

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Happy Christmas Everyone!

Once again the longest term of the school year comes to an end. And what a busy term we have all had. The last few weeks before the Christmas holidays have certainly been eventful! In true Templemoor style, we have celebrated the festive season with our annual traditions of the Christmas Fair, our Early Years and Key Stage One productions, Party days and Christmas dinners. Thank you to everybody - staff, children, parents and governors - for helping to ensure that this term has gone so smoothly. It will be business as usual from Wednesday 3rd January and I look forward to seeing the children and staff return all refreshed after their well-deserved break. Wishing you all a peaceful, magical and happy Christmas.

EYFS Christmas Performance

Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure you'll agree that this year was no exception. The children in Nursery and Reception had an amazing time performing 'A Wiggly Nativity' to their families. The children looked fantastic in their costumes as they wriggled, sang and danced, to share the nativity story in a captivating way. The performances were very well



attended and we received some lovely comments from parents and governors. Well done to everyone involved - we are very proud of you all.



Year 2 - Space Explorers

The children in Year 2 have loved learning about space this term. The topic came to an exciting end as the children took part in a unique virtual reality workshop which was quite literally out of this world! The virtual reality experience placed the class in a shuttle which left Earth to explore planets such as Mars and Saturn. The children also saw meteorites and our Moon and Sun. What an amazing experience for the children - to explore the fascinating world of space without even leaving the classroom!

Reception Cake Sale

Our very first cake sale of 2018 will take place on Friday 5th January, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell. Dates for future cake sales can be found in this newsletter and on our school website.



Christmas Dinner Day

2 sittings, over 180 children, crackers, Christmas hats, a festive soundtrack and numerous brussel sprouts! Yesterday the children and staff greatly enjoyed the wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by our talented school cook, Mrs Rucki and ably assisted by Miss Rose and Mr Gio. The teachers and teaching assistants even served the children their special lunch! We are so lucky as a school to have such a hardworking team of kitchen staff. Thank you, Mrs Rucki and your team - our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious!

School Admissions Final Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the 15th January 2018. Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk.

Music in School

Next term, our children in Reception and Year 2 will be taught by music specialists from Trafford Music Service. Reception will be working with Mr McMinn every Thursday to complete a project called 'Little Shakers'. This will finish with a concert for parents and carers on 22nd March 2018 at 2:30pm. Year 2 will be working with Mrs Shepherd every Monday to learn the ukulele. This project will also finish with a concert in the school hall for parents and carers of Year 2 children on 19th March 2018 at 2:30pm.



Safer Internet Day 2018

As a school we work regularly with the children to ensure that they are using the internet as safely as possible. On Tuesday 6th February 2018 we will be joining hundreds of other schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Create, Connect and Show Respect'. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. Further information about the day will be sent home next term.



The Christmas Fair 2017

Thank you very much to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a huge success. Santa and his elves called in to see us, lots of sweets and homemade cake were eaten and bottles won, and a great effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a massive **£2694.94**. Thank you to all those children, parents, friends, staff and governors who bought raffle tickets, decorated jam jars, donated bottles and chocolates and who came along to support us and enjoyed the fun. I would like to say a huge thank you also to the many people/companies who donated prizes for the Christmas Fair. The next school event will be Burns Night, which will take place on Saturday 27th January 2018. Further details to follow.



Topics for next half term

Our exciting topics for next half term are:

Nursery - How does that building stay up?

Reception - What's that sound?

Year 1 - The Enchanted Woodland

Year 2 - Street Detectives (The Local Area)

Outdoor Adventurers

The children in Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a whole term of outdoor learning. They have worked alongside trained Forest School Teachers to complete a range of exciting outdoor and adventurous activities from making and launching their own space rockets to toasting marshmallows on an open fire! Through outdoor learning the children have been given opportunities to build and develop their confidence, abilities and knowledge. The children have also learned how to work even better as part of a team - all life long learning skills. We are excited to announce that with the increase in Sports Premium Funding we will be able to run outdoor learning sessions for Year 1 in the Spring Term, and then continue to utilise outdoor learning provision in the Summer Term too.



A message from the Governors



In our role as Governors at Templemoor we undertake a range of activities as well as attending both committee and full Governing Body meetings. Collectively our job is to support the strategic leadership of the school. To do this effectively we need to both know and understand what is going on in the school.

You will know that the school is working on a UNICEF national award which focusses on the rights of the child. I recently joined the Rights Respecting team which consists of two teachers, a parent, several children and myself as a Governor. The team meet regularly to discuss the plan written by Mrs. Brown and the children help us to decide how best we can enable them to put actions into practice. When discussing the rights of children, it both surprises and delights me to hear how well children understand the world and human relationships. We hope that you will see the evidence of our work and that children will talk about it at home.

