

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

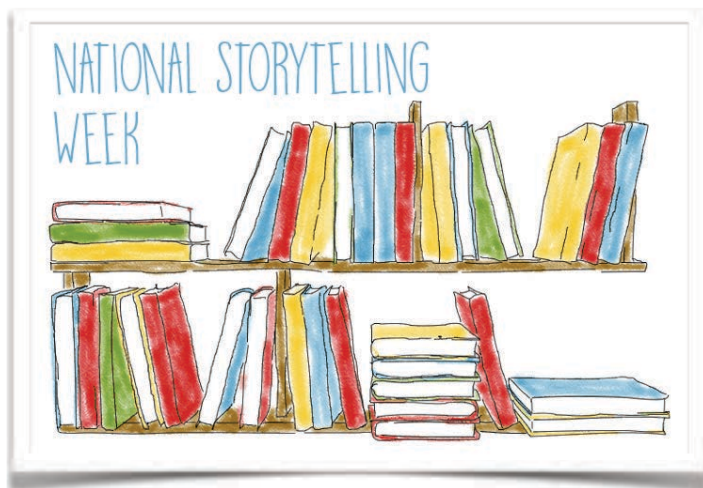
JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome to the Spring Term

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a super Christmas and found some time to relax with your family. I would like to thank all parents and families for your support throughout 2017. I know that we will continue to build on our strengths and enjoy a very successful year ahead. The spring term has already got off to a flying start, everyone is busy and there is a lot of exciting things going on in school as we lead up to Easter.

National Storytelling Week

We are planning a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school this week. During the week we will be reading lots of stories and talking about our favourite authors. We are very lucky to be having a visit from the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, who will be leading fantastic drama sessions for every class. Children from Moorlands Junior School will also be coming to read stories to us which is always a lovely experience for everyone. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents and grandparents (especially dads and grandads!) into school to read a story to the children. This can be one that you have chosen or one from our class



library, and can either be to a small group of children or to the whole class. If you are interested please contact your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time in the next few weeks. These experiences will really help to build up our children's love of literacy and reading. Thank you for your support in making this a fantastic experience for the children.

Autumn Term Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. The Government considers 95% attendance to be satisfactory but it is important that we aim to make it the best we can. Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 97.8%. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain excellent attendance.

Year 1 Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be on Friday 2nd February, when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some scrumptious cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.



Contact Telephone Numbers

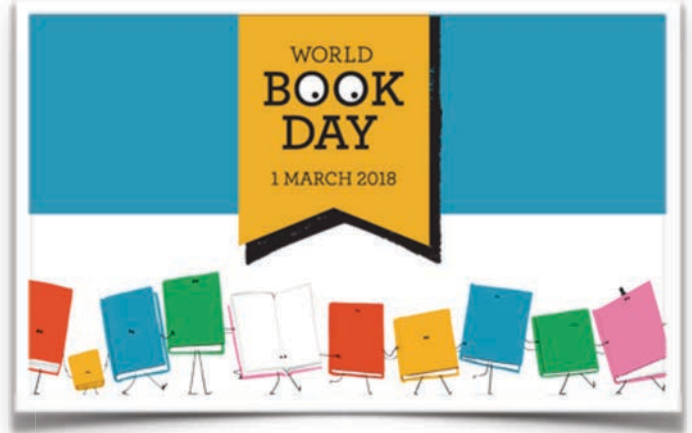
Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself recently to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact only to find that their details have not been updated. This also includes landline numbers when you move house! Thank you for keeping school informed.

Topics Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes after February half term are:

Nursery	Are Eggs Alive?
Reception	Did Dragons Exist?
Year 1	Rio de Vida (Brazil)
Year 2	The Secret Garden

Further details about each topic can be found by visiting our school website.



World Book Day 2018

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories. Everyone in school will be able to dress as a traditional storybook (not cartoon) character of their choice for the day and will enjoy story-based activities. We believe that this will bring the stories to life for the children and help to foster their love of books and reading. We are already looking forward to a really exciting day!

Bad Weather

Let's hope that the weather does not result in any school closure this year. Snow at weekends only please! If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the schools' text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

Burns Night 2018

Our annual Friends of Templemoor Burns Night celebrations were another huge success. We all sat down to a hearty meal of haggis, tatties and neeps all washed down with copious amounts of Irn-Bru! The night just wouldn't have been complete without a visit from the magical Mr Tinsel himself, who entertained the children (and grown-ups too!) with music, dancing, party games and magic tricks. A tremendous thank you must also go out to our fabulous Friends of Templemoor who put in so much time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the evening was such a huge success. Thank you for your support in making family events so successful.





We are Adventurers

Following the success of our Year 2 Outdoor Adventure sessions it is now the turn of our Year 1 children to have a full term of outdoor forest school lessons. The children have had so much fun already completing a range of exciting activities from being blind folded in the environment to build up trust, to constructing magical fairy and goblin gardens! The children are taught by trained and experienced Forest School Practitioners.

Through outdoor learning the children will be given opportunities to build and develop their confidence, abilities and knowledge. The children will also learn how to work even better as part of a team - all life long learning skills.



Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parent's Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Tuesday 20th March and Tuesday 27th March from 2:30pm to 6pm. All appointment times will be 10 minutes. Information about how to use

our online booking system for appointments will follow after the February half term holiday.

