

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the summer term; I'm sure we all feel refreshed from the two week Easter break and are ready for the busy summer term that lies ahead.

Life is normal—hooray!

Nice to have school back to normal and most restrictions removed. Clubs have restarted and children are really enjoying these. As I mentioned in the last newsletter **STAR Assemblies** are back and parents once again invited. We have decided to create a one week delay between announcing the 'STAR' and celebrating in an assembly. This ensures that parents and carers have sufficient notice to make arrangements in order to attend our celebrations. In my questionnaire this is something that you have frequently requested and now is a perfect opportunity to implement this change. Our first STAR assembly will take place on **Friday 6th May**, you will of course receive an invitation when this applies to you. Entry to the assembly will move to the steps leading up to the hall to avoid the congestion through the school building. We will sign you in and out on a clipboard at this entrance (a letter regarding this goes out with the STAR of the Week invite).

Staffing update: All our new staff have settled in well and include Miss Williamson in Reception, Mrs Law in Nursery and Mrs Jones in our office team. Miss Evans is now in Year 1. Mrs Shelley and Mrs Lowe both go on maternity leave on 6th May. Mr Haywood re-joins us on the 9th May as School Office Manager and a new Learning Support Mrs Bagail joins Y1. Mrs Atherton moves to a catch up tutoring role in school once Mrs Bagail starts.

Medical Students - have been with Y2 this week and are busy completing a set list of tasks .

We have particularly enjoyed getting to know the children and playing with them during their breaks, this has allowed us to better understand their relationships with each other and the adults. It has also increased our confidence working with children, to prepare us for our paediatrics placement. Finally, we would like to thank Temple Meadow Primary School for giving us this opportunity and we would like to thank the children for listening to our presentations, for being so welcoming and for the drawings they gave us!
- Daniel and Shumyia

Water bottles - Can I take this opportunity to remind you that every pupil must bring a water bottle to school daily, these must not be glass bottles.

Sun Cream

Parents/Carers are encouraged to ensure pupils have sun cream applied daily before attending school during summer months; particularly on days when the forecast suggest prolonged periods of sunshine. School staff do not provide or apply sun cream for pupils.

However, we make an exception for Early Years pupils as they spend a high proportion of their day outdoors, learning, during child-initiated play and taking part in forest school sessions. Pupils in Early Years are expected to bring in their own bottle of sun cream (preferably roll on and clearly labelled). Unfortunately school adults will not be able to apply sun cream and therefore pupils need to be able to apply this themselves at school; this will require some practise at home doing this as part of independence and self-care.



Eid-al-Fitr

With Ramadan predicted to end on Sunday 1st May or Monday 2nd May dependent on the sighting of the new crescent moon, our Muslim community will start to prepare for Eid al-Fitr. This festival celebrates the end of the fasting period of Ramadhan. Temple Meadow would like to wish all those celebrating Eid Mubarak well and we hope you enjoy the festivities and enjoyment that the day will bring. I'm sure after fasting for so long that feasting will be such a treat.

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



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Dojo Praise Points

Last term we launched dojo praise points in Years 1-6, which replaced house points. Dojo Praise Points are rewarded for good manners and politeness, kindness and caring, respecting others, respecting the environment, academic achievement and home learning engagement. Each individual child, when they receive a Dojo Praise Point will add it to their own profile using their class iPad. Dojo praise points have been a very successful school initiative and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed spending their points at the end of term Dojo Shop, using them to buy items such as a pencil with rubber, bookmark, colouring book and pencils, stickers and fidget toys.

Many of you downloaded the Class Dojo interactive smart phone app, which enables parents and carers to view the points achieved by your child. All parents received an invitation back in January which included instructions for downloading the app and your child's individual access code.

If you have not yet done so and need a new invitation, please speak to the school office.

Monday 4th July 2022

As you will be aware, the Commonwealth Games are coming to Birmingham in 2022. The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will bring people together, be they athletes from countries far and wide, or communities from across the city and region. As we prepare for this iconic celebration of sport, we are also embracing the Commonwealth values of humanity, equality and destiny in everything we do. We are currently planning and working towards a really exciting event for our pupils and our wider community. During the week commencing Monday 27th June, children will be participating in mini sporting tournaments within their PE lessons linked to a commonwealth sports. They will also be creating a variety of Art outcomes based on their class Commonwealth country and a British athlete participating in this year's Commonwealth games.

