

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

The term is now very busy as we slip into October. Teaching and learning is motoring on with pupils working extremely hard. I loved yesterday having three **Reception children proudly sharing their writing** with me and receiving Headteacher Awards.

Thank you for your support with our **Harvest Celebration** led by Miss Barnham (RE co-ordinator) and Mrs Bayley (ECO co-ordinator). It was lovely to see some of our own produce on sale too. See below for more information.

Diary Dates —do keep an eye on all our dates for the academic year. We try really hard to pre plan as many as possible so you too can forward plan. All our Christmas events are being firmed up and will be on our website as soon as possible. We have taken on board parent feedback from last years' Christmas events.



Proud to be Me and our Inside / Outside Display

In and around school, our corridors are alive with fabulous learning outcomes. Our Inside outside displays look amazing; as do all our Proud to be Me displays.



Harvest



Thank you to all Parents/Carers who kindly sent in any donations for the Harvest Festival; your donations were collected on Monday afternoon and taken to the Black Country Foodbank to be handed out to anyone within the area that needs help and support.

Another big thank you to anyone who took part in the "guess the weight of the pumpkin" competition or donated any money for the carrots and apples harvested on school site. All the money collected has been given back to our ECO committee who do lots of hard work around our site for us all

to enjoy. The winners of the competition will be announced on Monday 9th October 2023 and they will receive a food hamper and some Autumn arts and crafts.

Main road crossing

Following enquiries from our Parent community, can we please provide reassurance that we have contacted Sandwell Road Safety department regarding the current absence of a crossing assistant. We acknowledge and appreciate the risks posed by crossing such a busy road during peak times.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please be reminded that our current vacancy closes on Monday 9th October at 1200. Any expressions of interest should be submitted via email to tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk.

Foodbank vouchers

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A reminder that Temple Meadow are a Black Country foodbank voucher holder. If any Parents/Carers require a voucher, please speak to Miss Dale or a member of the Pastoral Support Team.

School Field

Children should not be playing on the school field at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Writing Curriculum Champions

Well done to our successful Writing Curriculum Champions this year. They will be working with Miss Dale throughout the year, producing the termly pupil newspaper and supporting Miss Dale with other writing initiatives.

Year 1 - Tilly-Rae, Bhavi, Grayson

Year 2 - Hibah, Rayyan, Rumaisa

Year 3 - Sarah and Mia

Year 4 - Dreyden and Aizah

Year 5 - Tia and Anaya

Year 6 - Jacob and Fariza

Best regards, Ms Walsh — Headteacher



SALT (Speech and Language Therapy)



I am pleased to announce that I (Mrs Lowe) will be leading on Speech and Language across the school, working alongside Mrs Van Straaten as SENDCO.

As a school, we are proud of the support we offer to all of our children, including those with additional needs. All schools are allocated a number of days from the NHS speech and language therapy team and this year we have been allocated 5 days. As you can imagine, this does not allow us to provide a high-quality support package to those children who require input from a speech and language therapist. This year, we have prioritised this need and have purchased an enhanced service, meaning that we will have a speech and language therapist in school for a full day, once a month. We are really excited about how this will further improve our overall offer to our children.

I have already met our allocated therapist and I am pleased to say that Harriet Clarke will be joining our team. Harriet is really looking forward to working with us all and is able to offer the following:

- Makaton including setting up Sign of the Week
- PECS
- Aided language displays
- Development of speech sounds, language and communication
- Parent 'Stay and Play' sessions
- Observations in class/play etc
- Review of targets
- First assessments
- Making spaces 'communication friendly'.



If you have any questions about how Harriet, Mrs Van Straaten or myself could support you or your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards, Mrs Lowe.

Other News

Anti-bullying posters

We continue to work alongside pupils to ensure their voice leads our anti-bullying strategy this year. This week, pupils have created posters which have been refreshed around school in line with our Positive Interactions Policy and continue our success, having achieved the silver anti-bullying award.

Primary Science Quality Mark



We are really pleased to announce that we have just achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark.

Mrs Van Straaten, our Science Ambassadors and all of the Temple

Meadow teaching team have been working hard to secure this award which celebrates our commitment to excellence in Science leadership, teaching and learning.



PE Awards

Mr Smith brought 4 of our year 6 children to celebrate with myself (Mrs Van Straaten) and Miss Dale to receive a Deputy Headteacher award for excelling during a PE lesson this week. Mr Smith was really proud of how well they had performed their series of paired balances, demonstrating real strength and control. Well done to Karma, Ben, Farhan, Ruby-Leigh.



