

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Thursday 26th May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter for this half term. The half-term break has come around very quickly and I hope that everyone has a well deserved rest, ready for a very busy final half-term.

Celebration: We had a really lovely STAR assembly this morning which started with the whole school singing our jubilee song. Miss Evans, who leads Music, had been really busy behind the scenes ensuring that all year groups had practiced this; it was so lovely to have the whole school singing for the first time in a long time.



This afternoon we had our Jubilee picnic, everyone enjoyed the occasion and it was a very relaxed way to close the half-term. Thank you to parents for supporting our blue, red and white theme today and our blue themed day for Blue for the Loo. Please see our Other News section for more information. We'll share further news with you once the toilets are in place.

Year 1 Headteacher awards: I've had lots of opportunities to hand these out recently. Today I had some very proud Year 1's in my office, sharing their lovely jubilee poems from earlier this week. Well done to Rose, Adhil, Clark, James, Mehnoor, Chloe, Jessica, Ava and Zoe. There is a lovely poem for you to see at the back of this newsletter.

Year 2 Headteacher awards: Year 2 had a commission to create paintings of landscapes in the style of Van Gogh. They used their sketching skills and mixed paints to create shades and tones to complete a task linked to their paintings to their English text Cloud Tea Monkeys. There is an image of a painting at the back of this newsletter. Well done to Zaharon, Emilia and Clarke

Year 5 St Michaels' competition: Well done to pupils who represented Temple Meadow at St Michael's for the maths competition. We are so proud of you for winning the competition when competing with other local primary schools. Well done to Quinn, Layton, Vaneesa and Karsen!



New website: Hopefully you have seen that our website has been completely updated and it is now much more vibrant and engaging and so much easier to navigate. It is such an improvement on our old website



Parent Compliments: It is always lovely to receive parent compliments which I always share with the staff team. Please see the below compliments:

Lovely compliment to Mrs Van Straaten: *Thank you so much for helping to support my child throughout this school year. I have seen him trying to finish his homework on his own at home. I also hope that he will continue his progress in Year 5 with the support of his teachers.*

Compliments on our STAR Assembly: *I just wanted to say thank you for allowing myself and other parents into school for today's Star Assembly. With my child being in year one, and covid having been present throughout her school career, this is only the second time I have ever been inside the school building. It was a joy to have an insight into the world of school life beyond the drop off point. It was lovely to hear what has been going on in classrooms and how proud teachers are of their pupils. It was also wonderful to see how well behaved and good mannered the children of all year groups were. I feel so pleased that my children are part of such a wonderful school community. Thank you again.*

Congratulations to Mrs Lowe who shared the wonderful news that she has had a baby boy. Congratulations Mrs Lowe!

Last week we shared the news that **Mrs Bourne had her wedding day**. We celebrated the occasion with her during our Star assembly last week.



Governor news: Laura Charles steps down from our Governing Board after 7 years involvement as Governor. Laura is a current parent and also has two older children who have passed through Temple Meadow on their education journey. She has always had a vested interest in Temple Meadow being the best it can be. She has been Chair and Vice Chair of Governors and has always been very supportive to me as Headteacher and to the school. Laura was always a very active governor and was the governor link for a number of areas of school life; these included over time Early Years, Maths, English and safeguarding and Special Needs. She had a particular interest in staff well-being and became a link governor for NQTs ensuring that their induction and support was to a high standard. Laura has been on many staff selection panels as part of the recruitment process. In our OFSTED inspections Laura always presented a deep knowledge of school issues as she knew the school well and was able to support the Good Leadership judgement as part of that links to governance. On behalf of our school community, I want to say thank you for your time and commitment.

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



Other News



Blue for the Loo

A big thank you to all for participating in our Blue for a Loo day raising money for toilet twinning. We started the day with a virtual whole school assembly where we had a guest speaker from the charity Toilet Twinning. The children learnt about why it is important to support this charity and thought about what it would be like to be unable to access a safe toilet. Did you know.....one in four people in the world have no safe or clean toilet and over 700 million people have to go outside to go to the toilet?



Toilet twinning funds projects in poor communities to provide a basic toilet, access to clean water and education on hygiene. At Temple Meadow we raised £121.25 which will enable us to twin 2 toilets. Thank you for your support!

Protective Behaviours

As you aware, safeguarding is of up most importance at Temple Meadow and our Protective Behaviours culture is at the heart of school. As part of this, each term children renew their network hands, which help them to identify trusted adults they can talk to if they ever feel unsafe or worried. A big part of our protective behaviours curriculum is safe and unsafe touch, including privacy and consent. As I am sure you agree, this is a vital knowledge for pupils of all ages to help to keep them safe.

During the first couple of weeks of the new half term, we will be repeating our safe and unsafe touch lessons. These will be delivered in classrooms by class teachers and will be delivered at an age appropriate level for all pupils. The sessions will include the topics of consent, privacy and safe touch. As part of this, in line with National Curriculum, we ensure the correct names are used for body parts, such as penis and vagina. We understand that some parents wish to use alternative names for these body parts at home, which is personal choice; however we must ensure all children are able to communicate clearly to school staff should they need assistance and therefore we avoid any ambiguous terminology. We thank you for your continued support.

Book Corner Competition Winners

The Head boys and Head girls have chosen 1 Donaldson as the book corner competition winners this term because they have a Summer theme and it is very engaging for the children. The pupils even get to sit in a paddling pool to read a book or comic. They have chosen 'Eco Kids Planet' as their magazine for winning the competition.

Queen's Jubilee Day

Today, children arrived to school dressed in red, white and blue, the colours of the Union Jack flag. During the day, children learned about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the momentous events in her life.

Children also had a garden party on our school field where they listened to school music and had a picnic with refreshments.

