

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER 2018

## It's holiday time again!

Can it really be May half term already? It seems as though we have just returned from Easter, and the holidays are here once again. Have a good break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 11th June for the final half term of this academic year! It promises to be a very busy and exciting half term with our Reception Assembly and our annual Summer Fair, our Year 1 Music Concert and of course our Year 2 Leavers Assembly. Do take a look at the diary at the end of this newsletter for dates and times of upcoming events.

## Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside

Picture a beautiful, sunny day, not a cloud in the sky, waves lapping on the shore... and 49 very excited Nursery children! On Wednesday 23rd May, the whole of our Nursery unit, along with staff and adult helpers set off on the long journey by coach to Lytham St Annes. The children built impressive sand castles, topped with a flag they had made at Nursery. They collected beach things that they thought were special and put them in buckets to look at later. The children spotted shells, seaweed, pebbles and even a donkey before



tucking in to a delightful picnic lunch. This was followed by a paddle in the little boat lake before getting on the coach to come back to school again. What perfect weather, and perfectly behaved and sensible children too. We all had a really great day! Thank you to everyone, particularly to all of our parent and carer volunteers who helped to make this a wonderful trip to remember.

## The return of Cool Down Fridays

With the beautiful sunny weather we have been having recently we made a last minute decision to bring forward our famous Cool Down Fridays. A range of lollies are now on sale at the school gates



each Friday, with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor.

## Year 2 SATs

Well done to all our children in Year 2 for trying so hard in their SATs. We were all absolutely thrilled with the effort and determination the children displayed and we are so proud of how the children all persevered even when some of the questions were tricky. In actual fact the children cheered when we brought the special 'quiz' papers into the classroom each morning for them to complete! Children, you have all worked so hard and did your very best. You were all AMAZING! Thank you to all of our outstanding staff for preparing the children so well for the tests and for supporting them so carefully throughout this challenging time.

## Water Bottles

Research tells us that many children do not drink enough water during the school day and that drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health, contribute to well-being and improve concentration and learning. At Templemoor, water is available to the children throughout the day via water fountains. To further promote the regular drinking of water and UNICEF Article 24, that 'Every child has the right to



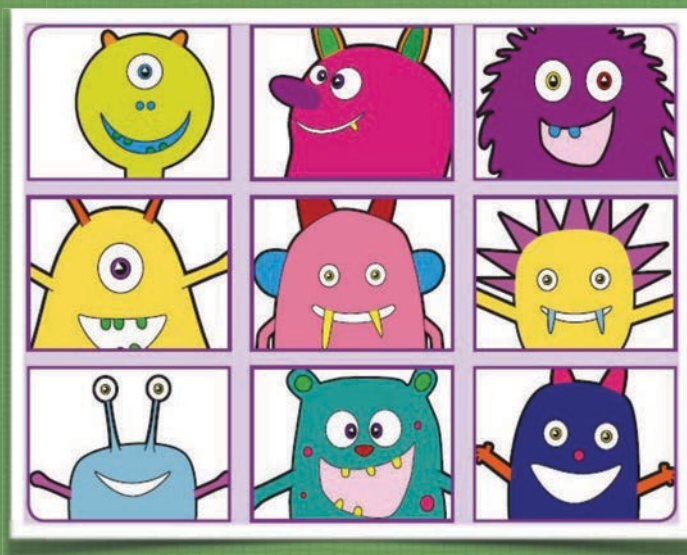
access clean water', we have decided to allow children to bring in their own water bottles each day. Please note that **ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES** and that it is the children's responsibility to take their water bottles home each day to be refilled. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in managing the practicalities of, and supporting, this healthy new initiative.

## Celebration Assembly

Each week we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the great work that goes on outside of School. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year One and Year Two to bring in certificates or trophies from any out of school activities to share in this assembly. Please remind your child to bring in their awards on a Monday.

## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 11th June 2018, all Year 1 children and some Year 2 children will take the National Phonics Screening check. This is a short assessment which determines if children have reached the national expectation in decoding words (20 real and 20 pseudo words). Results will be communicated to all parents of children who take the screening in their end of year report. The test is completed in a relaxed manner, and administered one to one with your child's own teacher in a comfortable and familiar place. Feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. You have no need to discuss the check with them. We don't want the children to worry!





## Nursery Places Available

We still have spaces available in our outstanding Nursery for September 2018. To apply for a nursery place or to find out more information, contact the school office. Please spread the word!

## GDPR

You may have heard about changes to data protection regulations which will come in to force at the end of May. This is known as the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The new regulation is about protecting people in the modern information age. It gives more control to individuals and more responsibilities to organisations which collect and hold your data. As a school, we are classed as 'data controllers' and as such we need to state how and why personal data is processed and ensure we abide by data protection laws. The great news is that we are currently complying with the Data Protection Act. We already have strict data protection policies in place and are very experienced at working within such regulations. Therefore much will stay the same, but with GDPR it will bring even better security and greater transparency. You can read more about GDPR on our school website including our Privacy Notices for parents as well as our relevant policies and who our appointed Data Protection Officer is.

## Royal Wedding Day

The whole school turned red, white and blue on Monday 21st May in celebration of the Royal Wedding of Harry and Meghan. We had a



wonderful day of celebrations fit for a prince and a princess. All the children did some fantastic learning about the Royal Wedding, and looked splendid in their red, white and blue themed clothes.



## The Penny Drive 2018

Can you remember the Penny Drive? It seems a long time ago now, but lots of our children brought in pennies and filled their class penny banks! We held a competition for the second year running, to see which class could make the longest penny line with the coins that they had collected. The children worked splendidly as a team to line their coins up and the results were as follows...