Nursery Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many Parents/Carers attend our Nursery Stay and Play last week. Thank you to all those that were able to attend; we had such a fun time!



Pupil Poem

Mrs Van Straaten received and read out a lovely poem from one of our pupils this morning and we would like to share this with our Parent/Carer community.

They call families like mine 'the lucky few' you may wonder why so I wrote this poem to tell you.

We were blessed with someone warm and bright, she really is the light of our life.

Some may say she's different but she's really the same. Full of love, kindness, strength and has the same aim.

To live in a world where she's fully accepted, for she's like a four leaf clover with something 'extra'

She has 3 copies of the 21st chromosome, but most of you will know it as Down's syndrome.

Yes things may be harder and take a bit longer, the scenic route they say is filled with wonder.

*You learn to appreciate the smaller things, how to love unconditionally, be patient and don't judge,
you get showered in affection so many kisses and hugs.*

It's like winning the lottery and Christmas all at once, to love a person like this we really are the lucky ones!

More alike than different it really is true, we are so proud to be part of 'The lucky few'.

Calendar of Dates

March 2023

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Girls Footb...	2 World Boo... Year 6 Boo...	3 KS1 SATS p...	4	5
6 Multiplicati...	7	8 Girls Footb...	9 Year 6 Boo... KS2 SA...		11	12
13	14	15 Girls Footb...	16 Year 6 Boo...	17 Early Years... Red Nose ... Year 4 Pbo...	18	19
20 Year 1 Visit ...	21 Year 3 ...	22 Year 3 Gos... Girls Footb...	23 Year 2 Mus... Year 6 Boo...	24 Year 4 King...	25	26
27	28	29 Girls Footb...	30 Year 1 Mus... Year 6 Boo...	31		
Easter Holiday						

Example

A reminder that all of our important dates now feature on our School Website.

Any changes to dates/times are updated immediately via the website which means what you see is always live information. To find the dates, simply head to our website, click **Parents & Carers** then **Calendar of Dates**.

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Monday

Cheesy Quesadilla, Sweetcorn,
Green Beans or SaladFishless Fingers, Sweetcorn, Green
Beans or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese
Assorted SaladsBaked Apple Sponge & Custard
Muller Yoghurt

Tuesday

Chicken Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed
Potato, Broccoli, Vegetable MedleyVegan Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed
Potato, Broccoli, Vegetable Medley

Cheese & Beans, Assorted Salads

Brownie Bites & Mandarin Oranges
Vanilla Ice Cream

Wednesday

Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Bacon,
Beans, Omelette, Hash Brown)Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausage,
Beans, Omelette, Hash Brown)Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsChocolate Crispies
Fruit Jelly

Thursday

Cajun Chicken with Pineapple Salsa, Pasta,
Sweetcorn or Assorted SaladMargherita Pizza, Pasta, Sweetcorn or
Assorted SaladJacket Potato with Tuna Mayo
Assorted SaladsOat & Raisin Cookie
Muller Yoghurt

Friday

Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas, or Salad

Quorn Vegan Nuggets, Chips, Peas or
SaladJacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsCornflake Tart & Custard
Strawberry Mousse

Dates:

2023: 05/06. 26/06. 17/07. 04/09.
25/09. 16/10. 13/11. 04/12.

2024: 08/01. 29/01. 26/02. 18/03

Quorn Southern Style Burger, Savoury
Rice, Green Beans or SaladMargherita Pizza Pasta Bake, Green
Beans or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsArctic Roll
Chocolate Mousse
Fresh Fruit SlicesRoast Chicken & Gravy, Roast Potatoes,
Broccoli, CarrotsDahl, Bombay Potatoes, Naan Bread or
SaladJacket Potato with Beans
Assorted SaladsOaty Apple Crumble & Custard
Frozen Strawberry YoghurtBeef Chilli & Cheese Loaded Wedges,
Peas, Sweetcorn or SaladSticky Sausage, Loaded Wedges,
Peas, Sweetcorn or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsChocolate Cookie
Muller YoghurtPepperoni Pizza Sauté Potatoes
or Assorted SaladMargherita Pizza, Sauté Potatoes
or Assorted Salad

