



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that we are nearly at the end of the Spring Term already? Where has the term gone?! The children have taken part in lots of different exciting activities this term including World Book Day, Multi Faith Week, Pop UK and Sport Relief to name just a few! All of the children and staff have worked so hard throughout the term and truly do deserve a well-earned rest. On behalf of everyone at Templemoor I wish you all a happy Spring break, and fingers crossed for some sunny weather!

Parents' and Carers' Evenings

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings this term. As always almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work in the classrooms. We hope you found the sessions helpful, we certainly did. I am sure that you were impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that every child has made – the school was certainly full of very proud children the next day!

World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success this year with children and staff displaying their love of reading by dressing up as their favourite book characters! We had 'Paddingtons, Peter Pans and Princesses as well as wonderful 'Red Riding Hoods', dragons and knights. Children enjoyed a range of activities dedicated to books. Thank you to all the grown-ups who helped their children to be creative with their costumes and celebrate their love of reading.



Sport Relief



Sport Relief this year was fantastic with children and staff coming to school in sporty outfits! The School Council designed an amazing obstacle course for each year group. Well done to everyone who took part – all of the children finished the course happy and out of breath! A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Berry and the School Council who put together the obstacle course, and to all of our parents, carers and children who together managed to raise an impressive £225 for Sport Relief. Well done everyone!



Reception Music Assembly

Last Wednesday the children in Reception performed in a wonderful concert where they showcased the magnificent work they have been doing with their music teacher Mrs. Harwood. The children amazed us with their beautiful singing. They were all so confident and made us so proud. Well done Reception!

Year 1 Music Lessons

After the Spring holiday the children in Year 1 will be taught music by Mr. McMinn, a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service. They will learn to play samba instruments! The lessons will run each Wednesday for one term for one hour a week, finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers. Details of the concert will be sent out after the holidays.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for the Spring term is **97.2%**. Well done everyone!



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Summer Uniform

Children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Boys can wear **grey** shorts and girls may wear **green** gingham dresses and **green** cardigans if they wish. Black shoes remain part of school uniform in the summer, of course.

Pop UK!

Three weeks ago in school we launched Pop UK. All week the children from Reception to Year 2 practised singing songs ready for the recording which took place on Thursday 10th March. It was a fantastic experience to be pop stars for the week and we were very excited as we released our second album (our first one being in March 2014!). Everyone worked really hard, had a lot of fun along the way and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating our success with our concert in St. Anne's Church on Wednesday 16th March.



Pop UK involved every child from Reception to Year 2 in creating our pop CD and the result has created lifelong memories for us all. The project raised the profile of the school in our community and built on the strong partnership with St. Anne's Church. The project developed the children's musical ability, raised their self-confidence through performance and strengthened their love of singing. Well done everyone!

Parent View

The Ofsted website gives parents a chance to give feedback. 'Parent View' asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. By sharing your views, you'll be helping us to improve. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about our school.

Logon and register your views at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Parent Focus Groups

Next term I am intending to hold four parent focus groups. Future dates are:

Monday 23rd May at 6pm - Induction of new starters

Thursday 26th May at 6pm – Homework

Thursday 30th June at 6pm – Summer Survey Results

Thursday 14th July at 6pm – T.B.C. based on survey results

Further information about each focus group, including how you can book a place will be sent out after the Spring holiday.

A Visit to the Hindu Temple

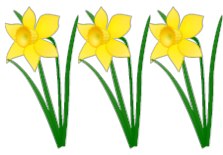
As I write this the sun is shining and it's a beautiful



Spring day unlike the morning a few weeks ago which I shared with Year 1 when it snowed! I was lucky enough to accompany Year 1 on their trip to the Hindu Temple in Chorlton. The visit was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of the snow, the coach ride and the experience inside the Temple. The Temple's main room is very large and at one end there is a wonderful display of statues representing the Hindu Gods and a range of offerings. The gentleman in the Temple was very gracious and welcoming to the children who listened attentively to his description of the Hindu faith. The children were allowed to look around the Temple, at the statues, the paintings of the wall and then ask questions. They were beautifully behaved and asked lots of very interesting questions. For me, as one of the school's Governors, the morning was a sheer pleasure despite the snow and wet feet...both mine and the children's!!

Maureen Haddock (Co-opted Governor)





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Lost Property

We have rather a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school. Please make sure your children's belongings are named – it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school please encourage them to look for it.

Staffing

Mrs. Leigh will be starting her maternity leave on Friday. We all wish her and her husband well and look forward to meeting their new bundle of joy in the next few weeks. After the holidays we welcome Mrs. Saint who will teach in Class 4 in the Summer Term. Mrs. Ree has returned from her maternity leave and has joined the Year 1 team. Welcome back! We will also say a fond farewell this week to Miss. Richardson who leaves us after almost two years at Templemoor. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Miss Richardson for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the children in our school. We wish her the very best of luck for the future. She will be missed by all of the children and staff alike.

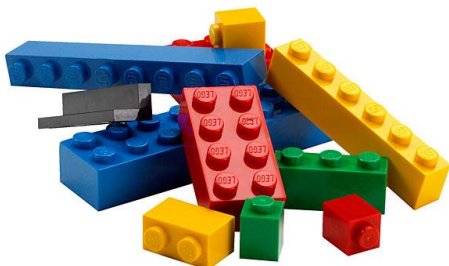
Sainsbury's Vouchers



We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again. Please ask for them when you do your shopping! We hope to use the vouchers to order extra sports equipment. All will be gratefully received! Thank you.