A message from the Governors



Templemoor is a school highly committed to it's parental involvement. We are working towards the achievement of the Leading Parent Partnership Award and have provided training for parents in the Positive Plenary Programme.

As a parent governor at Templemoor, I was fortunate to attend all three parent workshops led by Sharon Amesu last term.

We discussed the challenges and goals of parenting and concluded that we were doing the hardest job in the world in which we have no training and no salary! Sharon said:

- * Don't compare yourself to others.
- * Be grateful for even the smallest things.
- * Be courageous.
- * Be positive and optimistic.

We looked at resilience and how we can teach our children to successfully bounce back when things go wrong. This tied in perfectly with the work on Growth Mindset which Templemoor has begun with our children.

Sharon's tips on resilience were:

- * Look at our own resilience - children learn more from what we do than what we say (How do we react in difficult situations? Do we model positive coping strategies?)
- * Give children the language to express their emotions.
- * Reassure children that it is ok to make mistakes- this is how we learn.
- * Give children relevant and specific praise (When a child is balancing on a beam, instead of "You are amazing and clever," try, "You are really improving your balancing skills.") Children will believe the praise is more genuine.
- * Encourage challenge.

If you would like to find out more about these informative and interesting workshops, all the information is on Templemoor's website under Parents/Positive Plenary Programme. Mr Hodgson is also kindly buying some of Sharon's recommended books for the parent library in the foyer.

I am proud to be a parent at a school which is highly committed to it's partnership with parents.

Stephanie McIntee - Parent Governor



Growth Mindset

As a school we are focusing on developing "growth mindsets". This is something we have started to introduce and you might have heard your child talking about that it's good to make mistakes, that it's okay to 'wobble', that they aren't there 'yet' or that they want to challenge themselves - the idea is to develop attitudes which will help us all to become effective, resilient learners.

The children are currently learning all about the brain through the brilliant book, 'My Fantastic Elastic Brain'. They have had an assembly to launch the Growth Mindset initiative, and are being taught mindfulness techniques by members of the School Council (see the photograph above!).

After the half term holiday we will officially launch our first growth mindset characteristic - resilience. Look out for a letter explaining exactly how we are doing this with the children and what you can do at home to help foster this essential mindset.

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!).

Safer Internet Day 2018

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining hundreds of other schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. A letter will be sent out shortly from Mrs Berry, our computing lead, to give parents advice on keeping children safe online at home, as well as some useful e-safety websites. In the meantime, further details about Safer Internet Day can be found at www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018. We also have a dedicated page for e-safety on our school website which gives guidance to parents on a range of internet related matters as well as links to useful resources and videos. You can find the page under 'Parents' and the tab 'e-safety'.

Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, templemoorinfants.co.uk. We tweet, through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text/email and send letters home in book bags and we produce our monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.

Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Thursday 8th February at 9am for our first Reception Assembly of the year.

Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 9th February at 3:15pm. School will reopen for us all on **Tuesday 20th February** after the half term break.

A message from the Friends of Templemoor

Friends of Templemoor have a busy month ahead preparing for March, alongside our ongoing cake sales we have three exciting events happening!

Firstly our annual Swishing Evening will be on Thursday 1st of March, this gives you a chance to clear out those closets. We will be accepting your donations of pre-loved clothing and accessories through classrooms from Monday 26th February. If you missed dropping off items during our January unwanted Gifts Appeal we will also be happy to accept those items then too.

Friday 9th March will be our first ever Secret Gift Shop, and this will be just in time for Mothers Day. For just £3.00 children will be able to choose their own gift throughout the school day on Friday 9th March to take home with them in time for Mother's Day on Sunday.

The Spring Trial will be back again this year on Sunday 18th of March, fingers crossed for lovely weather with yummy cake at the end of a lovely family walk.

You can find more information on all of our upcoming events, book into volunteer slots and purchase tickets at our website www.pta-events.co.uk/templemoorfot or contact us on templemoorfot@gmail.com

Children's Parties

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

A few gentle reminders for everyone's safety

Dogs are not allowed into the grounds (please tie them up at the gate).

Smoking is not permitted in the school grounds.

Please do not use the large climbing frame.

Please ensure that your children (including children who do not attend Templemoor) dismount from bicycles and scooters, and push their bike/scooter along the footpath and through the gate to the bicycle racks. Children must not scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support!

X Club Survey

We will soon be sending an online survey to parents and carers who use our breakfast club and/or after school club. Please do take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, as your opinions are truly valued and acted upon to improve provision.

School Defibrillator

You may not be aware but we do have a defibrillator in school and eight staff have been trained in its use. We were very fortunate to receive a life-saving defibrillator package fully funded by Hand on Heart, a charity which aims to educate and equip schools with the knowledge and skills to save a life. Our defibrillator is located in the school hall. I am sure you will agree it is a vital piece of equipment to have in school. Sadly, children and young people can suffer sudden cardiac arrest, as well as the older population. Medical experts believe many children could be saved if a defibrillator is used within minutes of collapse. The defibrillator alerts us to call the emergency services who will respond immediately, but in the meantime vital lifesaving action can be taken to give the person the best possible chance of survival.

Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Monday 29th January 2018	Story Telling Week
Friday 2nd February 2018	Year 1 Cake Sale
Tuesday 6th February 2018	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February 2018	Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm 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 Swishing Event
Friday 2nd March 2018	Year 2 Cake Sale
Monday 5th March 2018	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Friday 9th March 2018	Secret Gift Shop
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