Jacket Potato with Tuna mayo

Fruit Muffin
Fruit JellyHarry Ramsden Battered Pollock,
Chips & Baked Beans

Vegetable Bake, Chips, Baked Beans

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsIced Shortbread Biscuit
Muller YoghurtFish Fingers, Mashed Potatoes,
Peas, CarrotsMac 'n' Cheese, Herby Bread,
Peas, Carrots or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese
Assorted SaladsChocolate & Cherry Muffin
Muller yoghurtChicken Curry, Brown & White Rice,
Naan Bread or SaladVegetable Curry, Brown & White
Rice, Naan Bread or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsLemon Slice & Custard
Fruit JellyPork Sausage, Jacket Wedges, Spaghetti
Hoops or SweetcornVegetarian Sausage, Jacket Wedges,
Spaghetti Hoops or SweetcornJacket Potato with Beans
Assorted SaladsApple Flapjack & Custard
Vanilla Ice Cream TubBeef Bolognese with Pasta & Garlic Bread
or SaladMargherita Pizza, Pasta, Coleslaw or
Assorted SaladJacket Potato with Tuna Mayo
Assorted SaladsSprinkle Tray Bake & Custard
Very Berry MousseHarry Ramsden's Junior Pollock,
Chips, Mushy Peas or SaladVegan Pastry Roll, Chips,
Mushy Peas or SaladJacket Potato with Cheese and Beans
Assorted SaladsMelting Moment
Muller Yoghurt2023: 19/06. 10/07. 18/09. 09/10.
27/11. 18/12.

2024: 22/01. 19/02. 11/03

Dishes may change without prior notice. This is a generic menu and may differ to the menu bespoke to your school, check your school's website for full details.

N New V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Fruit and
water
served
daily



Cutting the cost of keeping warm

We understand how difficult it can be when energy bills start to rise. By making some small, simple changes we can all save money while staying safe and well.

Save money when cooking

When cooking, put a lid on your pan as this can save you money on your energy bill. Putting a lid on your pan allows water to boil faster and the lid keeps the heat in the pan, rather than letting it escape, speeding up cooking time and helping you use less energy.

Slow cookers save money! Slow cookers are an extremely efficient way to cook, you can batch cook meals. Likewise, microwaves and air fryers are also great alternatives to using ovens.

Switch off your appliances

Turning off lights and switching appliances off standby when not in use can save **£85¹** a year on energy bills.



Do not over fill

Only boil as much as you need, overfilling your kettle wastes energy.



Turn down your thermostat



By turning down your thermostat from 22°C to 21°C, you could save **£115²** on your energy bills.

Wash on eco or 30°C or cooler cycles when you can. Washing at 30°C rather than higher temperatures could save **£15³** a year

LED lights

Switch your lights to energy-friendly LED light bulbs. Replacing all the light bulbs in your home with LEDs can save around **£65⁴** a year, lasting five times longer.



Full load

Only wash with a full load, cutting back on just one washing cycle a week can save you an additional **£15** a year and further savings on metered water bills.



Use a washing bowl

Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. You only need to run a typical tap for 95 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl.⁵

Take shorter showers

Spending just one minute less in the shower can save **£20** a year in a typical household and uses far less energy than taking a bath. Sticking to 4-minute showers could save a typical household **£75** on energy bills and around **£65** on metered water bills every year.⁶

Replacing an inefficient shower head with a water-efficient one can reduce your yearly gas bill by **£45**. If you have a water meter as well, you can save another **£25** – that's a total saving of **£70** each year.⁷



Maximise your income

Every year, millions of households miss out on thousands of pounds worth of benefits, that they are entitled to. Turn2us's benefit calculator easily and quickly identifies any benefits you are entitled to claim to increase your income: [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#).

We're committed to helping our customers keep safe and well. We work with a number of services and organisations that can provide help and support on energy fuel efficiency.

Help and support with energy bills



National Energy Action (NEA)

If you need advice and support on your energy bills, please visit NEA's website via the link for more information: [National Energy Action NEA](#)



Citizens Advice

If you need information on grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills, please visit: [Citizens Advice](#)



Groundwork

If you need help with saving money on your energy bills or improving efficiency within your home, please visit: [Groundwork](#)



The Priority Services Register

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a free service that helps energy companies to look after customers who have extra communication, access, or safety needs. It helps us tailor our services to support households who need extra help with everyday energy matters like bills, and also in the unlikely event of a power cut or gas supply interruption.

Find out if you are eligible and register at: [Priority Service Register](#)



Safer Homes Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Fitting a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in your home is a great way of keeping you and your family safe from the dangers of (CO). CO is an odourless, tasteless, and invisible gas that is dangerous, and can be created from faulty gas appliances.

