

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together



Happy Holidays!

As we come to the end of a very busy term here at Templemoor, I am sure you are all looking forward to some very well-deserved rest and relaxation with your children as well as the festive season ahead! It is hard to believe that we have completed the Autumn Term already.

The last few weeks before the Christmas holidays have certainly been exciting. In true Templemoor style, we have celebrated with our annual traditions of the Christmas Fair, our Reception and Year 2 productions, a Nursery sing-a-long, a Year 1 Christmas Assembly, Party days and Christmas dinners. Thank you to everybody - children, staff, parents and governors - for helping to ensure that this term has gone so smoothly.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023, for another action-packed and fun-filled year ahead! Wishing you all a peaceful, magical and happy Christmas.

Very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher



Year 2 Christmas Performance

Beaming live from the school hall, we brought you the marvellous, incredible, star studded cast of 'It's Chr-i-i-i-stmas!'

Our children certainly sprinkled a touch of glitter on the traditional Christmas story as they counted down the hits to find the Yuletide number one.

There was Motown round the manger with 'Gabriel's Soul Patrol', rock shepherds 'The Crooks' brought the beat to Bethlehem alongside that famous trio 'The Wise Guys', bickering folk-punks 'The Landlords', 60s pop icons 'Don Kee & The Animals' and the brassy 'Herod & The King's Swingers'!





Introduced by our talented hosts, the musical acts were joined by Mary and Joseph, angels, donkeys, camels and stars for numbers including 'The Streets of Bethlehem', 'The First Christmas' and 'Bad King Herod', before the Christmas number one was revealed as being 'The Yule Tiders' (which consisted of the entire Christmas cast!)

The songs were all pastiches of some of the best known Christmas songs and the children had great fun learning them.

Our Year 2 children should be incredibly proud of themselves. They sang their hearts out and acted brilliantly throughout our two performances. Well done children... you are all incredible superstars and we are all so proud of you!



Snow Closure

If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the school's text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

School Admissions Final Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the 15th January 2023. Trafford residents can apply online via the following [link](#). Information, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2023' is available to view by clicking [here](#).

The Christmas Fair 2022

After many weeks of planning, arranging and organising, our annual Christmas Fair came together seamlessly on the day and was a huge success. Lots of games were played, lots of sweets and homemade cakes were eaten and bottles won! Thank you to all those children, parents, friends, staff and governors who bought raffle tickets, decorated jam jars, donated bottles and chocolates and who came along to support us and enjoyed the fun. I would like to say a huge thank you also to the many people/companies who donated prizes for the Christmas raffle. A great effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a record **£2700**. Well done everyone! The next PTA event will be our second Family Fun Night, which will take place on Saturday 25th February 2023. Further details to follow in the new year.





Music in School

Next term, our children in Year 1 will be taught by a Trafford music specialist, Mr McMinn. 'Little Drummers' will take place each Monday throughout the Spring term. A special drumming concert for parents and carers of Year 1 children will take place on Monday 20th March at 2:30pm.

Learning projects for next half term

Our exciting learning projects for the next half-term can be found below. Detailed long term curriculum plans for each year group can be found on our website.

Nursery	How does that building stay up?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Our Local Area
Year 2	Our Wonderful World

Nursery Sing-a-Long

The children in Nursery were simply amazing in their Christmas sing-a-long last week. They performed so confidently and with such beaming smiles! Well done Nursery!

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 20th February 2023** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.



Christmas Dinner Day

2 lunch sittings, 207 children wearing the most amazing hats, a festive soundtrack and numerous Brussel sprouts! Yesterday our Head Cook, Mrs Quigley, and her team provided the children with an exceptionally tasty Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, reminding us again of how lucky we are to have such an experienced kitchen team. Thank you Mrs Quigley and your team - our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious!



Donations to Charity

Thank you for all your generosity this term, in support of our chosen charities - the local food bank, The Royal British Legion (where we raised £180.51) and Crisis at Christmas (where we raised £464.85 from Toast Tuesday, including a generous further donation from a family of £60). A huge thank you must also go to a small band of parent volunteers who came into school each Tuesday to butter the toast. You were simply amazing!



A Visit from Father Christmas

Yesterday we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Father Christmas! Every class in school were visited by the man himself and received a present from him. We would like to say a special thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for supplying the presents and to Father Christmas, who took time out of his very busy schedule to visit us!

Staffing Update

After working at Templemoor for over 4 years, Mrs Gopinathan is moving on to pastures new. Since joining the school she has been a valuable member of our Breakfast and After School Club team. The children and staff are going to miss her. We wish Mrs Gopinathan all the very best for the future.

This half term we have welcomed two new middays, Mrs Amendolara and Mrs Bradshaw and in January 2023 we welcome two more members of staff to the Templemoor Team. Mrs Stevens will be joining us as our new Teaching Assistant in Nursery and Mr Bates will be joining us as our new Teaching Assistant in Year 2. Lots of our children already know Mr Bates, as he has been our PE coach every Tuesday and Thursday in Year 1 and Year 2 for several years. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Stevens and Mr Bates to the team in the new year.



Cinderella Pantomime

The children had a very special treat today - an actual live theatre performance in the school hall! This years production of Cinderella was absolutely brilliant (oh no it wasn't...Oh yes it was!!). A huge thank you to Stag-ed Productions for putting on such an entertaining show - with their fabulous acting, singing and funny antics! The children loved it!

