



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to School! We hope that you all enjoyed the Spring holiday and are now looking forward to a very busy first half of the Summer Term. The children have come back to school refreshed and are keen to continue their learning journey! Let's just hope that the weather gets warmer and that the snow keeps away!

Nursery Places for September

Do you have friends or family looking for places in a Nursery? We still have a limited number of afternoon Nursery places available for September and would be happy to show new parents around – please spread the word!



Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please keep sending your Sainsbury's vouchers into school. We have lots already! You can collect vouchers and donate them to school until Tuesday 3rd May 2016.

Lego Workshop



There are still some tickets available for our exciting Lego workshop, when the children will build and light up an entire Lego town, village or city. The possibilities are endless! This event will take place in the school hall and is aimed at children from Reception to Year 6. Tickets cost

£8.50 per child, £2.50 per adult and must be bought in advance. There will be a break for refreshments and the ticket price includes juice, tea, coffee and cakes. All proceeds will go to Friends of Templemoor so we really hope you can support the event. Please return ticket requests by Friday 6th May.

Pop UK CDs

We still have a limited number of wonderful Pop UK CD's 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!

Breakfast Club

We have made some slight changes to the beginning of our breakfast club sessions. For safeguarding reasons, parents and carers must now sign their children into the club. This has worked very well, and I have been really pleased with the positive comments about the new procedures. A huge thank you to all of our parents who use the Breakfast Club and have supported us with these changes.

New Gates

You will probably have noticed that the bushes and trees at the front of the school have been taken down during the holidays. This is to provide a wider access route to the playground gates. Over the next two weeks we will be replacing the main entrance gates, and playground gates, and installing a railing to separate the entrance path from the car park. The playground gates will be wider to allow greater access, and they will also be higher too. This is of course a key safeguarding measure, with our main aim to further improve the safety of the children whilst they are on our site throughout the day. We are all very excited to see the finished result! I thank you in advance for your understanding and patience whilst we complete the works.



Bank Holiday

Please be reminded that School will be closed to all children on Monday 2nd May as this is a Bank Holiday.



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Year 1 Carnival Day

What an exciting start Year 1 had to their new imaginative learning project, 'Rio de Vida'. On Wednesday 20th April, 'Bangdrum' came into school to work with the children. Both classes were given the opportunity to take part in a number of fabulous workshops, including drumming, dance and carnival mask making. The children (and staff!) really enjoyed themselves and had great fun. At the end of the day our Year 1 children came together to perform in a carnival, watched by our Year 2 children. What a wonderful, noisy time we all had! Thank you to our Year 1 parents who contributed towards the cost of this truly memorable experience.



SATs

During the week beginning the 16th May, the children in Year 2 will sit new SATs papers. These national tests will form part of a teacher assessment for your child. SATs have been overhauled in Key Stage 1 to reflect the changes to the national curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014. The new curriculum has increased expectations for children in all year groups and teachers are working hard to ensure that as many children as possible achieve Age Related Expectations (ARE) at the end of the year. Year 2 children will take tests in Reading and Maths. The Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) test that all Year 2 children were due to complete in May has been scrapped for this year because the test paper was accidentally shared on the Department for Education website some months ago. We do not tell the children about these tests as we feel that they achieve better this way. You have no need to discuss the tests with them either. We don't want them to worry! If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Twitter

Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter at @TemplemoorINS.



Holiday Club Deadline

The booking deadline for the Holiday Club is 16th May 2016. Places are guaranteed for your children if you book by this date.

Parent Summer Survey

We will shortly be sending out an electronic parent survey. The questionnaire will give you the opportunity to comment on a range of areas from behaviour and the curriculum to homework and school meals. We will use the findings of our parental survey to inform our whole school self-evaluation and to plan our future priorities. Last year we had a massive response, with 150 parents taking part. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Thursday 12th May at 9:10am for our second Reception assembly of the year.

Children's Parties

We are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to hire out our school hall for children's parties at discounted rates. The cost will be £40 for 2 hours, with discounts for subsequent hours. If you would like to use the hall please contact the office to complete a lettings form.



New Website

Exciting news... Our new school website will be officially launched on Monday 23rd May. Further details to follow.



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Easy Fundraising

Please help to raise funds for our School by joining 'Easyfundraising'. Each time you shop online our School will receive money at no extra cost to yourself. The website is easyfundraising.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Reception Cake Sale

Our next sale will be on Friday 6th May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some delicious cakes.



Parking

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately and not on Nursery Close. 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.

Named Uniform

Please could you check that all items of uniform are clearly named. At this time of year in particular, the children take their cardigans and sweatshirts off and we wish to avoid lots of lost property or children taking the wrong item of clothing home. We have a few missing jumpers which may have gone home with your child in error. Please ensure you check that you have the correctly named uniform at home.

A few gentle reminders for everyone's safety

Please do not bring dogs into the grounds (tie them up at the gate).

Please do not smoke in the school grounds.

Please do not use the large climbing frame.

Please ensure that your children dismount from bicycles and scooters, and push their bike/scooter along the footpath and through the gate to the bicycle racks. Children **must not** scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day. Thank you in anticipation!

Head lice

Yes the dreaded little beasts are back. Please help to keep the dreaded nits away by checking your child's hair regularly and treating them when necessary. We cannot stamp them out unless everybody (and they are attracted to anybody!) checks and treats their child's hair. Thank you!

And finally...

Remember the Penny Drive? It seems a long time ago now but our fantastic Treasurer Anna Brunt and her team spent an hour at the bank counting all the pennies and here are the results.

We managed to collect:

£162.58

7p of battered copper unacceptable to the bank

One old half penny

€1.39

1/2F Swiss

64c US

10c Canada

50 something from New Zealand

50 something from Denmark

Plastic 10p

Plastic 1p

We spent £88.58 on Chocolate Easter treats, so a nice £74 profit there!

The March cake sale raised a wonderful £111.04

Hannah Capel's plant sale gave us an amazing £24

The Spring Trail made a staggering £179.72

And the name the Zebra competition brought in £28.

(and how funny that the Moorlands Zebra got named Debra!!).

Well done everyone!

Best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson

Headteacher



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Dates for the Summer term:

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| 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 Lego Workshop at 2pm |
| Week beginning Monday 16 th May 2016 | Year 2 SATs Week |
| 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 (details to follow) |
| 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 |

Please find below the term dates for 2016 to 2017, for those of us who love to plan ahead!



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Term dates 2016 - 2017

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

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

| Summer Term 2017 | |
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| Opens | Tuesday 18 th April 2017 |
| <i>School Closed – Bank Holiday</i> | Monday 1 st May 2017 |
| Closes | Friday 26 th May 2017 |
| Opens | Monday 12 th June 2017 |
| Closes | Friday 28 th July 2017 |

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