The Safe Homes programmes offers households a free CO alarm (maximum of one per household) - [you can request your free CO alarm here](#).

Please use the below details when requesting your free CO alarm:

Username = coalarms Password = Saferhomes123



1. "This saving includes all appliances, consumer electronics, lights and chargers that have been left on standby mode or have been left on and not in use.
2. Based on turning down a room thermostat from 19 degrees to 18 degrees in the main living areas.
3. Based on the average energy use at different temperatures from lab testing of 50 washing machine models. Energy use was monitored on an empty load.
4. Based on a typical three-piston micro-detached gas-fueled house in Glaxi Britain with an 80% efficient gas boiler, using a gas tariff of 14p/kWh and electricity tariff of 14p/kWh.
5. Based on fitting a 12 litre washing up bowl compared with a 20 litre kitchen tap at 30% of full flow.
6. Based on an average shower flow rate of 15/2 litres a minute used 0.55 minutes per person per day in a 3-4 person household.

What's On at Cradley Heath Library

October

Activities & Events

2023

Children's Activities



Under 5's Activities

Play Talk Read

Every Wednesday & Friday
2pm - 3pm

Fun literacy session: storytelling, nursery rhymes, and a craft activity.

Sandy Bear Story Time

Every Monday
11am - 11.30am

Storytelling and nursery rhymes. Also take part in the Sandy Bear challenge. (Ask staff for details.)

Family Time

Every weekday: 3.30pm – 5pm
(Term Time Only)

Get your homework done and chill out with games, colouring and jigsaws.



Saturday Morning Craft Club

Every Saturday
11.00am – 1.00pm

Come and get creative. Art and crafts session for children of all ages.

Children's Activities



Autumn Half-term activities

30 October—4 November

Please see our additional activities handout for holiday activities at Cradley Heath Library.

Halloween Art Competition

30 September—28 October

Entry available from Saturday 30 September. All ages of children allowed. Funded by Friends of Rowley Libraries.

Library Opening Times

Monday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Tuesday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	10am - 1pm	2pm - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 2pm	
Sunday	Closed	

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Adult Activities

Social Activities

Place Of Welcome

Every day during opening hours

- Free tea and coffee
- Chilled water
- Comfy seating
- PC access charging points
- Jigsaws
- All in a safe space

Mingle and meet -

Community Friends Group

Monday 16 October 11am-12pm

Make new friends, find out about local services and connect with your community.

Learning Activities

New! Arts & Crafts Workshop

Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
October - 11am - 12:30pm

Free activity—for adults of any ability.
Please register your interest with library staff

LearnMyWay Basic IT Support

Every Monday: 2pm-3pm

Every Wednesdays & Saturdays:
11am-12pm

Please book an appointment with library staff

Other

NHS MMU Hospital Roadshow

Tuesday 17 October

10am - 12pm, 1pm-5pm

Providing information to Sandwell residents about the new Midland Metropolitan University Hospital.

Adult Activities

Ancestry Group

Tuesday 10 October

10am – 12pm

Interested in family history?

Join our free group for help and advice on tracing your ancestors and creating your family tree.

Think Sandwell Job Club

Tuesday 3, 10, 17, 24 October

10am – 12:30pm

Get support with your job search.
To participate please register your interest with library staff.

Friends Group

We're looking for customers and residents who would like to become a library friend. **Please ask a member of staff for more information.**

Library Opening Times

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Saturday	10am - 2pm	
Sunday	Closed	

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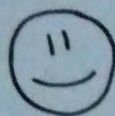
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Half-Term



Holiday



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Club



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10am-12noon

Monday 30th Oct – Thursday 2nd Nov
at Holy Trinity Church, Halesowen Road, B64 6JA

Sign up:



www.holytrinity.org.uk
Or complete a form on
the day



**HOLY
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OCTOBER HALF TERM FUN!

Inspire Communities
(C.I.C)

Invites all 5 - 16 year olds for fun activities and lunch.
You can enjoy activities like pumpkin carving, Arts & crafts, board games, playstation and sports activities.

Booking is ESSENTIAL (only 30 places available)
Please text Sarah on: 07463 801 751

Pumpkin
Carving

Activities

All for £5.00
per person!!

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER
11:00AM - 2:00PM

Old Hill Cricket Club
Haden Hill Ground
Haden Park Road
Cradley Heath B64 7HF