Rights Respecting Eco Stall

If you came to the Christmas Fair you will have noticed an eye catching stall in the school hall. The Eco Stall was created by our Rights Respecting Team to raise awareness of the important rights work that our children have been doing at school. Our latest campaign is all about caring for the environment with a drive to recycle, reuse and respect our planet. The children made posters along with some unique Christmas decorations made out of recycled materials. A huge well done to our Rights Team and to Mrs Handford who worked with the children to make the decorations and who used her creativity to put the stall together.





Reception Christmas Performance

The children in Reception performed brilliantly in their Christmas play 'Away in a Manger'. The children magically told the story of a mule called Maurice who became rather attached to his manger! What a commotion it caused when he had to share it with a stream of visitors including a mouse that wanted to play hide and seek, a hen that wanted to lay an egg, a spider that span a web, and another donkey that ate his hay! To top it all off, there was even a special baby in the manger.... amazing! It was so moving to watch such secure, happy and confident children who obviously relished every minute of performing. It really was a superb show full of laughter (and tears too!) and was a truly wonderful start to Christmas. Well done everyone - we are very proud of you all.

A Message from the Governors



I hope that everyone receiving this message is doing well and looking forward to the Christmas break. For many families I know it's a bit of a struggle currently and I wanted to share some information on what support is available locally should you need it.

In response to Covid, a network of community hubs was launched in Trafford including one in Sale. These continue to operate and can offer advice and support for people experiencing social

isolation or issues with their personal finances, energy and/or food. Click [here](#) for further details.

Trafford Citizens Advice Service is helping thousands of residents across the borough with enquires on a wide range of matters including legal, benefits, employment and welfare rights. People can call its advice line on the freephone number 0808 278 7803.

Low income families are welcome to apply for direct financial support via the Council please see this [link](#).

Finally, pulled together in one place, there is a useful money management toolkit which includes links to applying for hardship funding. Click [here](#) to access the information.

Please reach out if you need support, you are not alone. If you can, check in on your friends and neighbours to see how they are doing and please share this information with someone you think may need it.

I would like to thank the staff, teachers and pupils at Templemoor for all their hard work this term and wish everyone a restful Christmas break and best wishes for 2023.

Councillor Liz Patel - Local Authority Governor

Year 1 Christmas Assembly

Children in Year 1 were superb in their Christmas assembly this week, where they performed a special Christmas poem and made us all feel very Christmassy with their beautiful singing of songs like 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree' and 'Jingle Bell Rock'. Well done Year 1.

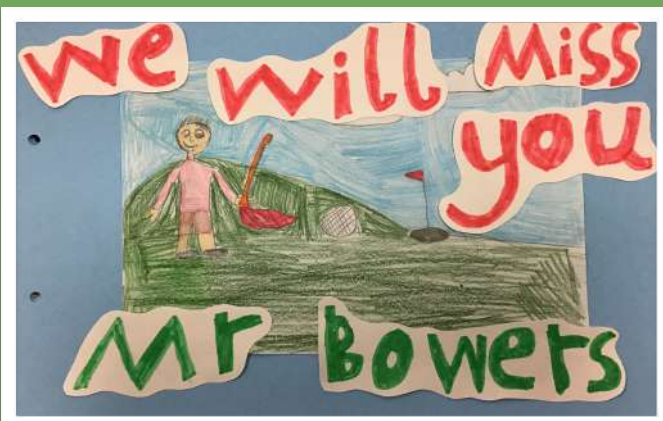




Templemoor Expansion

Work on the school expansion will commence on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. The contractors, Conlons Construction, will begin to set up onsite during the first week of the new term. They will be based on the school field. In preparation for the works to commence, Nursery have already relocated to the other half of the Nursery building. The Nursey children (and staff!) have been amazing, and have settled seamlessly into their new and exciting learning environment. Luckily, next half term the children in Nursery will be learning all about buildings - so the fact that builders will actually be working onsite will really help to bring the learning project to life! We will bring you further regular updates about the expansion works via the home learning links.

Goodbye and Good luck Mr B!



Today marked the end of an era here at Templemoor as the whole school said goodbye to the one and only Mr Bowers.



Our best wishes and gratitude goes to Mr Bowers for his dedication, loyalty and service to the school over the past 10 years. Mr Bowers leaving is a significant loss to Templemoor. He has not only been a fantastic Teaching Assistant, but he has also been an amazing

lunchtime sports coach as well as being a wonderful member of the after school club team. Children, staff and parents will miss him so much. I know that you will join me in wishing Mr Bowers the very best of luck in his new and exciting role as an Alternative Provision Supervisor in a local secondary school.

Goodbye and good luck Mr Bowers!



And finally...

All of the staff at Templemoor would like to wish you and those you love, a very happy Christmas and a lucky New Year. Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. We look forward to welcoming you all back then. Merry Christmas!

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



Dates for the Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Back to school for the Spring Term Expansion work starts
Friday 6th January 2023	Reception Eye Tests
Monday 9th January 2023	Little Drumming starts (Year 1 Music Project)
Tuesday 17th January 2023	Reception Phonics Workshop at 6pm
Week beginning Monday 6th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7th February 2023	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10th February 2023	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Tuesday 21st February 2023	Back to school!
Saturday 25th February 2023	Friends of Templemoor Family Fun Night
Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day
Monday 13th March 2023	Reception Height and Weight
Friday 17th March 2023	Mother's Day Gift Shop
Monday 20th March 2023	Year 1 Music Assembly at 2:30pm
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	World Water Day
Friday 31st March 2023	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday

Spring Term 2023

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Closes	Friday 10th February 2023
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2023
Closes	Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Opens	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 1st May 2023
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 8th May 2023*
Closes	Friday 26th May 2023
Opens	Monday 12th June 2023
Closes	Wednesday 26th July 2023

* School will now be closed on Monday 8th May 2023. This change has been made to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023