

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

This half of the Autumn term is always one of the busiest and one of the most exciting with lots of things happening in school as we lead up to Christmas. The Christmas Tree is decorated! The rehearsals for the Christmas Shows are in full swing. They promise to be full of fun! We also look forward to our Christmas Fair this weekend and of course our annual Christmas party! Dates of these events can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our school website.



Twit Twoo!

The children in Reception have been having a very exciting time learning about Autumn. Not only did they have a visit from Percy the Park Keeper himself but they also had a visit from three wise old owls! Ian, from Lower Moss Wood Education Nature Reserve and Wildlife Hospital in Knutsford came to talk to the children about owls. He even brought with him three beautiful owls. A barn owl called Shimba, a tawny owl called Oatie and an Eagle owl called Chocolate. Ian answered questions that the children themselves had thought of. Ian was thrilled with all of the donations from our Reception parents and carers. Your donations will really help lots of animals. Thank you!



Leading Parent Partnership Award

At Templemoor we are very proud of our relationships with parents and carers and are always looking at ways to further develop aspects of our home-school partnerships. We are now working towards a new family award called the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). We will be focussing on a wide range of areas such as how we can improve our communication with parents, how parents can support learning at home and how we can make the school more welcoming. For our work to be a success we need parents to be fully involved. Parents are warmly invited to a meeting that will take place on Thursday 4th January at 2pm. A letter has been sent home with further details about how you can get involved.

The Christmas Fair 2017

Preparations are well underway for this years Christmas Fair. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 2nd December from 2pm until 4pm. It promises to be a great afternoon with a guest appearance from Father Christmas himself!



A visit from Her Majesty

As part of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic, the children in Year 1 came to school in their best outfits in preparation for tea with 'The Queen'. Her Majesty arrived at school in a big black car, and was escorted by her very own bodyguard. The children asked our very important visitor some interesting questions, such as 'How many corgis do you have?', 'How many rooms are in Buckingham Palace?', and 'How many crowns do you own?' As part of the topic the children have been exploring England's capital city and exploring all that they can about its history, transport and famous landmarks. They have even stepped back in time to discover what happened in the Great Fire of London.

September 2018 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk. An information booklet, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2018' is available to view on the Trafford Council website and on our own school website under 'Our School', and 'Admissions'. The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2018.



Christmas is on its way...

The children are busy rehearsing for their forthcoming Christmas performances. Nursery and Reception children will be performing 'Wriggly Nativity' on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December. The children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing 'Lights Camel Action' on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter to see the times and class allocations for the performances.

Parent workshops with Sharon Amesu

We have so far held two very successful parent workshops in school which have been delivered by the inspirational Sharon Amesu. Parents who have attended the workshops have really enjoyed them and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The final workshop will take place on **Wednesday 6th December at 6pm** in the school hall where Sharon will be looking at building resilience in children. All parents are welcome so do come along! There is no need to book a place.





Universal Children's Day 2017

On Monday 20th November we took part in UNICEF's Universal Children's Day. Established by the United Nations in 1954, Children's Day is marked on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1959, and then 30 years later it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on that same day. The convention, which is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty, lays out a number of children's rights including the "right to life, to health, to education and to play, as well as the right to family life, to be protected from violence, to not be discriminated, and to have their views heard". All of our children from Nursery through to Year 2 took part in a range of activities in class to mark this important day. Our nursery children thought about Paddington Bear, who had to leave Peru with only a marmalade sandwich. They talked about if they had to leave home like Paddington, what would they take with them. The children came up with some lovely thoughtful answers, including a photograph of their family,



their favourite toy, and even another marmalade sandwich just incase they should bump into Paddington! Our Year 2 children thought about their own hopes and aspirations for children rights around the world. The children came up with some amazing ideas, such as the right to education, the right to have a safe place to live and the right to be listened to. What caring and thoughtful children we have at Templemoor. We are very proud of you all.

Calendar dates for 2018/19

Calendar dates for the Spring and Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the academic year 2018 to 2019 are available from our school website, under 'Parents' and 'Term Dates' (so that you can plan those holidays during the school holidays well in advance!).

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party will take place on the last day of term, **Thursday 21st December 2017**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We are looking forward to having lots of fun!

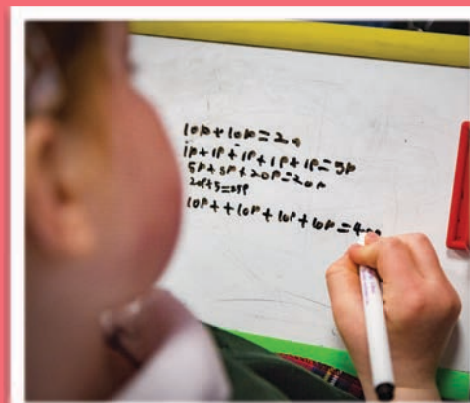
Year 2 Assessment Information Evening

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Year 2 Assessment meeting earlier in the month. It was great to see so many parents and we hope the evening was informative and helpful. Here is what some of our parents who attended the meeting had to say...

"Really informative, open and honest."

"Very clear. Gave me confidence that all will be fine!"

"Fabulous teachers, an amazing school! Thank you for your hard work."



Clarks/ UNICEF Shoe Share Appeal

Thank you for donating your old or unwanted shoes to the Clarks Shoe Share Appeal. Your generosity will help UNICEF to change children's lives by buying educational equipment such as the 'School in a Box'. 'School in a Box' can transform any space into a learning area, with enough resources to educate 40 children, allowing them the chance to learn, no matter where they are, or what disaster has struck them.



