

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017

## Happy Easter Everyone!

We are now coming to the end of our second term here at school and what a busy term it has been. The children have taken parts in lots of different exciting activities including World Book Day, Story Telling Week, Safer Internet Day and Red Nose Day 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 Easter, and fingers crossed for some sunny weather!

together managed to raise an amazing £450 for Comic Relief. Well done everyone!



## Sale Food Bank

We have been over whelmed by the number of Easter eggs and other food products that have been sent in to school in support of our local food bank. The food bank staff are coming into school on Wednesday to meet the children and to talk about the vital work that they do to help families in the community. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## Red Nose Day 2017

Red Nose Day this year was fantastic with children and staff coming to school dressed in red. We sold so many red noses that we actually ran out and had to order some more! The School Council planned to 'Do Something Funny for Money!', asking the children in school to bring in 50p to perform a funny act. And what fun we had! The children performed funny songs, told jokes, acted out hilarious sketches and even made up some comical dances! A huge thank you must go to Mrs Campbell and the School Council who sold the red noses and planned the funny show and of course to all of our staff, parents, carers and children who

## The Friends of Templemoor

I would again 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 19th March, which was very well attended and was great fun too. The children enjoyed following the clues (even in the rain!), which led them back to school for a well earned medal, chocolate bar, cake and a drink! We raised an amazing £295.65. Our next Friends event will be on Wednesday... when a very special Bunny might be hopping into school! Details of future events can be found on our school website, or on the Friends of Templemoor Face Book page.



## World Book Day 2017

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 'Wizards, Witches and Willy Wonkers' as well as wonderful 'Red Riding Hoods', dragons and knights. Children enjoyed a World Book Day parade where everyone could show off their fabulous outfits. They also took part in a range of activities dedicated to books as well as a special story time where the staff at school all chose their favourite books and the children could choose which book to listen to. Thank you to all the grown-ups who helped their children to be creative with their costumes and celebrate their love of reading.



## Reception Cake Sale

Our next delicious cake sale will be on Friday 5th May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some tasty cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

## Nursery and Year 1 Music Lessons

After the Easter holidays the children in Nursery and Year 1 will be taught music by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service. Nursery children will have a weekly singing session with Mrs Shepherd and Year 1 children will learn to play the ocarina with Mr Parker. The lessons will run for one term with the Year 1 project finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers on the morning of Friday 14th July. The exact time of the concert will be sent out after the holidays.

## Summer Uniform

Children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Boys can wear **grey** shorts and girls may wear **green** gingham dresses if they wish. Black shoes remain part of school uniform in the summer, of course and please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day due to the unpredictable Manchester weather!

## Some Exciting News...

We are delighted to announce that after the Easter holiday, Miss Evans will be returning as Mrs Drinkwater. She and her fiancé will be getting married and we wish them all the luck in the world, both for their wedding day and for the future.

## Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Wednesday 29th March 2017 and opens again for the Summer term on **Tuesday** 18th April 2017.





### Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers help us to get a range of new sports equipment for school. Please send in as many as you can. Vouchers are available from Sainsbury's stores until the 3rd May 2017. Thank you!

### A message from the Governors



Hello everyone. I am Stephanie McIntee and I am one of the parent governors at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School with the responsibility for overseeing computing. I have been a parent governor for nearly a year now and it has been an

interesting and enjoyable year getting to know the school better.

Last month I met with the computing lead, Mrs Berry, who gave me a thorough overview of how computing is planned for, taught and monitored at Templemoor.

Staff have recently been trained in coding and various educational apps to use on the iPads. Our children are often so knowledgeable on how to use tablets and PCs that staff and parents need to keep up with them!

Teachers plan for opportunities to use computing across the curriculum as well as discreet skills.

Staff at Templemoor work hard to keep e-safety a high priority. Mrs Berry showed me various different policies relating to e-safety and

### Class Photographs

The school photographer will be with us on Thursday 27th April 2017 to take class photographs. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current year group.

information about lessons, previous well-attended workshops and letters home.

We are lucky that the school is extremely well resourced for our children with laptops and smartboards in almost every classroom. There are also trolleys of laptops and iPads. Thanks to the Friends of Templemoor for purchasing so many of these wonderful resources!

I look forward to continuing my role as governor and finding out more about computing at Templemoor in the future.