<b>Class 1</b>	31.98 Metres
<b>Class 2</b>	45.12 Metres
<b>Class 3</b>	58.72 Metres
<b>Class 4</b>	63.96 Metres
<b>Reception Ladybirds</b>	32.62 Metres
<b>Reception Bees</b>	29.65 Metres

Well done to Class 4 who had the longest line. They won the much sought after Templemoor Coin Trail Trophy. We are really looking forward to

counting all of the money and will let you know how much we have raised in due course. Thank you for your generosity. A special thank you must also go to Mrs Pain and Mrs Odell for giving up their time to run this fun event.

### Growth Mindset at Templemoor

This term we are continuing our journey to explore and develop Growth Mindsets in our children and staff. Last term we introduced the character Tough Tortoise to help the children learn about Resilience. This term we have introduced the learning power *Resourcefulness* through the character Resourceful Squirrel. Squirrel likes to sort things out and question what she sees. When approached with a problem, Squirrel tries to find a method and uses resources to help her. She enjoys



using her imagination and makes links between what she has learned.

We have also introduced an extra 'Growth Mindset Award' as part of our weekly Golden Book Assembly to give praise and recognition to those children who have displayed resilience and/or resourcefulness. Children who are given a Growth Mindset Award will be given a special certificate as

well as a small pin badge to wear with pride! Lots more useful information about Growth



### Fathers Day Secret Gift Workshop

Following the success of our Secret Mothers Day Workshop, it's now Dad's turn to get a special treat! The secret workshop will take place on Friday 15th June.

Mindset can be found on our school website. If you have any questions about our Growth Mindset project do not hesitate to ask. We will be happy to tell you more.

### Summer Term Parent Survey

One of the ways we continue to improve as a school is by encouraging feedback from our parents on a regular basis. We will be sending out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey after the holiday. The survey 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 over 120 parents taking part. Thank you in advance for your support.

### A message from The Friends of Templemoor

After a relatively quiet half term, we are getting ready for a few big upcoming events. Firstly we have our Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop on Friday 15th June if you would like your child to participate or can help out please head to [www.pta-events.co.uk/templemoorfot](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/templemoorfot). Secondly the Summer Fair is fast approaching and our big planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th June 7.30pm at the Legh Arms, we hope you can join us! Cool Down Fridays have started early this year due to the lovely weather, we do still need a few helpers after the break, please get in touch if you can spare some time on a Friday to purchase the Ice Lollies.

Last but not least we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers this half term, we really couldn't do it without you. *Friends of Templemoor!*

## Spring Bank Holiday Closure

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May as this is a Spring Bank Holiday.

## A message from the Governors



As the Great British weather somewhat surprisingly gets warmer and warmer, the standards of financial governance at Templemoor, perhaps less surprisingly, continue to soar. As Chair of the Resources and Safety

Committee, I have the privilege to oversee the School budgeting first-hand and I am continually impressed by the diligence and commitment of those managing the School budget on the behalf of all children fortunate enough to be part of Templemoor.

Budget control is no simple task and careful allocation of spend is paramount. A great deal of planning is needed to deal with necessities such as electricity and gas, "luxuries" like photocopying and stationery (!), but more importantly leaving enough resources to allocate funds into education development budgets and school refurbishment.

Tight budget management over the last two to three years has left the School well-positioned to commit to a rolling program of classroom refurbishment over the next two to three years which should be to the delight of the children. In addition to this, we have also enough capital to invest in a whole number of exciting teaching initiatives (Rights Respecting School, Athletics and Growth Mindset to name but a few) which should equally delight the children (even if they don't quite realise it at first!).

Credit for such exemplary budget control has to go to Mr Hodgson and his senior team but credit must also go to the tireless Mrs Beck, the School Business Manager, applying her sound financial acumen quietly behind the scenes.

In closing however, it would be remiss of me not to also mention the Friends of Templemoor and all that they do to help boost the funds available to the School (no doubt the summer fair, the Year 2 Leavers party, the ever popular bottle tombola and the ever so cheap ice lollies to follow in due course), together with all of you who help commit small amounts to the School fund. To quote one of the leading supermarkets (and hoping not to fall foul of GDPR - which the School has also had to grapple with this term), Every Little Helps!

*Nigel Jones - Vice-Chair of Governors*

## 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.

## Topics after the holidays

Our exciting topic titles for after the Whit Holidays are:

<b>Nursery</b>	How high can you jump?
<b>Reception</b>	Who lives in a Rockpool?
<b>Year 1</b>	Dinosaur Planet
<b>Year 2</b>	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets



## Dates for the Summer Term 2018

Monday 11th June 2018	Back to school for the last part of the summer term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 13th June 2018	Year 2 Art session at Sale Grammar School
Friday 15th June 2018	Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop
Wednesday 20th June 2018 and Thursday 21st June 2018	Year 2 Trip to Chirk Castle
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 Art session at Sale Grammar School 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
Tuesday 10th July 2018	Choir Club Singing Concert at 3:30pm
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 11th June 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 26th July 2018

### Autumn Term 2018

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 4th September 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 19th October 2018
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 30th October 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 20th December 2018

### Spring Term 2019

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 7th January 2019
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 8th February 2019
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 18th February 2019
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 5th April 2019

### Summer Term 2019

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 6th May 2019
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 24th May 2019
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 10th June 2019
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 26th July 2019

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

Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Friday 21st December 2018
Monday 29th July 2019
Tuesday 30th July 2019