

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2018

## Welcome back to the Summer Term

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all enjoyed the extra long Easter holiday and are looking forward to a very busy Summer Term. The children have come back to school refreshed and are keen to continue their learning journey!



## Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Our Year 1 children recently went on a thrilling adventure to Blackpool Zoo! The children were all very excited from the moment that they boarded the coach to Blackpool! When they got there they went for a walk around the Zoo and saw lots of wonderful animals from monkeys and giraffes to penguins and macaws. The children learnt all about where the animals came from and how to care for them. Thank you to our Year One teachers

## Nursery Places Available

We still have some morning and afternoon spaces available in our outstanding Nursery for September 2018. To apply for a nursery place or to find out more information, please contact the school office.



and teaching assistants for organising such a memorable trip, our parent volunteers who gave up their day to join us and to our Year One children who were so sensible and made us all feel so proud of them.

## Suncream/Hats

As the weather (hopefully) gets better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring some named sun cream to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on). Thank you for your support.





### Reception Airport Trip

It was up, up and away for the children in Bees and Ladybirds as they visited Manchester Runway Visitor Centre. The children were excited to see the planes taking off and landing. At the Runway Centre the children had first-hand experiences of sitting in the flight deck of the DC10 and dressing up as cabin crew, firefighters and police. A fantastic afternoon was had by all! Thank you to the Reception Team for organising the trip, and to our wonderful Reception children for being so inquisitive and polite!



### A Message from the Chair of Governors



The brief flash of sun and heat we saw last week reminded me that the school year is marching on and as we embark on the Summer term, it hopefully won't be long before we can look forward to

a much longer spell of warm weather and with it the reminders to bring in sunhats, suncream and money for the Friday ice lollies which are always a delicious and well-earned treat!

Throughout the year the governing body supports the school to achieve its mission of "making learning delicious" for our pupils. The teaching staff at Templemoor work tirelessly to ensure that the children are making progress in all areas of the curriculum. In our termly Teaching & Learning Committee meetings, governors analyse the progress the children are making towards their end of year goals and by carrying out governor visits, we are lucky enough to be able to witness the exciting projects the children are working on at first hand. This really is one of the highlights of governorship!

As a parent you may not be aware that to ensure each child reaches their full potential, the teaching staff carry out a very detailed process of assessing children's progress all year round. Observations are continuously made and recorded to track progress and to allow teachers to assess whether extra support or challenge may be needed for each child in any area. Support could take the form of 1-to-1 support, focussed group work or help from outside agencies (for example Speech and Language Therapy) for children with more complex or specialist needs.

These assessments and the results the school achieves in the end of year national assessments help staff and governors to pinpoint the areas where practice can be improved and these form part of the school's development plan. This year for example our priorities include focussing on improving the teaching of Maths and the introduction of "growth mindset" exploring the benefits it can have for learning: you may have heard all about the resilient "Tough Tortoise"! If not, much more information is available on our website.



Above all, we strive to make the children's time at Templemoor memorable, to build upon what they know and can do and help them to become lifelong learners.

*Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors*



### Science Day

What an exciting time we all had when we became real life forensic scientists for the day! All of the children from Nursery through to Year 2 wore white coats, protective glasses and used special enhanced magnifying glasses to learn about the work of forensic scientists, and the evidence that they have to collect in order to solve mysteries. The children looked at the uniqueness of finger prints and how to classify fingerprints. They even got the chance to print their fingerprints using a special ink pad and to use iron filings to create a real life print of their hands. Well done to all of the children for listening so carefully to our forensic science teachers and to Mrs Leigh, our Science subject lead for organising the day.



### May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 7th May 2018 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

### Made with Hope

A huge thank you to those families who have donated £1 as part of last term's Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds Week. Every single penny of the money raised will go to the charity 'Made with Hope'. So far we have raised £94. The founder of the 'Made in Hope' charity, Eleanor will be coming in to school on Thursday 10th May to talk to the children about the amazing work that they do. If you would like to donate £1, you still have time. Please send donations to the school office. Thank you for your support.

### Parking on Sycamore Street

Yet again we have issues with unsafe and inconsiderate parking, only this time it is at the back of school on Sycamore Street. Please do not park directly outside of the school gates. The school is doing all that it can to tackle this ongoing issue including communicating regularly with the Police and the Council. Our neighbours in Sycamore Street are fed up with dangerous parking and overcrowding. May we also remind you not to block our neighbour's drives with your cars. We appeal again for all parents' proactive support to keep all our children safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation

### Spring Bank Holiday Closure

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Monday 28th May as this is a Spring Bank Holiday. Holiday Club bookings for the Whit Holidays are now being taken up until Thursday 17th May.

### Reception Cake Sale

Our final cake sale for this academic year will be on Friday 4th May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some tasty cakes.

### Year 2 SATS

During the week beginning the 14th May, the children in Year 2 will sit their SATs. These national tests will form part of a teacher assessment for your child, results of which will be reported in their end of year report which you will receive in July. SATs have been overhauled in Key Stage 1 to reflect the changes to the national curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014. The 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. 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.

### 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 really do not want lots of lost property or children taking the wrong item of clothing home, due to it not being named. 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.

### Nursery Lunches

Based on feedback that we have received in our Nursery and Reception Induction Survey we have decided to trial allowing the children who currently

attend our Nursery to purchase a hot school lunch. We have had a very positive response to this new initiative and hope that we will be able to offer this to new Nursery children from September 2018. The deadline for ordering Nursery hot lunches for the remainder of this academic year is Friday 11th May.

### Reception Induction Evening

Our Induction Evening for parents with children starting in Reception in September 2018 will be on Thursday 28th June at 7pm.

### Nursery Induction Evening

Our Induction Evening for parents with children starting in Nursery in September 2018 will be on Tuesday 3rd July at 7pm.

### X Club Survey Results

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who completed our online X Club Survey. We will shortly be sending out the results of the Survey, along with improvements that will be happening over the coming months to make our X Club provision even better.

### A few gentle reminders for everyone's safety

Please do not walk or carry dogs into the school grounds (tie them up at the gate).

Please do not smoke in the school grounds.

Please do not allow your children to 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!

## Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Friday 4th May 2018	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 7th May 2018	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Week Beginning 14th May 2018	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 23rd May 2018	Nursery Trip to St Annes
Friday 25th May 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 11th June 2018	Back to school for the last part of the summer term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Friday 15th June 2018	Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop
Wednesday 20th June 2018 and Thursday 21st June 2018	Year 2 Trip to Chirk Castle
Friday 22nd June 2018	Cool Down Fridays ice lolly sales start
Thursday 28th June 2018	New Reception Parents Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 3rd July 2018	New Nursery Parents Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 5th July 2018	Reception Assembly at 9am
Saturday 7th July 2018	The Summer Fair
Monday 9th July 2018	The Moorlands Orchestra are visiting Templemoor
Friday 13th July 2018	Year 1 Little Drummers Concert
Wednesday 25th July 2018	Year 2 Leavers Disco at 5pm
Thursday 26th July 2018	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday

## Summer Term 2018

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 16th April 2018
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 7th May 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 25th May 2018
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 11th June 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 26th July 2018