

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

It's nearly December already!

Where is the time going? I can't quite believe that December begins tomorrow! 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 children are starting to rehearse for their Christmas Shows. 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.

Anti Bullying Week

As your children may have told you, we have been talking about how to stop bullying as part of National Anti-Bullying Week. During the week the children learnt about bullying, how to recognise bullying and how to report it. We read some stories about bullying in assembly and the children gave some wonderful answers as to why bullying is wrong. Our Year 2 children designed some fabulous anti bullying posters which are soon to be displayed throughout school. Look out for the posters when you next visit. Our children are super sensible at Templemoor and know that bullying is not the right thing to do. Well done children.



Muck, Mess and Mixtures

This term the Year 2 topic has been 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' where, you've guessed it, the children got to make LOTS OF MESS!! The children had a fantastic launch day where they had a lot of fun experimenting with a variety of weird and wonderful mixtures. Thank you for your support in making this a fantastic experience for the children.

Parent and Carer Volunteers

We are always grateful to parents/grandparents who offer help on a regular basis. If you would like to volunteer in school please let the school office know. If the company you work for have any resources, schemes or projects which you think would benefit our school please get us involved.

Nursery Cakes

We would be very grateful if Nursery children could bring in cakes on Friday 2nd December, which can then be sold at the Fair. Dates for future cake sales can be found in this newsletter and on our school website.

Easyfundraising

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!

Parking on Nursery Close

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. Help us to reduce the danger and set a good example to your children by walking to and from school where possible. Thank you.



A Visit from the Queen

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'. 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 2017 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system for places is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk. The closing date for admissions is the **15th January 2017**.

The Christmas Fair

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fair. The Fair will take place on Saturday 3rd December from 2pm until 4pm. It promises to be a great afternoon, with a cake stall, refreshments, games, Christmas craft activities and a Raffle with some fabulous prizes. Of course there will also be a guest appearance from Santa himself. Please bring all donations (e.g. chocolates, teddies, filled jam jars, toys, books etc.) for the fair into school as soon as you can! Friday 2nd December will be a **non-uniform day**, where everyone has been asked to bring in a bottle. Thank you in advance for your very generous support.





Templemoor Tea Towels and Shopping Bags

Are you still searching for unique Christmas gifts? This year we have designed and printed some gorgeous tea towels and reusable shopping bags. These are unique designs featuring all children in the school for the academic year 2016/17. They have been created by one of our talented parents, Mrs Odell so they are definitely not available on the high street. We will be selling both at the Christmas Fair. Get yours soon before stocks sell out!



Parties

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

Gardeners Required!

If you would like to give up some of your time to do a bit of pruning, weed pulling or general tidying of the garden areas then please contact the school office.

Year 2 Violin Concert

There will be a special concert in the school hall for all parents and carers of Year 2 children on Monday 5th December at 10:30am when the children will showcase their musical talents. We look forward to hearing you play Year 2!

Flu Vaccination

All children in school years 1 and 2 are now offered flu vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. The vaccine, which is in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered to children whose parents have signed the consent form, on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**.

Christmas is on its way...

The children have started to rehearse for their forthcoming Christmas performances. As I have already mentioned in a previous newsletter, this year there will be two separate shows. Nursery and Reception children will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December. The children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing 'Christmas with the Aliens' on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter to see the times and class allocations for the performances.



Family Fun Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the Family Fun Night. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by parents and children alike. A huge thank you must go to Co-op Food for donating the drinks and the bread, our fabulous team at the Friends of Templemoor who organised the evening and of course to the one and only Mr Tinsel who entertained and amazed the children with his wonderful tricks and games. The event raised a staggering £790.65 for school funds. A Family Fun Night record! Well done everybody!



Start of the School Day

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 Wednesday 21st December 2016. Thank you in advance for your time.

Dates for 2017/18

Calendar dates for 2017 to 2018 are now available from our school website, under 'Parents' and 'Term Dates' (so that you can plan those holidays well in advance!).

School Development Plan 2016/17

The School Development Plan enables the school's vision to be shared and understood by the whole school community. Our aim is to work and learn together as a community in order to improve and be the best that we can be. The School Development Plan should give everyone an understanding of where the school is going and what actions will be taken to ensure that we get there. We set clear timescales for implementation and determine how to effectively use both human and material resources to support specific goals. It also helps us plan and prioritise our budget and guides how we plan and organise staff training. The School Development Plan is designed to give a sharp, clear focus to those aspects of our work which we believe are most in need of improvement. An overview of the Key Priorities that our school is working on for this academic year can be found on our school website, under 'Our School', 'School Development Priorities'. We hope that you find this documentation informative.

