

# Temple Meadow Newsletter

## Friday 23rd September 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure we all benefited from the Bank Holiday this week linked to The Queen's funeral. Thank you to the pupils involved in the book of condolences and hopefully you had the opportunity to add your comment should you have chosen to do so. This week, Miss Jones, who leads on History, held a whole-school assembly providing more of the historical context around the succession of Charles III. She also outlined some linked activities that pupils will be engaged with this week in school.

We always start the year with a full governing board meeting in which we confirm all the various governor posts. We do this year have a **new Chair of Governors (Ben Riley)**. Matthew Lenton remains as Vice Chair. I would like to say a big thank you to Laura Hadley who had held the post of Chair of Governors for all her hard work and commitment. She does remain on our Governing Board but has relinquished her position as Chair due to her own work commitments. We do have a really active and engaged Governing Board but there are some vacancies that I will be working towards filling; one of these is a parent governor and the advert for that will be coming out separately. I do know that when we did the new Reception intake meeting that a number of parents expressed an interest in getting involved in school governance.

Mrs Whyte, one of our HLTA's on our Governing Board, has stepped down due to personal reasons after seven years of commitment.

It was great to see a number of parents sign up and engage for our **Parent Support Package meetings**. Already, the group are gelling really well, sharing their individual experiences and supporting each other with ideas and strategies. Lisa Nicholls, who is leading the course, has been very complimentary of how open all of the parents have been and how well they have supported each other.

Mrs Alam has been busy organising the **Harvest Festival** for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. On this day, we will have a whole school Harvest assembly to discuss the importance of this event. We will also be collecting sealed food to donate to **The Black Country Foodbank**. The Foodbank helps vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of 3 days worth of emergency food supplies, which have a massive impact on those who need them. The organisation is dependent upon donations, especially during uncertain times. Please send any donations of sealed, in date tins or packets of food into school with your child on the above date. We will then ensure these are stored safely ready for collection from a member of staff from the Foodbank.

To support the Foodbank further we are also having a **mufti day**, where the theme is to wear anything green. This is optional, as we are aware of the difficulties the cost of living is causing to many of our families. Also, you have the choice to make any donations towards the mufti day on ParentPay and we will then send these on to the Foodbank- again this is optional. Finally, on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** after school, we will also be hosting a 'Guess the number of conkers in the jar' competition. There will be two stalls operating. One will be located outside the Reception area for KS2 parents and the other will be outside the Year 1&2 paddock gate for Early Years and KS1 parents.

Mrs Bayley has been busy working with the ECO committee planting marrows, squash, apples and many more things. This year we are having 2 'Guess the number of conkers in the jar' competitions with 6 prizes up for grabs.

The closest/correct guesses of the competition will win:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize a hamper of produce with a mix of Temple Meadow grown and other exotic fruits from around the world (2x)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Closest guess- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Playdough set (2x)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Closest guess- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Harvest themed activity book and colours (2x)

Each competition entry costs 20p and you can re-enter up to 5 times. The staff will note down your child's name and class to ensure the winner gets their prize safely. The winners will be announced in Star Assembly. The money raised will go back to the ECO committee to continue their work across school. The money collected will be cash and coins and you will need to add donations directly into the money box. Thank you for all your support.

**Pupil Parliament**—Following on from my letter regarding our new Pupil Parliament, I am really looking forward to announcing our new MPs following the secret ballot within each class. I already have a number of projects and tasks for the new Pupil Parliament to get their teeth into.

**Reception 2023 Places**—Last week, our Nursery parents will have received information on how to apply for a Reception 2023 place. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the School Office.

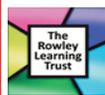
**Water Bottles**—It has come to my attention that we are issuing water bottles to children on a more frequent basis. Please do ensure that your child arrives in school with their water bottle each day. Any children without a water bottle will be given a new one. This comes at a £1 charge and is allocated to parents' ParentPay account.

