

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022



## Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter of this academic year! Although a long and distant memory now, I hope that you all had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed some special times with your children. May I take this opportunity to formally welcome you all back to school as well as welcoming the many new children and families that have joined us this year. We hope that you already feel very much part of the Templemoor community and we look forward to working in partnership with you. We are thrilled with how well the children in Nursery and Reception have settled and are enjoying their new environment both outside and in. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also settled quickly into their new classes and are looking forward to an action packed Autumn Term, full of enjoyable, challenging learning activities. We have 207 children on roll and everyone is so excited to be back at school!

## Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Friday 21st October 2022** at 9:10am for our first Year 1 Assembly of the new academic year.



## We Are Adventurers

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children are really enjoying their outdoor learning sessions every week with 'We are Adventurers'. The children have been extending their learning by playing team games to develop cooperation, making animals from natural materials to represent themselves and working together to create a squirrel assault course - that squirrels have to balance on in order to get their food!

The sessions develop a wide range of skills, such as team building, taking risks and problem solving as well as building confidence and promoting well-being. The sessions certainly add another exciting dimension to our curriculum at Templemoor and aim to make learning even more delicious!



## The Golden Book

Every Friday, each Year 1 and 2 teacher choose two children in their class who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, kindness etc. to be entered into the Golden Book. A special sparkling certificate is presented to the children whose names are put in the book. The children then have a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mr Hodgson. The Golden Book is kept in the school foyer. Take a look in the book the next time that you are in school to see just how hard all of our children have worked and how sensible and kind the children at Templemoor are. Children in Reception will attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Spring Term.



## Sale Food Bank

We have once again decided to collect gifts for our local food bank. Harvest gifts can be sent into school from now until Thursday 20th October. The Food Bank are desperate for bags of sugar, tinned vegetables, pasta sauces, bags of dried rice, treats for children (e.g. bars of chocolate), shower gel, shampoo, hand soap, toilet rolls, cartons of long life milk and tinned meat. We really hope that you will support our collection and talk to your children about the need to help people in our local community who will benefit from our support and kindness. Thank you.

## New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Templemoor Team. Miss Jeng is supporting in Reception, and Miss Nuttall is supporting in Year 2. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both and wishing them all the very best for their future at Templemoor.

## Punctuality and Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer. We are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. In line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time **will not** be granted. If your child is absent from school please let the office know **before 8:45am** via a telephone call (you can leaving an answering machine message) or an email to the school office. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website, or via the following [link](#). Please remember... 'Every Day Counts'.

## Individual Photographs

Smile please! On **Tuesday 8th November 2022**, the school photographer, Andy Whittaker, will be in school taking individual and sibling photos. Please do not bring siblings from other schools without the permission of their Headteacher. Further details to follow.

## Year 2 Ukulele Concert

There will be a special ukulele concert in the school hall for all parents and carers of Year 2 children on **Tuesday 22nd November 2022** at **2:30pm** when the children will showcase their musical talents. Keep practising hard Year 2!





## 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](http://templemoorinfants.co.uk). Each year group sends home weekly 'Home Links' via email, copies of which can be found on the website under 'Year Groups'. We tweet through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text/email and send letters home in book bags and we produce this end of month newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.

## The Friends of Templemoor

A huge thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for their efforts last year in raising much needed funds for school. Look out for their newsletter coming home soon. I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the Friends of Templemoor are carrying on in the same vein as last year and have lots of exciting events planned! Dates for the diary include a Sunday movie afternoon this Sunday, a family fun night on 18th November and on the 10th December our Christmas Fair. Keep up to date with the PTA via Facebook.



## Flu Vaccination

All children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are now offered the 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 a consent form, on Friday 11th November 2022. Further details to follow.

## September 2023 Nursery Intake

The Nursery admission process for September 2023 is now open. To apply for a place in our Nursery please complete the application form using the following [link](#). The closing date for admissions is Friday 20th January 2023.

