diligent, forward thinking, curious about school life; ever patient; ever solving problems. We are really going to miss her. Wishing her all the best as a School Business Manager in her new school. We are sending her lots of love from all of us at Temple Meadow as she is universally respected in every team.

I hope you all have a restful break ready for the return to school on Monday 25th April.

#### Best regards, Ms Walsh-Headteacher





### Easter Bonnet Parade

Well done to all the children who took part in the Easter bonnet parade. All staff across school were super impressed with the hard work and effort that families have collectively put into them and it was very challenging to pick just one winner. Each winner was awarded with a chocolate Easter egg. Please see below photographs of the winning entries.

We just want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who worked so hard to help support the children in making their bonnets.

They were all truly beautiful and are a work of art. Nursery AM - Lucy



1 Donaldson - Finley



Nursery PM - Brayleigh

1 Tomlinson - Lexie-Sue



**Reception Carle - Amelia** 

2 Dahl - Esmee



2 Geraghty



The Hub - Matthew



5 Pullman - Lailah





5 Rosen - Ruby





4 Cowell - Jaiden



6 Rowling - Aaron





4 Ahlberg - Chloe



6 Morpurgo - Phoenix





### Dodgeball

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April a team of Year 4 and 5 children went to St Michael's to participate in a dodgeball tournament against other Primary schools at St Micahel's High School. The children took part in a variety of exciting warm up activities led by Young leaders from St Michael's before going into mini tournaments against the other schools. Our children were praised for showing sportsmanship and approaching the other teams after a match to say well done and shake their hands. This made me extremely proud. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the morning and followed all of the rules, showing honesty when they were hit by a ball and excepting when they were out. We got through to the final and came second! This was a huge achievement for our children and they couldn't stop smiling!

Two of our children Ethan and Mia were also chosen for a special achievement award which was decided by the Young Leaders and staff from St Michael's. **Miss Colwell - PE Lead** 



#### Year 5 Writing

I wanted to share this fabulous piece of Writing with you, written by Mariam in Year 5. Mariam achieved STAR of the week from Mr Malcolm for "an exceptional piece of suspense Writing". I think you will agree the way Mariam described the setting and atmosphere is fantastic. Ms Walsh - Headteacher

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Reception Murphy have won our book corner competition this term and have chosen as a class a magazine subscription for their book corner.

Head boys and girls said... "we loved the design of this book corner; the clouds were very creative. The book corner looks inviting, cosy and would be a great place to get comfy and read a good book."



#### **Holiday Activities**

A Morning with Children's Author Teresa Heapy Tuesday 19th April – Blackheath Library – 10.30am-11.30am Go Play Sandwell - Easter family activities (games, crafts, etc.) Ages 6-12 Monday 11th April - Oakham Library 10.30-1.00pm Cradley Heath Library 2.30-5.00pm Thursday 14th April - Blackheath Library 10.30-1.00pm & 2.00-4.30pm. Thursday 21st April - Blackheath Library 2.00-4.30pm Play Talk Read - Under 5s Literacy Session - Story time & Nursery Rhymes Monday 11th & 18th April - 9.45am-10.45am - Blackheath Library Wednesday 13th & 20th April - 10.15am-11.15am - Cradley Heath Library Monday 11th & 18th April - 10.30am-11.30am - Oakham Library Sandy Bear Story Time - Under 5s Story time Saturday 16th & 23rd April - 11am-11.30am - Blackheath Library Monday 11th & 18th April - 10.30am-11am - Cradley Heath Library Friday 15th & 22nd April - 10.30am-11am - Oakham Library Easter Children's Craft Activities - Easter Garland Blackheath Library – Wednesday 13th April – 2pm-3pm

Cradley Heath Library - Wednesday 13th April - 2.30pm-3.30pm Oakham Library - Wednesday 13th April – 2.30pm-3.30pm

#### Easter Bunny

Blackheath Library – Wednesday 20th April – 2pm-3pm Cradley Heath Library - Wednesday 20th April – 2.30pm-3.30pm Oakham Library - Wednesday 20th April – 2.30pm-3.30pm





### A morning with Children's Author Teresa Heapy



Date: Tuesday 19th April **Blackheath Library** Time: 10.30am-11.30am

eresa Heapy, author of the Very Little' series of picture books, visit and talk to the children about her books. Teresa is an int has agre ned author and we are delighted to have secured a visit by her. She will be ing to the children to provide inspiration for their own writing and also enthe ut the joy of reading. This will support the literacy work th and we hope it will prove a stimulating experience

Tickets: Free please reserve your tickets by contacting Blackheath Library Blackheath Library, 145 High Street, Blackh Tel: 0121 569 4920, email: blackheath libra th, B65 0EA

## ns and pencils at the Poster Competition

- Create a poster that will let other children across Sandwell know about the importance of having a vaccination and
- that now is the time to get it. Open to all children aged 5–11 living in Sandwell To enter email a photo of your finished design to phcovid19community@sandwell.gov.uk stating your first name, age and town
- There will be 6 winners, one representing each town, and the winners posters will be used as part of the vaccination campaign across Sandwell.

Entries close on Sunday 24 April Winners will be notified week beginning 2 May







#### Hi Parents

Sandwell Beam is pleased to provide a timetable of virtual workshops for parents starting in April which includes a workshop on understanding & responding to self-harm. The details needed can be found at the following link - <u>BEAM Sandwell | The Children's Society (childrenssociety.org.uk)</u>

All workshops will be done via Microsoft Teams Video call, we are unable to record sessions. The Workshops are derived to be informative and engaging sessions, please be willing to participate during the sessions. There are four Workshops which will be rolled out in April 2022 at various times to enable more people to attend, please see the following details of content: -

• **Supporting Children & Young People with Anxiety** – aims & objectives are to share psychoeducation within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.

• Wellbeing Planning – a workshop which explains & provides a tools for Children & Young people to support their general Emotional Health & Wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness, his can also be used as a relapse tool to support resilience.

• **Sleep Support** - aim to share psychoeducation within the topic followed by practical suggestions & advise of methods & techniques to help support the children & young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying asleep.

• **Understanding & responding to Self-Harm** – aims & objectives are to pass over psychoeducation within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with self-harm.

We look forward to seeing you there

Sandwell Beam

#### Cradley Heath & Old Hill School Uniform Bank

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

Do you need some school uniform?

Primary & Secondary ages and sizes available.

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am – 2pm

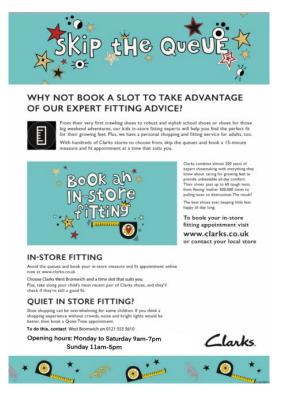
Come along and see what school uniform is available and take what you need (FREE)

- Polo Shirts	- Sweatshirts
- Trousers	- Jumpers & Cardigans
- Dresses	- Blazers
- PE Kit & Pumps	- Skirts









## 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 SpringTerm 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

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