**Whole-School Photograph Day**—Due to unforeseen circumstances, our planned Photograph Day on Monday 26th September has been cancelled. We will communicate a new date to you when this has been rearranged.

**Lovely writing**—Please see the beautiful work from some of our Year 2 and Year 4 pupils later on in this newsletter.

**Jewellery** - Just a reminder that jewellery is not permitted in school except for stud earrings and watches. Children should not wear jewellery to school for obvious safety reasons and no jewellery can be worn for any session of P.E. (pierced earrings need to be removed by the child prior to any PE activity).

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



2018-2021



# Learning 4 Life

## Learning 4 Life—Protective Behaviours

One of our Learning 4 Life units this half term is Protective Behaviours, which we teach every year and is well-embedded into our curriculum. This unit of work focuses on children being safe; knowing how to deal with unsafe issues and also having a strategy called 'Early Warnings' that they use to support themselves.

During Protective Behaviours sessions we explore children's safe networks of people that they trust who can support them with being safe and with making positive choices. Protective Behaviours also has a strong focus on children knowing and valuing their body and developing a clear understanding of the correct names for all body parts.

In line with the Science National Curriculum, staff in school will use the scientific terminology for all body parts, including genitalia (penis, vagina, anus, breasts). We encourage you to use the same terminology at home so that children become more familiar with it. This is a crucial part of our safeguarding culture at Temple Meadow as it ensures children can report injuries or concerns linked to their bodies clearly, with no ambiguity.

## Puberty books to support parents:

Linked to our Learning 4 Life (L4L) curriculum, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we now have a range of books in school linked to puberty and periods. These books are available for you as parents and carers to borrow should you need support explaining such changes to your children.



Should you wish to borrow one of these books, please make a request via email to [tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk); this will be passed on to your child's class teacher. A book will then be loaned using our library system, recorded against your child's junior librarian account and sent home discretely in an envelope to you at handover.

Please do familiarise yourself with the book and its contents before sharing with your child. The books are intended to support your own knowledge and guide any discussion with your child.

If you do require any further support regarding puberty and supporting your child with this, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Dale, who leads on this area of the curriculum.

Wednesday 21st September 2022

W.L. use expanded noun phrases to describe settings and character.

This is the story of Zora, a shy, short girl that is 11 years old. She lived with her mom and dad in the English city of Norwich.

Norwich was a magnificent city. There were huge, luxurious mansions with beautifully carved white shutters and there were lots of red carpets of lush green grass. Next to the hill, the river was glistening in the warm sun amazingly. Zora also liked to visit the allotment because she liked to see and chat to Natasha, they also tried to find mind-blowing <sup>vegetables</sup> ~~creatures~~ that were trying to eat the ~~vegetables~~.

However, on the 16th of February the ghouls crashed in icy waves and nobody could guess the devastation it would cause. Curtains of rain were arching down in stinging waves <sup>in</sup> ~~across~~ England. It was like a steady downpour of tears crashing to earth and spreading darkness and damp. On the ~~the~~ ghostly night the breeze was carrying

The wind moaned moaned like a ghostly spirit and dragged a veil of stinging mist across the ether as the thunderous echo crashed and howled over head.



Well done Sam!

The Giant's clothes are worn, filthy and terrible. In the Giant's pockets it's filled with money. When Jack climbs up beanstalk he wants the money and the golden harp because it will be valuable to him. The Giant has a very stern voice, the Giant stomps so loud that all of the windows shake. The Giant, tremendous, stomps down the beanstalk getting ready to eat tiny humans. The Giant is the most dangerous person in Jack's world so be careful and don't go near him. The Giant's beard is brown, greasy and he has things stuck in it. He is very mean and is unkind to everybody. He is nice and he stores food in his jacket so eat it later. He has a terrible, loud and strange voice. He <sup>was</sup> is really tremendous and <sup>is</sup> ~~try~~ so he

can't sit in small spaces. The Giant is really annoying and doesn't listen to anyone he just ignores them. He's very bossy too. He thinks he is a really special person.