*Stephanie McIntee - Parent Governor*

### Spring 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 Spring term is 96.6%.

### Twitter

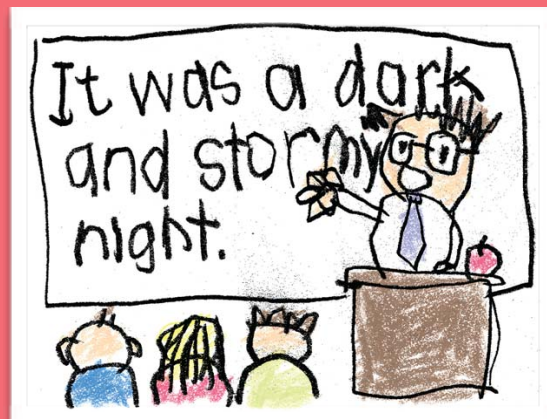
You can follow us **@TemplemoorINS** for all the latest news in and around school and find out about all of the amazing things that are happening. We've now got 100 followers and we're looking forward to using Twitter even more to share what's going on in the future. Follow us now to keep up with the news!

### May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 1st May 2017 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

## Writing Workshop with Trafford College

We are going to run a Creative Writing Workshop for parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2, taking place over three weeks, on Friday 12th, 19th and 26th May from 1:15pm - 3:15pm. This interactive course will help you and your child with creative writing. You will learn how to get started, and how to develop characters and plot using a range of creative tools so that you can support your child with writing for pleasure at home. There is no charge, but 100% attendance is expected. Registration for the course will take place at school on Friday 28th April at 3pm.



## Parents' and Carers Meetings

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. We hope you found the sessions helpful. 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!



## Reception Music Assembly

Last week the children in Reception performed in a wonderful concert where they showcased the magnificent work they have been doing with their music teacher Mrs Shepherd. The children amazed us with their beautiful singing. They were all so confident and made us so proud. Well done Reception, we definitely have some pop stars in the making!

## Nursery Flower Arranging

The Nursery children were lucky enough to work with Bec Rotchell, from Diddibox Flowers (and who is also one of our parents) to create little pots of beautiful flowers, or as we like to call them, little pots of loveliness. We were very impressed with all of the children's stunning creations and we all agree that we have some budding floral artists here at Templemoor!



## Summer Term Sports Clubs

We are excited to announce that we are once again working with The PE and Sports Hub to provide after school sports clubs to the children in Years 1 and 2. We are going to be running a Football Club on Tuesday and Target Games Club on Thursday. Letters have already been sent home to parents, so do return the slips to school if you would like your child to attend.



## Year 2 Recorder Concert

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers a couple of weeks ago. The children performed brilliantly. A huge thank you must go to Miss Smith who teaches the children every Wednesday lunchtime, and of course to our marvellous recorder playing Year 2 children. Well done everyone! The next recorder concert will be on Wednesday 12th July at 2:30pm.



## 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 on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is to ensure the safe supervision of children attending The X Club. The playground gates will be locked at 3.45pm. On a Tuesday and Thursday the gates will be locked at 3:25pm to ensure the safe supervision of children who attend the After School Sports Clubs. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.

Nursery - Can we explore it?

Reception - Who lives in a rock pool?

Year 1 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Year 2 - Wriggle and Crawl

## Year 1 Church Visit

As part of their learning in R.E. on places of worship, the children in Year 1 visited St Anne's Church. They had a wonderful time exploring the building, and learning all about the different parts of a church. Here is what some of the children had to say about the visit:

"We got to stand in the pulpit and speak in the microphone" - *Hannah M from Class 3.*

"I liked looking at the stained glass windows. They were like a storybook" - *Kieran and Rohan from Class 4.*



## Topics for the Summer Term

The children have a lot to look forward to next half term. The topics are:

## Dates for the Summer Term 2017

Wednesday 29th March 2017	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 18th April 2017	Back to school for the Summer Term!
Friday 21st April 2017	Year 1 Music Sessions start with Mr Parker
Monday 24th April 2017	Nursery Music Sessions start with Mrs Shepherd
Thursday 27th April 2017	Class Photographs Friends of Templemoor Swishing Evening at 7:30pm
Friday 28th April 2017	Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo Creative Writing Workshop Registration at 3pm
Monday 1st May 2017	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 5th May 2017	Reception Cake Sale
Friday 12th May 2017	Penny Drive Count Creative Writing Workshop Part 1, 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Saturday 13th May 2017	Templemoor and Moorlands Afternoon Tea at Templemoor (Time T.B.C.)
Friday 19th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 2, 1:15pm - 3:15pm
Friday 26th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 3, 1:15pm - 3:15pm School breaks up for the Whit holiday at 3:15pm
Monday 12th June 2017	Back to school! Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Friday 16th June 2017	NSPCC Den Building Day Friends of Templemoor Friday Lolly Sales Start
Saturday 8th July 2017	The Summer Fair
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Friday 14th July 2017	Year 1 Ocarina Concert - Time T.B.C.
Thursday 27th July 2017	Year 2 Leavers Disco
Friday 28th July 2017	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am School breaks up for the Summer holiday at 3:15pm

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<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 18th April 2017
<b>School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday</b>	Monday 1st May 2017
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 26th May 2017
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