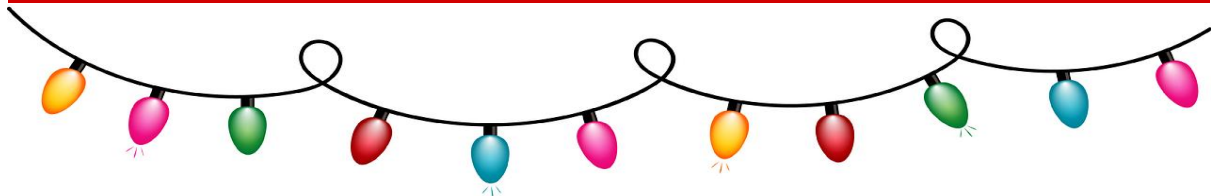


December 2023

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together



Happy Holidays!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we approach the festive season.

As we draw towards the end of an incredibly busy term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the last few months. It really has meant a lot to us all. What a term it's been! We can't believe what we've all managed to achieve, from a building expansion to Christmas singalongs and shows, with a very rigorous Ofsted inspection in between. I would like to say a special thank you to our extremely dedicated and hardworking staff and governors for helping to ensure that this term has gone so smoothly.

I hope that you and your lovely families have a wonderful Christmas, full of fun

and laughter, and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th January 2023.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Brown

Acting Headteacher

Year 2 Christmas Show

Our Year 2 children have made us so proud with their fantastic show, Lights Camel, Action! Our young actors have truly outdone themselves with their talent and enthusiasm. Each and every one of you played your part flawlessly. The speaking, singing and dancing was absolutely fabulous, and brought so much joy and laughter to us all. A huge Well Done to everyone involved!

The Christmas Fair 2023

After lots of plans and preparations by our fabulous Friends of Templemoor team our annual Christmas Fair was a huge success. Children and families played lots of festive games, enjoyed yummy treats and browsed the stalls. Thank you to all those children, staff, families and friends who bought tickets for the raffle, made donations, decorated jam jars and to those who came along to join in the fun. A big thank you goes to those people and companies who donated fantastic raffle prizes. A massive effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a fabulous grand total of £2421! Well done everyone!

School Admissions Final Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the 15th January 2024. Trafford residents can apply online via the following [link](#).

The closing date for Nursery application is 19th January 2024. Applications are available from the school office, please get in touch if you would like to apply.

Music in School

Next term, our children in Year 2 will be taught to play the ukulele by a Trafford Music Specialist. Lessons will take place every Tuesday throughout the Spring term. Many thanks to the Friends of Templemoor who fund this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Nursery Sing-a-long

The Nursery Children were absolutely amazing in their Christmas sing-a-long, what a wonderful start to our festivities here at Templemoor. Thank you for a fabulous turn out to watch the children sing so well!



Christmas Dinner Day

Our fabulous kitchen team cooked up a feast for Christmas Dinner Day, turkey and all the trimmings! It was lovely for all of the children to sit together in their Christmas hats and enjoy the delicious meal, singing along to Christmas songs.

A great big thank you goes to Tracey, Christine and Elizabeth for the wonderful meals that they produce every day.



Donations to Charity

Thank you once again for your generosity this term. We have raised £110.27 for The Royal British Legion from our Poppy sales.

Thanks to your incredible support, together we managed to raise an incredible £386.49 for Crisis at Christmas, a charity dedicated to helping the homeless. This has enabled 13 homeless people to access support, providing them with a place to stay, food, care and companionship this Christmas or with long term support in the New Year. Your generosity and support in making this event a success is greatly appreciated.

A great big thank you must go all the parent and grandparent volunteers who came into school each Tuesday to make the toast, and to Mrs Merryman and Miss McCartney for getting us organised!

A great big thank you to all the families who made donations to Crisis at Christmas in lieu of gifts for staff, we have been overwhelmed by your generosity.