In the meanwhile, Nursery used a green screen to take pictures with the Queen!



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Science Fayre

We are excited to be running another Science Fayre at school this year. Children have all been invited to participate by designing their own science project. They can either work alone or work with a friend. We welcome collaborative work between family members and your child.

The project can be an experiment to answer a question, a problem and solution or a research project. It can be on any area of Science that interests your child, for example 'How many stars can we see?', 'How would I design an Icebreaker ship?', 'What would my family eat if we were polar explorers?', 'How do rainbows form?' or related to any other science question.

When your child has carried out their investigation or research they have to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This can be made from a large cardboard box, opened out, painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape. This display board should show the project title/question/problem, what your child predicts the answer is, what they did to investigate their question, what they found and a conclusion. If they want, they can include a small model or experiment and/or project notes.

All projects need to be brought to school on **Wednesday 22nd June 2022** for our School Science Fayre which will be held in the Dance Studio. The parents of those children who are participating will be invited to attend on the afternoon. Letters with more information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time. A panel of judges will help to choose the best projects and every child who enters will receive a certificate.

Please complete the reply slip on the letter sent out this week if your child is interested in taking part.

Healthy Tuck Shop



Pupil healthy tuck shop will be relaunched on Monday 13th June! Mrs Van Straaten is currently working with a group of pupils who will be responsible for obtaining pupil voice on the types of healthy snacks that will be available from the tuck shop each morning on the playground. More information will follow on the first week back after half term.

E-Safety

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values. Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They can be set on home broadband and Wi-Fi, games consoles, mobiles, tablets and computers, apps and online services and search engines. For more information on how to set up the parental controls, visit the NSPC website on <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>.

Other News

Transition to new academic year

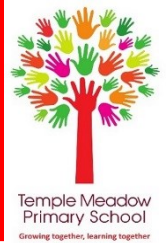


As we begin to prepare children for their transition to their new year groups, some of our children benefit from additional transition work. Mrs Van Straaten has been working with a group of representatives to obtain their pupil voice on what information they would like to gather in their own personal transition booklets. The group worked very collaboratively together and came up with some excellent suggestions as to things they would like to know about next year including:

- Who their new teacher will be and their person attributes (they all wanted to know if they will be kind).
- Which classroom they will be in?
- Will they have swimming next year?
- Can they walk home alone?
- Will they learn to play a musical instrument?
- Who will be their LSPs?
- They were also keen to tell their new teachers about themselves, what helps them to learn.
- Where will my calm down space be?
- Where will they enter school in the morning?
- Who will teach them for English and Maths?
- Where will their toilets be?

Mrs Van Straaten will now work with the representatives update the transition booklets and identified children will bring them home before the summer holidays. Parents will then be able to reflect refer to them during the holiday and use them to support children's return in September. Teachers have already begun to consider which children would benefit from having a personalised transition booklet but if you think it may be useful for your child then please do get in touch with Mrs Van Straaten to discuss further.

Academic Year Term Dates



Summer Term 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

Inset Day: Monday 5th September 2022

Returning Nursery, Reception and Years 1-6 return to school: Tuesday 6th September 2022

New Nursery Pupils start: Wednesday 7th 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



Monday 6th June—Friday 10th June 2022 Year 1 Phonics Screening check

Thursday 9th June 2022—Year 5 Visit to Cradley Heath Mosque 9-11.45am

Thursday 9th June 2022 Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022 Nursery Talk Boost Stay and Play 9-10 (AM Nursery) 1-2 (PM Nursery)*

Year 2 DECCA (Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advice) session 1.20-1.50pm

Year 6 DECCA (Drug Education, Counselling and Confidential Advices) 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 3 Healthy Eating - 2-2.45pm

Thursday 16th June 2022 Stay and Play 9-10am (AM Nursery) 1-2pm (PM Nursery)*

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Year 2 Tea Party 2.30-3pm*

Wednesday 22nd June 2022—Science Fayre

Thursday 23rd June 2022 Year 1 Visit to Holy Trinity Church 9.15-11.45am

Thursday 23rd June 2022 Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 30th June 2022 Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Monday 4th July 2022 Commonwealth games ceremony*

Tuesday 5th July 2022 Sports Day—KS2 (9.15-11.45am) KS1 and Reception (1.30-3pm)*

Wednesday 6th July 2022—Nursery Sports Day—AM (9.15-10.15am) PM and Rabbits (1.45-2.45PM)*

Thursday 7th July 2022 Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Friday 8th July 2022—Year 6 Trip to Safari Park*

Wednesday 13th July 2022 Parent's evening*

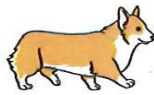
Wednesday 13th July 2022 Year 6 Safeguarding Day*

Thursday 14th July 2022 Year 6 Prom*

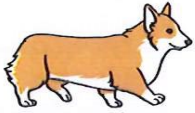
Friday 15th July 2022 Nursery Graduation 11-11.45(AM) 2.30-3.20 (PM)*

Wednesday 20th July 2022 Year 6 Leaver's assembly to parents 1.30-2pm *

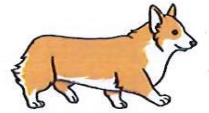
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Jubilee



Gates opening,



Flags blowing,



Queen waving,



Dogs running,



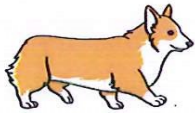
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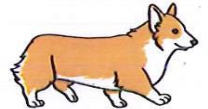
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Soldiers marching,



Palace Opening,



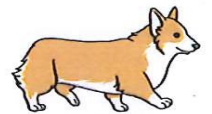
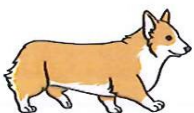
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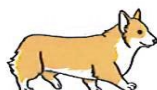
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