NEW WOW SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting behaviour-change initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge will see children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

### **What are the benefits of walking to school?**

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier. They arrive refreshed, healthy and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

### **What if we can't walk to school?**

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Simply park or hop off public transport **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the remaining journey.

### **What is a WOW badge?**

There is a unique WOW badge to earn every month if you walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

Pupils will start the year by completing a celebration of the *Wonders of the World*. From November, they will then *Walk for the World*, earning badges featuring wildlife they can help protect from climate change through sustainable travel.

The badges are made in Cornwall from repurposed plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: [livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](http://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

In the UK, thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact Mrs Colwell via the school office or find more information at: [livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch](http://livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch)

**Let's swap those school runs for school walks.**

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020 7377 4900 [info@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:info@livingstreets.org.uk) [livingstreets.org.uk](http://livingstreets.org.uk)

## The Community Link

September

The Community  
Link   
Cradley Heath

72 High Street B64 5HA Cradley Heath

2022

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Email: [cradleyheathcommunitylink@gmail.com](mailto:cradleyheathcommunitylink@gmail.com)

Facebook: @CHCLink

Twitter: CHCL72

### A BIG THANK YOU...

...to all the families who generously donated school uniforms and other school necessities;

...to all the volunteers who spent hours and hours over three weeks sorting and organising all the donated goods;

...to everyone who contributed to ensure that the Uniform Exchange 2022 was a resounding success across the 6 towns of Sandwell.

We distributed hundreds of school uniform items to families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, helping children be equipped for the oncoming school term. Thank you all for your efforts and generosity.

### Monday 10am-1pm & Thursday 10am-3pm

#### The Welcome Café

The Link's very own Welcome Café with free Wi-Fi.

Our menu offers tea, coffee, cakes, soup and rolls and toasted teacakes.

Why not try one of our new Barista special coffees?

We also run a project within the café that helps people in recovery to build and develop their skills and confidence. We are inclusive and non-judgemental, committed to empowering people in recovery.

The café will be run by volunteers and all profits will go back into the Link for future projects.

### Wednesday 10-11am - Worship Wednesdays

Come and join us on Wednesdays for our informal Christian Worship. We meet at the Link for 10:30 and about 45 minutes of worship. Tea, coffee and biscuits always available.

### Tuesday 9.30am-12pm - Ladies' Coffee

Join us for a brew, biscuit, and a chat with a chance to meet new people. There will be activities planned in the coming weeks. Children are welcome!

### Wednesday 1-3pm - Men's Coffee

Come and spend a relaxed afternoon with coffee and talk with other local men. We have occasional speakers and events on topics of interest to you.

### Thursday 1-3pm - Food Bank

Our weekly Food Bank session where volunteers distribute food parcels to voucher holders.

For more information, please contact the Black Country Food Bank on 01384 671250 or check online at <https://blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk>

### THE BRIDGES PROJECT- HELP WITH JOBS

#### Fridays 10am-3pm

Steps to Work Sandwell will be at the Link offering support with job search, CV and application writing, and more. We will offer information, advice and guidance to help your confidence and motivation.

### THE LINK TABLETOP SALE (and tombola)

With the resounding success of our last Tabletop events, we have another planned on

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September - 10am - 2pm.**

Bring any unwanted bric-a-brac to the Link if you wish to contribute. There will also be a raffle. You can buy some tickets anytime from the Link.

### VOLUNTEER OPEN DAY AT THE LINK

#### Friday 23 September 9am-12pm

Do you wish to help your community? Pop in and visit the Link, have a chat with the managers and volunteers about the different projects we offer and find out if you wish to be part of our team.

# The Community

Link 

## Recovery Project

### Mini Café

Come and join us at the mini café to help you build and develop your recovery.

