# Temple Meadow Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023





#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully everybody had a restful half-term. Now we are back, we are deep into autumn and with so many trees on and near our site, the autumn colour is stunning. However, keeping on top of all the leaf-clearing becomes a very big task for our Site Team. As an Eco School, we do collect all our leaves to compost and create leaf mould.

Already this week, we are busy with our **French Friday**; thank you for your support with following the theme for the day. Having delivered our '**Star of the Week'** assembly, it was lovely to see the variety of ways children have engaged with the day. Star Assembly was as ever a lovely celebration of pupils across the

school. I did mention in the assembly how proud children are to be recognised by their teachers and I truly sense some of them grow in stature as the whole school celebrates their achievement.

Across the school, a lot of curriculum based trips have occurred; the Geography field trip with visits in our local area have been a great success and Year 6 are loving their Swimming at the Aquatics Centre.

This week, our after-school clubs have started with Football for Years 5&6, Art for Years 3&4, Phonics for Year 1 and our Year 6 SATs booster. Information about additional clubs starting after Christmas will be communicated via letter in the coming weeks.

You may have noticed that our new wraparound provider 4 Community Trust are now up and running. Please do continue to feedback to us with any queries or concerns you have. We have a dedicated page on our website with much more information.

#### **Bulb Planting**

Before half-term, Year 4 enjoyed bulb planting as part of a Science investigation with the Edina Trust. Children will be recording rainfall and temperature each day and will watch closely for when their plant starts to grow and record when their flower opens.





#### Odd socks reminder

This half term, our Learning 4 Life theme is Be Safe, Be Kind which focuses on anti-bullying and e-safety.

As part of this, each year we celebrate Anti-Bullying week, which will take place between 13<sup>th</sup>-17th November 2023 and is a national week that is co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme of anti-bullying week this year is 'Make a noise about bullying' with the intention of empowering children and teachers to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Each year, **Odd Socks Day** marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. In 2023, it will take place on **Monday!** The focus of the day is to celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness. Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. **All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.** 



Eco Club

Year 3&4 Football Friendly Matches

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, a team of Year 3 and 4 children went to the West Bromwich Albion Dome to

participate in friendly football matches against other Sandwell schools. They started by completing some guided warm ups similar to how the WBA players warm up before a match. They played fantastically and scored some really good goals. We were particularly proud of their sportsmanship and perseverance.

#### Children In Need

On **Friday 17th November 2023**, we will be raising money for Children In Need. Pupils are invited to come to school wearing something yellow or something spotty for a small donation of 50p.

Please see the letter sent earlier this week via email for more information.

#### End of day collection

A reminder that Parents/Carers must join the back of the queue when arriving to collect their child.

We have received several reports to say some collecting adults often jump the queue when trying to collect quickly.

Please do alert your child's class teacher if this continues to be an issue. Thank you for your co-operation.



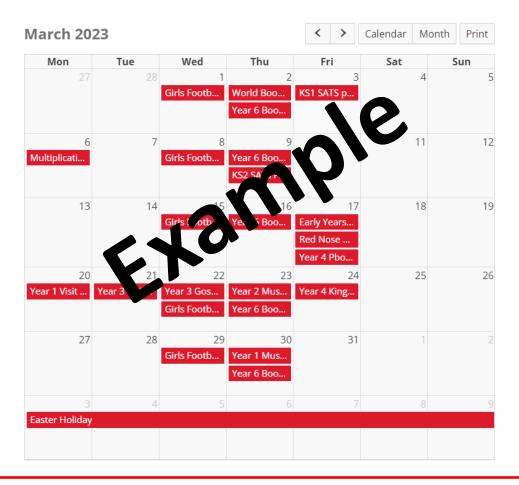












### **Calendar of Dates**

## 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.** 



New cost of living advice sessions have started at Blackheath Library. Every Tuesday 1pm-4.30pm. Drop in and speak to trained and experienced advisors for FREE and confidential advice.

Drop in and find out what support is available to help with the cost of living: energy advice, benefits, bills, employment and debt.





# October sees the launch of our Winter Coat Appeal

With Winter up on us we are looking for donations of clean used winter coats all sizes to be given out to the homeless and those struggling to keep warm this winter. Please drop all donations in the Community Link 72 High St Cradley Heath B64 5HA