The Friends of Templemoor

I would like to thank the Friends of Templemoor for their continuing hard work on behalf of us all. They gave up their time to organise the Templemoor Spring Trail on Sunday 20th March, which was very well attended and was great fun too. The children enjoyed following the clues in the Spring sunshine, which led them back to school for a well earned medal, sweet treat, cake and a drink! We do have a very exciting event planned for **Saturday 14th May**. (There is a clue in this picture!)



Further details will follow shortly! Keep an eye on the Friend's Facebook page for updates.

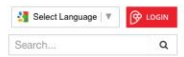
Twitter



Templemoor has now joined the world of Twitter. You can follow us **@TemplemoorINS** for all the latest news in and around school and find out about all of the amazing things that are happening. Twitter is a great way of raising the profile of the school and strengthening links with parents. We've already got 47 followers and we're looking forward to using Twitter to share what's going on in the future. Follow us now!

New School Website

Our new school website is still under construction, but is very close to completion! We will be launching the website very shortly, and will let you know as soon as it is ready. Here is a sneak peak of what it looks like! We are all very excited!



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to Templemoor Infant and Nursery School website! We hope that you will enjoy visiting our website and that it will provide you with a good insight into our vibrant, happy and successful school. If you would like to visit our school we would be delighted to give you a tour and answer any questions you may have. Please contact the school office who will be happy to give you the details of the next available visit.

Stuart Hodgson
Headteacher

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FULL CALENDAR

LATEST TWEETS

Templemoor Infants
Hope you all had a great Easter! Don't forget it's Year 2 Ukulele concert today at 11am.

Templemoor Infants
We have raised our target of £200 for Sports Relief. Well done to all the children, parents, staff and Governors of Templemoor Infants & Nursery School.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAR 30 2:30pm Singing Club Concert

APR 1 3:15pm School breaks up for the Spring holiday

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Name our Zebra

Thank you to all of our children who entered the 'Name our School Zebra' competition for Sale Art Zoo. The names the children chose were fabulous and included Arbez, Zebedee, Petal, Nobley, Barcode Bill and Rainbow the zebra as well as many more! It was so difficult to judge, but we eventually chose 'Debra the Zebra'. Well done to Beatrix Fielding and Jamie Hanson for coming up with our zebra's new name, and well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Pop UK CDs

We still have a limited number of wonderful Pop UK CDs that you can buy for £8 from the school office. The children recorded the CD so you can relive or share the songs with friends and family. There are even karaoke versions of all the songs!



Sunflower and Pepper Sale

A huge thank you to Hannah Capel and her family in Year 1 who planted some sunflower and pepper seeds at home and then sold the plants after school in the playground. Hannah managed to raise £24 for school. Well done Hannah! We will let you know what we will spend the money on shortly. Any suggestions would be welcome!



Year 2 Recorder and Ukulele Concerts

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers last week. The children performed brilliantly. Well done children!



This term all of the children in Year 2 have been learning how to play the ukulele. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to strum notes and play simple songs. At the end of the project the children performed in an amazing concert, which demonstrated their hard work and commitment to learning an instrument. Thank you to Trafford Music Service who taught the children so much but a huge well done to all of our children who showed a great level of commitment and enjoyed this opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

Playing on the field after school

It is our philosophy that the play areas are for and about children. We are very happy that children enjoy playing for a little while before and after school. However staff will not be there to supervise so we ask that parents make sure that their child follows the playground rules which are necessary to ensure everyone's safety. Your child knows the rules – so if in doubt please ask them. We do ask that you leave the grounds by 3:45pm. This is to ensure the safe supervision of children attending The X Club. The playground gates will be locked at 3.45pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

And finally, school closes tomorrow, Friday 1st April, at the end of a busy and fun packed Spring Term. We hope you all have a great Spring Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 18th April.

Best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson
Headteacher



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Dates for the Summer term:

Friday 1 st April 2016	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the spring break
Monday 18 th April 2016	School reopens for the Summer Term
Wednesday 27 th April 2016	Year 1 Samba starts
Monday 2 nd May 2016	School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 6 th May 2016	Reception Cake Sale
Thursday 12 th May 2016	Reception Assembly – All parents and carers are invited to join us at 9:10am
Saturday 14 th May 2016	Friends of Templemoor Exciting Event!
Monday 23 rd May 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Tuesday 24 th May 2016	Year 1 Assembly – All parents and carers are invited to join us at 9:10am
Thursday 26 th May 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Friday 27 th May 2016	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Whit break
Monday 13 th June 2016	School reopens for the last half term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Thursday 16 th June 2016	Year 2 Chirk Castle trip
Thursday 30 th June 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Saturday 9 th July 2016	The Summer Fair
Monday 11 th July 2016	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Tuesday 12 th July 2016	Year 2 Summer Performance – Morning Nursery, Class 1 and Class 3 parents are invited to join us at 9:05am
Wednesday 13 th July 2016	Year 2 Summer Performance – Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 parents are invited to join us at 9:05am
Thursday 14 th July 2016	Year 2 Summer Performance - Afternoon Nursery and Class 2 parents are invited to join us at 2:15pm
Thursday 14 th July 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Tuesday 26 th July 2016	Year 2 Disco at 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 27 th July 2016	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 27 th July 2016	School breaks up for the Summer holidays at 3:15pm