#### Skills you'll learn:

Improve anxiety  
Food Hygiene Training  
First Aid Training  
People and Communication Skills  
Basic Kitchen Skills  
Front of House Skills  
Money Handling  
Purchasing and Organisation Skills

We're inclusive and non-judgemental and committed to empowering people in recovery

72 High Street, Cradley Heath, B64 5HA

Call 01384 861637 to find out more

The Community  
Link   
Cradley Heath

# Tipton and Rowley Children's Centre Timetable

Please call the centre to book sessions with a \*

Sep to Oct 2022

## Rowley Children's Centre

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
*Big Explorers 18-36mths 10-11:30am	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 10-11am	Sensory for Babies Birth to walking 10-11am		*First Words Together 12-18mths 10-11am
Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1-2:30pm		Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1-2:30pm	*Music Magic 12-36mths 1:30-2:30pm	
		*SEND Behaviour Workshop 1-2:30pm		

## Happy Faces Children's Centre

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
*Baby Massage 8weeks-9mths 12:15-1pm	*Little Explorers 12-18mths 1-2:30pm		Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 10-11am	

## Flying Start Children's Centre

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 10-11:30am			
		Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1-2:30pm		

## Cradley Heath Community Centre

Reddal Hill Road, Cradley Heath, B64 5JG

Why not join us at our soft play session?

Sessions are:

Wednesday mornings 10-11am



- Rowley Children Centre, Dudley Road Rowley Regis, B65 8JY
- Happy Faces Children's Centre Windsor Road, Rowley Regis, B65 9HU
- Flying Start Children's Centre, Clifton Street, Cradley Heath

0121 559 9916

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## Tipton Children's Centre

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>
*Little Explorers 12-18mths 10-11:30am	Baby Clinic		Sensory for Babies Birth to walking 10-11am	*Baby Massage 8weeks-9mths 11:45-12:30pm
*Music Magic 12-36mths 1:30-2:30pm	*Big Explorers 18-36mths 12:45-2:15pm	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1:30-2:30pm	*Behaviour Workshop 1-2:30pm	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1-2:30pm

## Great Bridge Children's Centre

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>
Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 10-11:30am	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 10-11:30am	*Music Magic 12-36mths 10-11am	Stay & Play Birth to 3yrs 1-2pm
HartBeeps: Happy House 18mth-preschool 10:15-11am Baby Beeps 6-9mths 11:20-12:05pm			
HartBeeps: Baby Bells 6-9mths 12:25-1:10pm			

## SANDWELL CHILDRENS CENTRES ARE OFFERING WELLCOMM SCREENINGS

### WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

FIND OUT ABOUT  
YOU CHILD'S  
SPEECH AND  
UNDERSTANDING

AVAILABLE  
FOR  
CHILDREN  
AGED 2-3  
YEARS OLD

COMPLETED  
THROUGH PLAY

ONLY 20-30  
MINUTES LONG



WE CAN HELP YOU  
ACCESS SUPPORT IF  
NEEDED

IF YOU WANT TO BOOK A LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT FOR YOUR CHILD THEN PLEASE CALL ONE OF OUR CENTRES:

HILLSIDE CG: 0121 588 5431 | FRANK PARK CG: 0121 556 5405  
GREATS GREEN CG: 0121 500 4071

WELCOME TO  
SANDWELL  
CHILDREN'S CENTRES

### Father's Group

### Fathers and Male

### Carers Sessions

3rd September 10-12pm—  
Tipton CC

1st October 10-12pm—  
Rowley CC

Not bookable, first come

first served!

Please telephone Rowley  
for more information

0121 559 9916



Visit <https://bookwhen.com/book4changes> to book a  
place on the Hartbeeps Music sessions @ Great Bridge  
Children's Centre

## Rowley And Tipton Children's Centre



- Tipton Children's Centre, 24 Ridgeway Road, Tipton, DY4 0TB

- Great Bridge Children's Centre, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, DY4 7JF

0121 522 5150