On Monday 4th July we will be holding a Commonwealth games opening ceremony between 2pm-3pm, we will be inviting families to attend, we are hoping that this will have a real festival feel. During this time children will be participating in completing laps of the track to showcase their Art outcomes and rewards will be given to the winning teams of the mini sporting tournaments.

Children can come in the colours below on the day in order to celebrate the countries flag. Please see list below...

Singapore - 6 Morpurgo—BLACK

Pakistan - 6 Rowling—BLACK

Australia - 5 Pullman—WHITE

New Zealand - 5 Rosen—WHITE

South Africa - 4 Cowell—BLUE

Kenya - 4 Ahlberg—BLUE

Falkland Islands- 3 Fine—RED

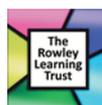
Guyana- 2 Dahl—GREEN

Malta- 2 Geraghty—GREEN

Canada- 1 Tomlinson—YELLOW

Jamaica- 1 Donaldson—YELLOW

UK- Reception Carle and Murphy—ORANGE



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Eco Green Flag Award

Previously, as part of our work towards the Eco Green Flag Award, the eco committee chose a focus on water. We have decided to continue to support water initiatives on a global scale, and we have again chosen the charity **Toilet Twinning**. Last year we raised over £120 making it possible for us to twin two toilets in Africa. As well as this we have previously funded another two toilets (one in the Democratic Republic of Congo and one in Malawi); pictures of these are proudly displayed in our school toilets. Our long-term aim is to fund raise to match every single Temple Meadow toilet to a toilet in a country in need.



On **Monday 23rd May** we will be fundraising to sponsor toilets in impoverished communities, in the country of our choice. Our donation will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education.

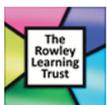
To raise money, we will be going **'Blue for the Loo'** for the day. On **Monday 23rd May, pupils can come to school dressed in blue in exchange for a 50p donation**. Donations in this instance can be paid in cash directly to school.

Did you know:

- 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet?
- The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target when they go to the toilet in the open, late at night?
- Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets?
- 663 million people live without safe water?

Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation?

Please visit the following link for more information about this charity <https://www.toilettwinning.org/> Thank you for your support.



2018-2021



QUALITY MARK



Academic Year Term Dates



Summer Term 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 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



Monday 2nd May 2022

Bank Holiday - School closed

Thursday 5th May 2022

Polling Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May 2022

Year 6 SATs

Thursday 12th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Monday 16th May—Friday 20th May

KS1 SATs week

Thursday 19th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Monday 23rd May 2022

Blue for a loo fundraising day

Thursday 26th May 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 26th May 2022

Pupils break up for half term

Friday 27th May 2022

INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 6th June 2022

Pupils return to school

Monday 6th June—Friday 10th June 2022

Year 1 Phonics Screening check

Thursday 9th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Year 2 DECCA session 1.20-1.50pm

Year 6 DECCA session 2-3pm

Wednesday 15th June 2022

School Nurse Sessions

Reception Hands and Teeth - 9.30-10.15am

Year 5 Body Changes - 11-12pm

Year 6 Healthy Relationships - 1-2pm

Year 3 Healthy Eating - 2-2.45pm

Thursday 16th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 23rd June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Thursday 30th June 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Monday 4th July 2022

Commonwealth games ceremony

Tuesday 5th July 2022

Sports day—AM KS2; PM KS1 and Reception

Thursday 7th July 2022

Year 3 Swimming 1.30-2pm

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Parent's evening

Wednesday 13th July 2022

Year 6 Safeguarding Day

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Year 2 Medicine session—1.20-1.50pm

Decca in Year 6 Alcohol and Drugs session 2-3pm

Thursday 14th July 2022

Y6 Prom

Wednesday 20th July 2022

Y6 Leaver's assembly to parents—2pm