Reception Focus Group

If you are a current Reception parent and your child **did not** attend Templemoor Nursery we would love to meet with you on Wednesday 7th December at drop off (9am) or just before pick up (2:45pm) to talk about what factors influenced your choice of Nursery. Please let the school office know if you are able to attend and at what time (coffee and biscuits will be provided!).

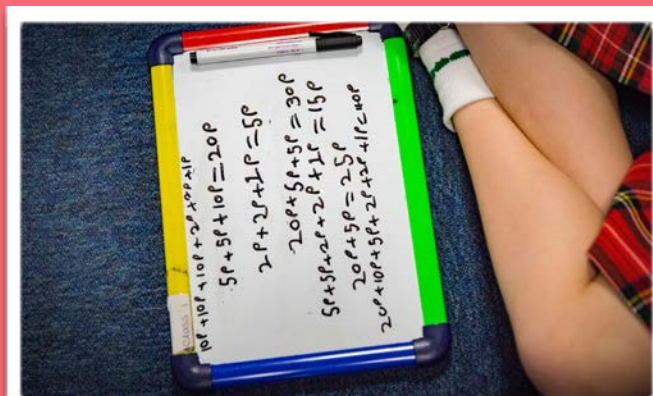
Year 2 Assessment Information Session

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Year 2 Assessment meeting last week. It was great to see so many parents and we hope the evening was informative and helpful. We will shortly be uploading information from the session onto our school website under 'Learning', and 'Year 2'. Here is what some of our parents who attended the meeting had to say...

"What a very informative and reassuring session. My child is in safe hands!"

"The session showed us some great ways that we can help at home, even when time is scarce".

"All of the staff involved gave clear and concise information regarding the Year 2 assessments, and eased my concerns. Thank you".



New Local Authority Governor

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Yemi Ajayi has been selected to be our new Local Authority Governor. Mr Ajayi lives locally in Sale, and works for Metrolink as a project manager and has a background in buildings and health and safety. We look forward to working with Mr Ajayi over the coming months and years.



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 spreading. Thank you for your support.

School Council

At Templemoor we have an elected School Council of 8 children from Years 1 and 2. The purpose of the School Council is to help our children have a greater say over matters that affect their school and wider lives. One boy and one girl from each class meet regularly with Mrs Campbell. This years School Council Representatives are:

Class 1 - Elin Lorimer and Samuel Parish.

Class 2 - Eoghan Walker and Molly Hopkins.

Class 3 - Hannah McMurtry and Zach Mann.

Class 4 - Donovan Linnen and Evie Body.



Dates for the end of the Autumn Term 2016

Friday 2nd December 2016	Nursery Cakes for the Christmas Fair Non Uniform Day (Bring a Bottle please)
Saturday 3rd December 2016	The Christmas Fair 2pm to 4pm
Monday 5th December 2016	Year 2 Violin Concert at 10:30am
Wednesday 7th December 2016	Year 1 and 2 Flu Vaccination
Thursday 8th December 2016	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 'A Miracle in Town' at 2:30pm for parents of children in afternoon Nursery and Class 5.
Friday 9th December 2016	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance 'A Miracle in Town' at 9:10am for parents of children in morning Nursery and Class 6.
Wednesday 14th December 2016	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 'Christmas with the Aliens' at 2:30pm for parents of children in Class 2 and Class 3.
Thursday 15th December 2016	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 'Christmas with the Aliens' at 9:10am for parents of children in Class 1 and Class 4.
Tuesday 20th December 2016	Christmas Dinner for children
Wednesday 21st December 2016	Last day of term and Christmas Party Day (Party Dress please!)

Some dates for the Spring Term 2017 (Further dates to follow!)

Tuesday 3rd January 2017	Start of the Spring Term
Friday 6th January 2017	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 9th January 2017	Year 1 Brazilian Samba Concert at 2:45pm
Saturday 28th January 2017	Friends of Templemoor Burns Night
Friday 3rd February 2017	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 9th February 2017	Reception Assembly at 9:05am
Friday 10th February 2017	School Breaks up for the half term holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 21st February 2017	Back to school!
Friday 24th February 2017	Friends of Templemoor Wine Tasting
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day

Autumn Term 2016

Opens	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Closes	Thursday 20th October 2016
Opens	Monday 31st October 2016
Closes	Wednesday 21st December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Closes	Friday 10th February 2017
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2017
Closes	Wednesday 29th March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 18th April 2017
School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 1st May 2017
Closes	Friday 26th May 2017
Opens	Monday 12th June 2017
Closes	Friday 28th July 2017

Staff Training Days – School will be closed to children

Monday 5th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Thursday 22nd December 2016
Friday 23rd December 2016
Monday 20th February 2017