## Children's Parties

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





## The Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will soon be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again!

## Parking

The school run.. Mornings for all families can be a busy time, for working families there can be a real pressure to get to school and work. The school run not only causes congestion but can also cause harmful pollution at the school gates. According to research by Queen Mary University of London, 60% of the pollution that children take in each day, is taken in during the school run.

Can you: Leave the car behind? Cycle, walk or scoot? Park further away from school and walk? Children who walk to school are healthier and perform better in class. Another way of making a positive difference is to not leave your car engine idling.



What is engine idling? Idling is where drivers leave their engine running while their vehicle isn't moving. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is against the law. If you do have to drive to school be sure to SWITCH OFF your engine so children are not breathing in harmful fumes.

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements. **Cars must not park on Nursery Close.**

There have also been reports of parents parking their cars on pavements and then narrowly avoiding children who are walking on the pavement. Help us to eliminate the danger and set a good example to your children by walking to and from school where possible, and please be respectful and courteous to our neighbours.

## Parents' Evening

We are delighted to be able to announce that we will be holding Parents' Evening this term live in person! Parents Evening will take place in the school hall over two evenings - Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October 2022 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Appointment times will be 10 minutes and can be booked using the electronic booking system via the school website. Bookings will go live on Monday 3rd October at 12.30pm and close on Friday 14th October at 12.30pm.

## October Holiday Club 2022

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for our October Half Term Holiday Club with the theme '**Never Fear, Autumn's Here**'. Please log in to Scopay to make your bookings. To find out further information contact the X Club at:

[xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk)





You may have heard the children in Years 1 and 2 talking about a 'Golden Table'. This is a really exciting reward initiative. Four children are chosen every Friday by our midday assistants to eat lunch at the 'Golden Table' with Mr Hodgson, in recognition of their good manners and outstanding behaviour in the dining hall and playground during the week. They have the privilege of a golden tablecloth, special trays and glasses, as well as decorations. The children chosen so far have thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and have felt very special.

At Templemoor we teach an exciting broad and balanced curriculum. Details of our curriculum for each Year group can be found on our website, under 'Curriculum'. This gives parents information about what the children will be learning in school. We are also in the process of uploading knowledge, skills and vocabulary organisers onto our individual subject pages so that parents can discover what we are aiming for our children to learn, know and remember over the course of the learning project. Please see our individual curriculum pages for further details.



There are key members staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in the school. All concerns are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Hodgson, (or Mrs Brown or Mrs Cundick in his absence) who has the responsibility of making sure that proper procedures are followed to address the concerns raised. However, all school staff do have a duty to report any concerns that they may have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the school community. The School also has a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport, who comes into school regularly to ensure that all safeguarding policies, procedures and action plans are reviewed and updated. All staff have Safeguarding Training every year, including Prevent Training which deals with safeguarding against extremism and radicalisation. If you have any questions or comments to make about any aspect of safeguarding we are more than happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office. Any member of the public can make a referral to Trafford Children's First Response on 0161 912 5125. If a child is at immediate risk of harm call the police on 999.



## 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 via the following [link](#). We are very keen 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 strengthen our induction programme for next year. The survey will close on Friday 21st October 2022. Thank you in advance for your time.

## Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Senior Leadership Team on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
<b>Mrs Judith Davenport</b> Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
<b>Dr Nigel Jones</b> Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
<b>Mrs Maureen Haddock</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Prof. Ben Ambridge</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Alison Tariq</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Jennifer Moore</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mr Stuart Hodgson</b>	Headteacher
<b>Mrs Shirley Brown</b>	Staff Governor
<b>Mrs Siobhain Easter</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Councillor Liz Patel</b>	Local Authority Governor

We do have a Governor Vacancy coming up. If you are interested in getting involved with the work of the Governing Board, we will be advertising for a Parent Governor next week, so watch out for further information. Please get in touch if you wish to speak to another governor about what the role involves in more detail.

