

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 4th February 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

I'm really pleased to say that COVID cases across school are now reducing and many of the staff and pupils affected are now returning to school.

We all acknowledge the devastating impact that COVID has had on us as individuals, families and as a community. The Sandwell Council's Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board is undertaking a review into the impact of the lockdown on children and families and in particular the impact upon education and child attainment. As part of this review it is important for them to understand the experience of parents and how they feel their child's or children's education has been impacted both positively and negatively throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. If this is something you feel you can support with, please fill out the questionnaire using this link. <https://forms.office.com/r/92vpvZQign>. The deadline for responses is Sunday 20th February 2022.

I have been in and out of classrooms this week and it has been a real pleasure to see how exciting class teachers make learning for our pupils here at Temple Meadow. I have seen examples of children being welcomed back following COVID isolation and in such a nurturing manner.

As we approach the end of this half term and marking half way through this academic year, I'm sure you will all be eager to meet with class teachers at our scheduled parents evenings on **Wednesday 16th February 2022 and Thursday 17th February 2022**. Please ensure you return your reply slip to your class teacher as soon as possible; this really is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's social, emotional and academic progress and develop an understanding of how you can further support your child at home with their personal learning journey.



As you are aware, we pride ourselves on our outstanding safeguarding practice. We are really proud to say that this filters through to our pupils including having a fantastic team of Temple Meadow Safeguarding Champions. Our Safeguarding Champions continue to be on duty every day and can be recognised by the bibs they wear. They are proud of the role they have and want to remind children to talk to them if they have any worries or concerns.

So far, our Safeguarding Champions have identified three concerns or worries that have led to Pastoral input. See some quotes from our champions below:

'I like to help other children if they seem upset'

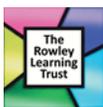
'I like to be a good role model for other children in school'

'I like to help others feel safe and comfortable'

Can I also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Blount who regularly meets with our Safeguarding Champions to ensure they are well mentored and supported in the role.

Unfortunately, we have had a concern raised this week by one of our close neighbours. They have reported that one of our pupils is continually ringing their door bell and causing them significant distress and has asked school for support with this matter. I have asked Mr Smith, our KS2 Assistant Headteacher, to speak with pupils regarding this matter but can I please ask that you closely supervise your children after school and if they do have permission to walk home, you speak to your child so that we can ensure this is quickly resolved.

Best regards and stay safe, Mrs Van Straaten (Deputy Headteacher)



2018-2021



QUALITY MARK



Other News



Planet Super League

**PLANET
SUPER
LEAGUE**

Temple Meadow are taking part in Schools vs Climate change. Don't forget to sign up and add your activities to help Temple Meadow earn green goals. Scan the QR code or visit planetsuperleague.com



Pupils climbing on playground furniture

Please can I remind you all that when children are handed to you at the end of the school day, children must not climb onto our MUGA goal posts on the Key Stage one playground. Recently, the staff are having to remind children to get down from these after school as accidents could occur.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers. At Temple Meadow, we are celebrating Safer Internet Day with an assembly in class on Tuesday. We are then going to be completing activities in our Computing lesson around staying safe online with a focus on online gaming. We will be having debates, creating gaming guides, writing respectful relationships online recipes and much more.

L4L Careers Day

This half term in our Learning 4 Life lessons our theme is Aiming High. Through these lessons, we will be exploring jobs, careers and the world of work. This will include exploring different paths into work and jobs, skills and qualities needed to perform a range of jobs and the duties, equipment and uniform involved.

In our end of year questionnaire back in July 2021, we had some parents indicate that they would be happy to come into school and talk about their jobs with the pupils. Due to our current COVID risk assessment, this is not possible; however, we are keen to set up some sessions via Microsoft Teams, with parents sharing with pupils all about their jobs, what it involves, the skills and qualities needed to do it well and what they like about it. We are aiming for these sessions to take place during week commencing 14th February 2022. If you would be willing to participate, please notify us by email via tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk with your name, job title and availability that week and Miss Dale will get back to you over the next two weeks.

To end this unit of work, we will be holding a **careers day on Friday 18th February 2022**. On this day, pupils are invited to come to school as follows:

Nursery and Reception	Children come to school dressed as the job they want to do when they are an adult.
Year 1	Children come to school dressed as either the job they want to do when they are an adult or a job they know.
Year 2	
Year 3	Children to come to school dressed in smart clothing as if attending an interview.
Year 4	Children come to school dressed as either the job they want to do when they are an adult or a job they know.
Year 5	Children come to school dressed as either the job they want to do when they are an adult or a job they know.
Year 6	Children come to school dressed for either their dream job or dressed in smart clothing as if attending an interview.

If you are not able to send your child dressed up, please send them in their normal school uniform.

Academic Year Term Dates



Spring Term 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Polling Day: Thursday 5th May 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

Term starts: Monday 5th 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



Thursday 10th February 2022

Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Wednesday 16th February 2022

EYFS and KS1 Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 17th February 2022

Year 5 Pullman Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 17th February 2022

KS2 Virtual Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 3rd March 2022 4-5pm

KS2 SATs Parent Workshop

Thursday 10th March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 10th March 2022 4-5pm

KS1 SATs Parent Workshop

Friday 11th March 2022-Sunday 20th March 2022

British Science Week

Thursday 17th March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 18th March 2022

Red Nose Day

Thursday 24th March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 25th March 2022

Mothers Day and significant adults Stay and Play

AM Nursery and Reception—9-10am

PM Nursery—1-2pm

Thursday 31st March 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Thursday 7th April 2022

Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Friday 8th April 2022

Rhyme Parent Celebration

AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am

PM Nursery—12.45-1.45pm

Tuesday 26th April 2022

Welcomm/ Talk Boost Stay and Play

AM Nursery and Reception—9-10am

PM Nursery—1-2pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Decca in school

Year 2 Medicine session—1.20-1.50pm

Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs session 2-3pm

Friday 17th June 2022

Father's Day and significant adults Stay and Play

AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am

PM Nursery—1-2pm

Friday 8th July 2022

Nursery Sports Day

AM Nursery – 9-10am

PM Nursery—1-2pm

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Year 6 Safeguarding Day

Thursday 14th July 2022

Rhyme Parent Celebration

AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am

PM Nursery—12.45-1.45pm

Friday 15th July 2022—Nursery Graduation Day

AM Nursery—11-11.45am

PM Nursery—2.30-3.20pm

Recognised by ITV's The Voice Kids

SHAPE

YOUR TALENT

**£500
PRIZE!**

**For ages 8-19
(up to 25
with
disabilities)**



A talent competition for young people aged 8 to 19 (or aged up to 25 for people with disabilities) who are in education, live or work in Sandwell.

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WWW.JUSTYOUTH.ORG.UK/SHAPE

Applications close on Monday 14 March at 12pm