Sickness/ Diarrhoea

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they are not allowed to return to school until **48 hours** following the last bout. If you bring your child into school before this time you will be asked to take them home immediately. This policy will be strictly adhered to as we are trying to prevent these bugs from spreading. Thank you for your support.

Supporting your local community

coop.co.uk/membership



Coop Local Cause

We are delighted to announce that with the support of Coop members and customers we have managed to raise a staggering £2070.95! This money will be used to purchase a new screen for the school hall to enhance PE lessons, assemblies and general learning experiences. A huge thank you to Coop members and customers who have raised this money for our school.

Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors are open at 8:50am. Registration starts at 8:55am. Classroom doors are then locked at 9am as children in Years 1 and 2 need to go straight into their Phonics Lessons. If you come to school after 9am you **MUST** come to the main office, and

register your child in the late book. Thank you for ensuring that your children get to school on time.

Nursery and Reception Survey

We are constantly striving to improve the quality of provision that we offer for our children and with this in mind I would ask all parents in Nursery and Reception to take a few minutes to fill in a short induction survey that will be sent electronically. We are very interested to know how the induction process has been for you and your child and if you have any suggestions for improvements. We will use the results of the survey to improve our induction programme for next year. The survey will close on Thursday 21st December 2017. Thank you in advance for your time.

Parking

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately and **not** on Nursery Close. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements. Nursery Close is not a suitable place to park your car. Please respect the schools request to park on Temple Road instead. The staff car park is for staff use only and must not be used by parents for parking or turning. There have also been reports of parents parking their cars on pavements and then narrowly avoiding children who are walking on the pavement. Help us to eliminate the danger and set a good example to your children by walking to and from school where possible. Thank you.

Easyfundraising

With Christmas just around the corner, did you know that you could shop at over 2000 different online retailers and help raise money for the school at the same time? The Friends of Templemoor is registered with:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

It's a really easy way to raise funds - all you do is register with the site and choose 'Friends of Templemoor' as your chosen charity. Then the next time you shop online, enter the Easyfundraising site and shop as normal. There is even a tool bar strip that pops up each time you visit a retailer involved to remind you to use Easyfundraising. You don't pay us anything - it's the retailers who give us a percentage of their sales so please help us to raise vital funds!



Templemoor Memories

Do you have any special memories of being a child at Templemoor, or do you know of any friends or family who attended Templemoor in the past? If so, we would love to hear your stories. We do have a section on our website, 'Templemoor Memories', which we are hoping to fill! Please send any memorable stories or photographs to admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Scooters

We really do encourage children to scoot or bike to school. However, please could you ensure that you collect the correct scooter from the scooter rack when you leave the playground after school. We have just recently had a case of a scooter going missing and then reappearing a few months later. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keeping Children Safe in School

The safety and well-being of children is paramount to all that we do at Templemoor. School policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all members of the school community can work together in a way that supports safeguarding for all. All policies relating to safeguarding are available on the school website. Hard copies of policies are kept in school and can be seen on request.



There are key members staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in the school. All concerns are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Hodgson, (or Mrs Brown or Mrs Cundick in his absence) who has the responsibility of making sure that proper procedures are followed to address the concerns raised. However, all school staff do have a duty to report any concerns that they may have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the school community. The School also has a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport, who comes into school regularly to ensure that all safeguarding policies, procedures and action plans are reviewed and updated. All staff have Safeguarding Training every year, as well as Prevent Training, which deals with safeguarding against extremism and radicalisation. If you have any questions or comments to make about any aspect of safeguarding we are more than happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office.

A message from the Governors



As Deputy Headteacher and staff governor at Templemoor for over 15 years I have been involved in many exciting developments, and look forward to many more. Additionally as a mother of three school aged children I fully appreciate and understand the busy family lives that many of you lead!

I am subject lead for English, Assessment and P.E. whilst having the privilege of teaching in both Year One and Year Two. I am also leading the school's journey towards the Rights Respecting Award.

As PE Lead I work closely with our PE provider, PE and Sports Hub to ensure an exciting, varied curriculum which covers the National Curriculum and caters for the needs of our children. After-school Clubs for Key Stage One children have taken place throughout the year, including Striking and Fielding, Mini Olympics, and Football. We look forward to relaunching these in the Spring term.

We also ran three fantastic Multi Skills sports events in the Summer Term, one of which was led by pupils and staff at Moorlands Junior School for our Year Two children.

We have recently introduced 'We are Adventurers' to enhance curriculum provision, paid for by our Sports Premium funding. 'We are Adventurers' are currently working outdoors with Year Two children. They are having a wonderful time, developing self-confidence, resilience and improving team building skills. The 'We are Adventurers' team will work with Year One children next term.

I wish you all lots of fun and happiness in the weeks ahead during this very busy and exciting time of year, and thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Brown - Deputy Headteacher*

Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Final dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Saturday 2nd December 2017	The Christmas Fair 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 6th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 2:30pm (For parents of children in Afternoon Nursery and Reception Bees)
Wednesday 6th December 2017	Parent Workshop 3 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 7th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Morning Nursery and Reception Ladybirds)
Wednesday 13th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Thursday 14th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21st December 2017	Christmas Party Day School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays at 3:15pm

Autumn Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Closes	Friday 20th October 2017
Opens	Tuesday 31st October 2017
Closes	Thursday 21st December 2017

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