

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022



Happy Half-Term!

I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of the first half-term. It seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming you all back to school!! We have had a very strong start to the new academic year, with lots of exciting learning taking place in every class and much progress being made across the school. Well done to all of our children, and the staff for working so hard. As usual, this newsletter is packed with lots of very useful and important information, so please do take the time to read it fully. School will close from today for the half-term holiday and children will return to school on Monday 31st October. I wish you all a very relaxing and happy half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher

Sale Food Bank Collection

Just before the half-term holiday we had a very special assembly where Sue Tongue from the Sale Food Bank talked to the children about the vital work that the Food Bank does. The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children, who listened carefully and asked Sue some very thoughtful questions. All of the children are really proud of the amount of items that we have collected and are thrilled at the idea of how many people in our local community who will benefit from their donations. Our Rights Respecting School Council have worked together to pack all of the food and toiletries into bags, ready for the Food Bank to collect the donations just in time for the half term break. Thank you for your kindness in supporting such a valuable cause.





Templemoor Poppy Field

The photograph above was taken last year, when we created our very own Templemoor Poppy Field to mark Remembrance Day, a time to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. You should have received a letter from Mrs Berry our Art and Design Lead, inviting you to make a poppy over the half term holiday. It would be wonderful if our grassy area at the front of school was filled with lots of hand made poppies! After the half-term holiday we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies, zip pulls, poppy reflectors and wrist bands. To purchase, simply pop a donation in the poppy appeal pot which will be placed at the front of school. Thank you in advance for your support (and creativity!).



Parent Working Party

We will be reviewing our school's Anti-Bullying Policy. If you would like to be a part of the parent working party who will help to review the policy, then please contact the school office.



Halloween Competition

Over half-term the Friends of Templemoor are running a fun Halloween competition to win one of four hampers full of surprises and treats! A link to the competition can be found [here](#). The deadline to enter is Thursday 3rd November so best get carving, drawing, colouring, dressing up and baking! Good luck!

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

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	Is it shiny?
Reception	Autumn
Year 1	My Family History
Year 2	Bonfire Night & The Great Fire of London

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 going Year 2!



Odd Socks Day 2022

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we are going to take part in Odd Socks Day. The day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage everyone in school to express themselves and to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All we ask is for the children to wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on Monday 14th November 2022 to help raise awareness of bullying.

Winter Menu

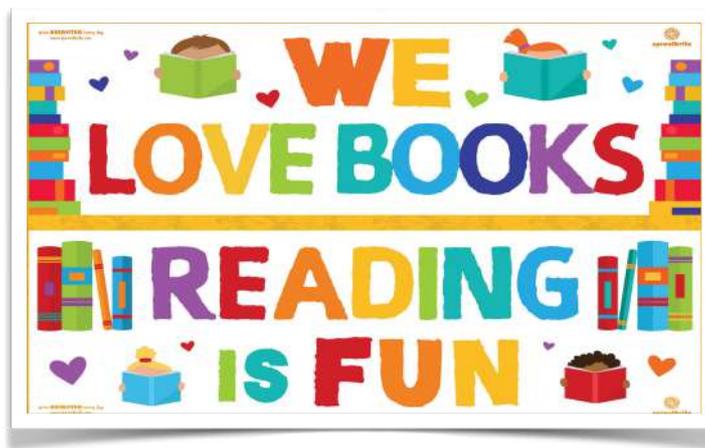
After half-term we are delighted to launch our delicious Winter menu. Orders can now be placed online. Please try to order meals well in advance (preferably by the Friday for the whole of the following week) as this helps the kitchen staff to prepare quantities etc.

Templemoor Book Fair

We are holding a book fair in the school hall from Monday 7th November to Wednesday 9th November from 3.15pm - 3.45pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents! School will receive a commission on the books sold which enables us to buy new books. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

Templemoor Reading Competition

We know that everyone at Templemoor loves listening to stories and reading books, so we would love to find out about your favourite



storybooks and authors. You can choose how you would like to do this. You could:

- draw or paint a picture from your favourite page in your book.
- make a model of your favourite character or setting from the book.
- write a book review telling us what you particularly liked about the book or anything that you disliked. You could give your book a rating out of 10 or suggest who you would recommend it to.
- come up with a new character for your story.

These are just a few suggestions; we would love to see many more of your creative ideas. We would like to see the title of the book and the author somewhere on your work, and don't forget to put your name and class on it too!

There will be one prize winner selected per class. Each winner will be announced at assembly and will be able to go and choose a book from the book fair. Please send all competition entries into school by Wednesday 2nd November.

We will look forward to seeing all of your amazing entries and finding out about all of your favourite stories. Happy reading!