One of my particular responsibilities is to be a Governor with a special interest in the teaching and learning of English. I have recently had the pleasure of joining Mrs. Brown in a Learning Walk throughout the four Key Stage one classes looking at the way in which the children are learning and using English. The school has a carefully crafted teaching and learning policy which we as Governors have the privilege of seeing in action in classrooms. I also recently watched the school's morning phonic sessions. The groups of children were enthusiastic, attentive and focussed on learning phonics in the hall - it was a real pleasure to see their learning in action. I hope these small examples will illuminate the varied work of Governors at Templemoor.

I hope you, your children and family have a lovely Christmas, a happy new year and enjoy the winter holiday. With very best wishes Maureen Haddock - Co-opted Governor.



Key Stage One Christmas Performance

In association with the Bethlehem Broadcasting Company we brought you the marvellous, incredible, star studded cast of Lights, Camel, Action (Strictly the Nativity) live from the school hall! The performance told the Nativity story through song and dance and was a rousing success with the audience. There were line dancing townsfolk, naughty sheep running rings around their shepherds, graceful ballerina angels and even innkeepers dancing the tango! The whole show was, as Bruno from Strictly would say, *'a glittering overloaded, foot tapping, jive bombing, glitz fest!!'* Our Year 1 and 2 children should be incredibly proud of themselves. They sang their hearts out and acted brilliantly throughout our two performances. Well done children... you are all incredible superstars and we are all SO PROUD OF YOU! Here is just one of the many amazing comments from the audience that we received:

"Wow Wow Wow! That was the best show I've ever seen at Templemoor. I loved the stage and all the children were fantastic. How did you learn all those words?"

Parents Evening Dates 2018

Parents Evenings for all children will be held again next term on two evenings - Tuesday 20th March and Tuesday 27th March. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 19th February 2018 for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

Dogs in the playground

Could we please remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. This includes carrying dogs into the playground too. Whilst we appreciate parents with dogs often combine walking their dogs when collecting their children and that your dog is probably very friendly, we do have some children who are scared of dogs. Thank you for your understanding.

News from the Friends of Templemoor...

A huge thank you to everyone for all of your support this term. We have managed to raise...

Christmas Fair: £2694.94

Co-op Local Cause: £2118.95

Family night in October: £471.38

Autumn Term cake sales: £277.52

Christmas cards: £231.83

This totals a staggering **£5794.62!** Wow! This money will be used to purchase an interactive board for the school hall as well as provide music lessons for all of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

And finally... Merry Xmas

Well at last Christmas is almost upon us - and on behalf of all the children, staff and Governors here at Templemoor I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you to so many who have sent in cards, gifts and warm wishes. Enjoy the holidays and I hope that Father Christmas brings you everything you hope for.

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher

... and further news!

The Templemoor events website is now LIVE! This is the way you will now book tickets for FoT events. This new site is easy to use as all you have to do is click the link below to register and you will be able to see what events are coming up, pay for tickets online and even volunteer for events through the site.

Bookmark the link below then click through to register:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/templemoorfot/>

Using the site you will be able to:

- Find out event information
- Book tickets
- Volunteer for events
- Pay by card, PayPal, Stripe and GoCardless (direct debits) making it easier to keep tabs on what you've paid for.
- Get the latest news and stats from events including funds raised and attendee numbers.

There is also a card reader available now to use at the bar for events! No emergency trips to the cash machines on the way.

Thank you all for taking the time to register.



Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018	Back to school for the Spring Term
Thursday 4th January 2018	Leading Parent Partnership Award Meeting at 2pm or 6pm
Friday 5th January 2018	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 8th January 2018	Year 2 Ukulele Lessons start
Tuesday 9th January 2018	Choir Club Starts after school Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm
Thursday 11th January 2018	Reception 'Little Shakers' project starts
Saturday 27th January 2018	Friends of Templemoor Burns Night at 5pm
Monday 29th January 2018	Story Telling Week
Friday 2nd February 2018	Year 1 Cake Sale
Tuesday 6th February 2018	Safer Internet Day Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm
Thursday 8th February 2018	Reception Assembly at 9am
Friday 9th February 2018	School breaks up at 3:15pm for February half term holiday
Tuesday 20th February 2018	Back to school!
Monday 26th February 2018	Key Strings Orchestra visiting Templemoor
Thursday 1st March 2018	World Book Day
Friday 2nd March 2018	Year 2 Cake Sale
Monday 5th March 2018	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Friday 16th March 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Sunday 18th March 2018	Friends of Templemoor Spring Trail at 10am
Monday 19th March 2018	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm
Tuesday 20th March 2018	Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd March 2018	Year 2 Assembly at 9am Reception 'Little Shakers' Concert at 2:30pm

Tuesday 27th March 2018	Parents Evening
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holidays at 3:15pm
Monday 16th April 2018	Back to school for the Summer Term

Spring Term 2018

Opens	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Closes	Friday 9th February 2018
Opens	Tuesday 20th February 2018
Closes	Wednesday 28th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Opens	Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 7th May 2018
Closes	Friday 25th May 2018
Opens	Monday 11th June 2018
Closes	Thursday 26th July 2018