UNICEF – Article 27 - Every child has the right to an adequate standard of living

A visit from Father Christmas

We had a very special visitor today; every class has had a very exciting visit from Father Christmas. We would like to say a big thank to Father Christmas and his little Elf who took time out of their busy schedule to visit us!



Staffing Update

Miss Morgan, one of our wonderful teaching assistants will be leaving us as we break up for Christmas. We hope you will join us in wishing Miss Morgan well in her new chapter, the children and staff here at Templemoor will miss her very much.

Rights Respecting Eco Stall

A big thank you for Mrs Handford, Miss MacIntyre and the Rights Respecting Team for their Eco stall at the Christmas Fair. The team created vases from newspaper, balloons and card. These were then painted and decorated with important rights vocabulary. The team were spreading awareness about children's rights, the importance of recycling and having an Eco-friendly Christmas.

UNICEF - Article 42 Actively work to make sure children and adults know about the convention on the rights of the child.

Reception Christmas Show

We were so proud of our Reception children who performed brilliantly in their show, The Wiggly Nativity. The singing, dancing and acting was absolutely fabulous. The children had worked so hard remembering the words and actions. What an achievement after only being in school for one term. Well done Reception!

A Message from the Governors

Hello Everyone,

Wow what a busy term this has been for everyone. As Governors at Templemoor we have the pleasure of attending school events as well as regular formal Governor meetings.

You will all know that Templemoor was inspected by Ofsted in November. As Governors we were invited to meet with the lead inspector who is also an HMI. 6 Governors (including parent governors) attended representing all aspects of the school for example, finance, teaching and learning, extended services and safeguarding. We were questioned very extensively over a wide range of aspects of the school performance.

A group of Governors also attended the verbal feedback from the Inspector. It was a rigorous inspection under a rigorous framework and as Governors we were delighted with the outcome. It was such a pleasure to read the report and I am sure all

parents will be extremely happy with the contents. As always, we as Governors will support the school to develop further and the inspection has left us with an area for development.

Governors have also been involved in meetings with the Local Authority to plan the interview process for the appointment of the new headteacher which we hope will happen in the new year.

Now for the really enjoyable part of our role as Governors. I went to the Christmas school fair which as usual was really well planned and executed by parents. It was lovely to see so many parents and children having such a great afternoon. My last happy role as a Governor was coming to Year 2 `s "Strictly Come Dancing." What a fabulous production!! I laughed and laughed at the wonderful children playing such diverse roles and felt so proud of them dancing, acting, speaking and generally having a wonderful time. I am sure everyone of you who managed to go will agree that it was a triumph for the children and the staff.

It's been a very challenging term in so many ways for staff and I would like to pay tribute to Mrs Brown and every member of the staff who have worked so hard and so tirelessly for the good of the children, their parents and the school community.

On behalf of all Templemoor Governors may we wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Maureen Haddock

Governor

Year 1 Christmas Singing Concert

The Year 1 singing concert was absolutely wonderful. The children sang

the Christmas songs beautifully and I was so impressed that the 12 Days of Christmas song came together so well, without any hiccups!

We were very proud of their very professional performance and would like to thank you all for such a wonderful turn out to support our Year 1 children.



Timekeeping

Lastly, a gentle reminder about punctuality. It is really important that all pupils arrive on time, ready to start the day at 8:50am and finish at 3:20pm. This ensures that everyone can make the most of their learning opportunities and helps maintain a smooth and productive school day. Thank you for your support with this.

And finally . . .

All the staff at Templemoor would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2024. We look forward to welcoming you all back then, Merry Christmas!

Mrs Brown and the Templemoor Team



Some dates for your diary

Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to school
Wednesday 24 th January 2024 6pm	Reception parents' phonics meeting
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Break Up!
Monday 19 th February 2024	Back to school
Tuesday 27 th February 2024 3:30pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 29 th February 2024 3:30pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Thursday 14 th March 2024 9:00am	Reception Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd March 2024 9:00am	Year 1 Class Assembly