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.



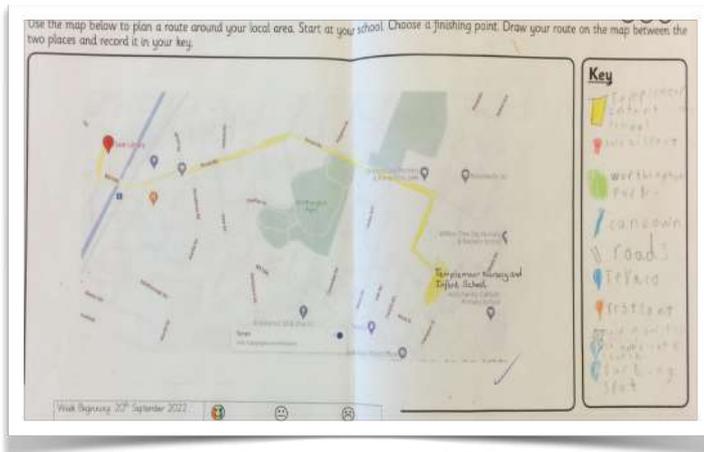
A Visit from an Author

We are delighted that Corrinne Averiss will be joining us on Tuesday 15th November. She is the BAFTA-winning producer of Share a Story and has worked as a producer and director for CBeebies. Corrinne is also the author of 'My Pet Star', winner of the Sainsbury's Children's Book of the Year. Corrinne is drawn to themes of identity and belonging and aims to deliver big feelings with humour, as well as tenderness. Corrinne will read, 'A Song in the Mist', to the Reception children and will read her new book, 'Move Mountain', to the Year 1 and 2 children. The children will then take part in activities based around the book. There is an opportunity for parents to buy the book(s) in advance and Corrinne will sign the books whilst she is at school. We are very excited to have Corrinne visit us and to share our love of reading.



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.



Year 2 Trip to Sale Library

As part of their geography learning project, 'Magical Mapping' our Year 2 children used a map to plot out a suitable route to get from our school to Sale Library. On Monday 3rd October, the children walked the route! They then had a fabulous time at Sale Library, where they found out lots of information about how the library works. They particularly enjoyed being able to choose a favourite book to read, as well as listening to a few stories!



Nursery and Reception Survey

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 28th October 2022. Thank you in advance for your time.

Christmas 2022

At this time of year, the thoughts of the staff begin to drift towards Christmas! We are so excited to announce that our children in Reception will be performing 'Away in a Manger', and our Year 2 children will be performing 'It's Chri-i-i-stmas!!' Children in Nursery will host a special 'Christmas sing-a-long' and Year 1 will organise a Christmas assembly. The dates and times of the performances can be found at the end of this newsletter. We have also planned the date for our Christmas Dinner, as well as booked an exciting production of 'Cinderella' for the last day of the Autumn Term! Our Christmas Fair will be back again on Saturday 10th December... so there is lots to look forward to! Has the countdown to Christmas really started already!?!



World Children's Day 2022

On Friday 18th November we will be taking part in UNICEF's World Children's Day. Children's Day is marked in November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on 20th November, 1959, and then 30 years later it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on that same day. The convention, which is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty, lays out a number of children's rights including the "right to life, to health, to education and to play, as well as the right to family life, to be protected from violence, to not be discriminated against, and to have their views heard". All of our children from Nursery through to Year 2 are asked to wear blue on this non-uniform day and will take part in a range of exciting activities in class to mark this important event.

P.E.

When your child's class has P.E. they should wear their P.E. kit to school for the day instead of their uniform. After the half term break, P.E. will be held on the following days for each year group:

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday and Thursday

Parent Governor Vacancy

A gentle reminder that we do have a Parent Governor vacancy available starting in November. Details about what being a Governor entails as well as how to apply can be found via the following [link](#). The application deadline is Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at midday.

SEND Link Newsletter

Parents can sign up to receive Trafford's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Link Newsletter via the following [link](#).

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 click [here](#). All regular volunteering roles are subject to an enhanced DBS check.



Our School Core Values

Through installing of our core values, we create a positive culture for teaching and learning at Templemoor which is based upon valuing ourselves, each other and the environment.

Our school values support the development of the whole child. Our values are reinforced and demonstrated throughout our school day and activities.

Our School Core Values are:

Caring - We care for and respect each other.

Achieving - We love to learn and achieve.

Making a difference - We make a difference in our world.

Together - We have fun working together.

Which simply translates into... 'Templemoor: Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together'. Parents are encouraged to support these values at home. Alongside our school values go our special Templemoor Learning Powers.