## A message from the Chair of Governors



Welcome from the Board of Governors

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all families who have just joined the school and a big welcome back to our returning families. For those of you who are not aware of the role of the Board of Governors, we are a group of individuals who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community.

We work closely with Mr Hodgson and his team on the strategic development of the school. We have a diverse range of skills and experience between us but we are united by our desire to make Templemoor the best it can be for our families and community. We will shortly have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, so keep an eye out for further details on how to apply. If you are interested but would like further information, please contact Mr Hodgson and he will be able to put you in contact with a governor so you can find out more. You can also find out more about our governors on the school website.

As the Governing Body, we really appreciate your support for the school in all its forms, whether that be supporting our school events, volunteering, helping your child with home learning or ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day.

We always welcome your comments and firmly believe that your involvement and feedback is a key feature of Templemoor's culture and success.

With best wishes,

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors

### Reception Phonic Information Session

We really enjoyed sharing how we teach early phonics, reading and writing with our Reception parents and carers in our recent workshop. The session was well-supported and we received very positive feedback:

"It was great to understand how my child is learning the letter sounds at school and how I can support this learning at home".

"What a clear presentation on phonics and how we can help at home. Thank you".

"I now have such a better understanding on how to pronounce the letter sounds".

"I am so impressed with my child's understanding of sounds already".

For those of you who could not attend we will upload the workshop materials onto our school website under the tab 'Year Groups' and 'Reception'.

### Volunteers in School

Templemoor welcomes and encourages parents and carers to come into school and support our class teachers and to work with the children. If you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities at the school, please contact the school office. All regular volunteering roles are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

### Some gentle reminders for everyone's safety:

- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds or left unsupervised or tied to the school gates.

- Smoking is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.
- We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.
- Please do not allow your child to scoot, cycle or walk onto the car park.
- Children are not allowed to use the large climbing frame at the beginning or end of the day. They have plenty of time to use it during breaks and at lunchtimes when they are supervised by a member of staff!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.



### And finally...

On the next page you will find some diary dates that we hope will be useful to you as you start the new term. As ever, if there is anything that you are not sure about, please ask one of us and we will be happy to help.

I am often in the playground in the morning and after school, so do come over and say hello. We look forward to another productive and successful year ahead working together in partnership.

Very best wishes, Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team

## Dates for the Autumn Term 2022

During October 2022	Black History Month
Sunday 2nd October 2022	Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon
6th October 2022	National Poetry Day
Monday 17th October 2022	Parents Evening
Tuesday 18th October 2022	Parents Evening
Friday 21st October 2022	Year 1 Assembly at 9:10am
Friday 21st October 2022	School closes at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Monday 31st October 2022	Back to school!
Week beginning Monday 7th November 2022	Book Fair starts
Tuesday 8th November 2022	School Photographer
Friday 11th November 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Remembrance Day
Week beginning Monday 14th November 2022	Anti-Bullying Week/ Road Safety Week
Friday 18th November 2022	UNICEF World Children's Day (Wear blue)
Friday 18th November 2022	Family Fun Night with Spikey Mike at 6:30pm (further details to follow)
Tuesday 22nd November 2022	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 1st December 2022	Reception Christmas Show at 9:15am (For children in Bees)
Friday 2nd December 2022	Reception Christmas Show at 9:15am (For children in Ladybirds)
Monday 5th December 2022	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long at 2:45pm
Thursday 8th December 2022	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:15am (Class 1)
Friday 9th December 2022	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:15am (Class 2) Non-uniform Day
Saturday 10th December 2022	The Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 15th December 2022	Christmas Dinner - wear a Christmas hat!
Friday 16th December 2022	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Back to school for the Spring Term



## Autumn Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 5th September 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 21st October 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 31st October 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 16th December 2022

## Spring Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 10th February 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 21st February 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 31st March 2023

## Summer Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 17th April 2023
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 1st May 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 26th May 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 12th June 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 26th July 2023

## Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023