

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your attendance at all of our face to face meetings and workshops we've had over the last few weeks. The information session for our new wraparound care providers **4 Community Trust (4CT)** was extremely well attended and we are on track and working hard on all the actions required to support a smooth transition.

Yesterday, Miss Dale delivered a really informative workshop on **Protective Behaviours** in school. Thank you to those that attended; we do hope you found it useful. A leaflet on our RSHE and Protective Behaviours curriculum will be sent to Parents/Carers shortly.

Elsewhere, over the last two weeks, we have hosted a Nursery Wellcomm workshop, a Year 1 Parent Phonic Workshop and Year 2 have been on a walk of the local area linked to their Geography topic.

Forthcoming Parents' Evening - it would appear our new way of booking online is making a really big difference to the number of Parents/Carers signing up for appointments; 65% of Parents/Carers have made an appointment so far. It is such an important opportunity for you to talk about educational achievement and barriers but also well-being and other issues linked to your child.

KS1 SATs

As you may be aware, Year 2 pupils have previously undertaken Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). This year, it has been announced that these have now become optional for schools and therefore, it is up to each individual school whether to participate in these or not.

At Temple Meadow, we have decided that **we will not be participating in the optional KS1 SATs this academic year**. We strongly feel that this is in the best interests of our pupils' mental health and well-being and instead, will be adopting a more informal testing approach to gather data to inform our end of Key Stage 1 teacher assessments. These are reported in pupils' end of year school reports.

To support pupils' transition to Year 3, we will be using previous KS1 test materials, alongside our internal assessment systems, to support our end of year judgements. Pupils will complete assessments during summer 2, when the full Year 2 curriculum has been delivered and embedded. These will be undertaken in a way that is appropriate to pupils' needs, such as in small groups, rather than under the strict testing conditions previously associated with KS1 SATs that we feel is highly unnecessary for pupils aged 6 and 7. A separate letter has been sent to out Year 2 Parents/Carers.

MFL Curriculum

As a staffing team, we decided to change our language and reinvigorate the MFL curriculum. MFL is explicitly taught in Key Stage 2, as per the National Curriculum. However, at Temple Meadow, we have also chosen to expose EYFS and KS1 pupils to MFL to provide an understanding and interest into different cultures and to provide a prior knowledge for their transition into Year 3.

Therefore, we have chosen to teach French as our Modern Foreign Language. In making this decision, many different factors were taken into consideration such as teaching staff's prior knowledge, languages taught in secondary schools and real life applications.

French is the second most widely learned foreign language after English, being taught in every country of the world. It is also the fifth most widely spoken language in the world. In addition, we wanted to teach a language that not only would be useful in the future and provide our pupils with a good foundation for moving to secondary school, but that represented our school population.

Nursery would like to ask for donations of old/unwanted Christmas decorations for their Christmas grotto this year. Please bring any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher

Quality of Nursery Teaching

I'm celebrating the **quality of teaching in our Nursery**. As you know, this year our Nursery teaching team is Mrs Bayley and Mrs Lowe; both sharing the teaching week, supported by Miss Pearson. I wish you could see what I see in terms of the incredible high-quality provision linked to teaching and learning. They are so nurturing; the resources used for teaching are so imaginative and there is so much fun, excitement and joy whenever I visit the team.

This week it was so lovely to hear so many giggles, squeals and see concentrating faces as they thought, processed and responded to various activities.

Mrs Van Straaten always enjoys having pupils come to celebrate their successes in class.

Thank you to Year 6 for sharing Sienna's English work from last week.



2018-2021



Calendar of Dates

March 2023

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	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 SATS p...	10	11	12
13	14	15 Girls Footb...	16 Year 5 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	1	2
3 Easter Holiday	4	5	6	7	8	9

A reminder that all of our important dates 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 Yoghurt2023: 12/06. 03/07. 24/07. 11/09.
02/10. 23/10. 20/11. 11/12.

2024: 15/01. 05/02. 04/03

Fish 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.

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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

Would you like to learn English?

Would you like to improve your English?

ESOL Classes

ESOL will help you

Learn English that you need for everyday life and work.

This course is FREE!

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 9.30 – 11.30am

Where: Rowley Family Hub, Dudley Road, B65 8JY

To find out more or to book your place please contact 0121 559 9916

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

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What's On at Cradley Heath Library

October

Activities & Events

2023

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 CANCELLED
9/10/2023~~

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.**

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30th Oct 2pm - Glebefields Library

2nd Nov 2pm - Smethwick Library

3rd Nov 2pm - West Bromwich Library

5th Nov 2pm - Blackheath Library



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COUNTRY
TOURING**

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