Templemoor Learning Powers

You may have heard your children talking about Tough Tortoise or Respectful Raccoon and wondered what they were talking about! Well, our school learning powers help children when thinking about the qualities of a caring human being and being a good learner and they link very closely with our school values and our school Rights Respecting and Growth Mindset ethos. The learning powers are:

Resourceful Squirrel - who helps us to try to find things out for ourselves and makes good use of the resources around us to support our learning.

Safe Spike - who helps us to know how to keep ourselves safe.

Healthy Henry - who helps us make the right choices with our food and exercise and NOT forgetting our mental state of mind.

Tough Tortoise - who helps us to persevere and to keep going.





Wise Owl - who helps us to remember more and to think carefully about how to overcome obstacles in our learning.

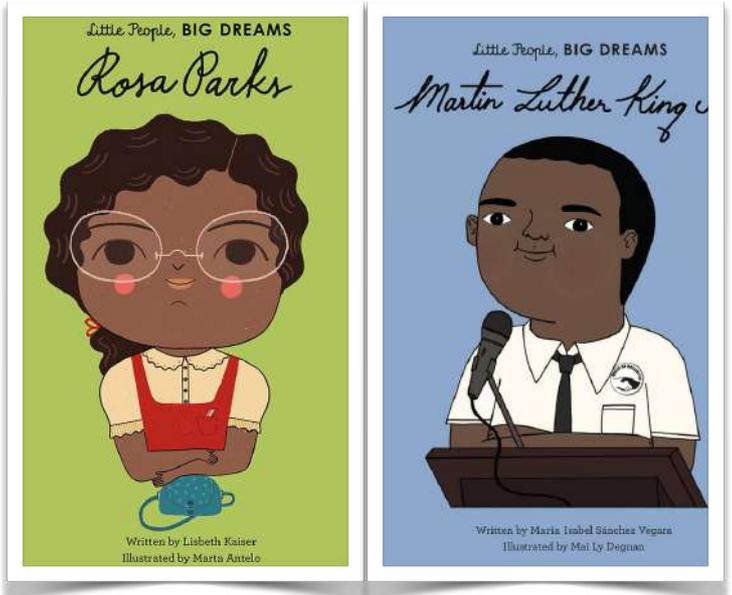
Respectful Racoon - who helps us with being respectful and caring towards others at all times.

You may have noticed your children wearing badges. These badges are very special, and are earned by the children when they show our super learning powers in their very own actions.



Rights of a Child

In assembly, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 are currently learning all about inspirational people who fought for the rights of others and who managed to make a huge impact on the world. These great figures developed a true Growth Mindset of never giving up, being resilient and overcoming huge obstacles that stood in their way. So far the children have learnt about Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr, with other amazing people still to come. The children have really



thought carefully about the rights that these people have struggled for. What thoughtful children we have here at Templemoor.

So Long, Farewell...

Miss Stott has been a part of the Templemoor team for 19 years. Since joining the school in 2003, she has given her heart and soul as one of our amazing teaching assistants. So, it fills me with real sadness to have to tell you that after dedicating her time to the children of Templemoor, Miss Stott has decided to retire at half term. Miss Stott has been truly amazing to work with, and the children and staff alike are all going to miss her dearly. She has shown passion and commitment in everything she has done at Templemoor and she has become a really integral part of school life. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Miss Stott all the very best and we hope that she enjoys her much-deserved retirement.



And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We could not be more proud of our wonderful school community. Enjoy the well deserved break!

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team

Monday 31st October 2022	Back to school! (Don't forget to start bringing your poppies!) Cauliflower cards deadline.
Wednesday 2nd November 2022	Parent Governor Nomination Closing Date at 12pm/ Last day for reading competition entries
Friday 4th November 2022	Friends of Templemoor Bag 2 School
Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th November 2022	Templemoor Book Fair
Tuesday 8th November 2022	School Photographer
Thursday 10th November 2022	Class 1 trip to Fireground
Friday 11th November 2022	Class 2 trip to Fireground
Friday 11th November 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Remembrance Day
Monday 14th November 2022	Anti-Bullying Week/ Road Safety Week/ Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 15th November 2022	Corrinne Averiss Author Visit
Friday 18th November 2022	UNICEF World Children's Day (Wear blue)
Friday 18th November 2022	Family Fun Night with Spikey Mike at 6:30pm (Sold Out)
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/ Cinderella Pantomime/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Back to school for the Spring Term

Autumn Term 2022

Opens	Monday 5th September 2022
Closes	Friday 21st October 2022
Opens	Monday 31st October 2022
Closes	Friday 16th December 2022

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
Closes	Friday 26th May 2023
Opens	Monday 12th June 2023
Closes	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