

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already into the last half term of this academic year. It's already proving to be another busy and exciting half term during which we will be welcoming our new intake children when they come to make their visits, as well as sadly saying goodbye to our Year 2 children. There are lots of dates for the diary and we hope that you will all be able to spend some time in school over the next few weeks at the various events!



If you go down to the woods today...

As part of their Imaginative Learning Project 'The Enchanted Woodland', our Year 1 children went to Priory Woods. The children (and the adults!) had a magnificent time doing a range of exciting activities. The children made tree mud boggart faces and natural bracelets made out of leaves and flowers. They built mini dens for teddies, played hide and seek and even took part in some leaf bashing! A huge thank you must go to the Year One teachers for organising such an action packed trip, our parent volunteers and to our Year One children who were so well behaved throughout the day. A special mention must also go to 'Muddy Feet' who set up all of the amazing activities. Thank you!



Year 2 Recorder Concert

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children who are learning to play the recorder are invited to join us in the school hall on Monday 11th July at 2:15pm for a special recorder performance.

End of Year Reports

Our teachers are currently in the process of writing end of year reports which you will receive shortly. I have started to read some of the comments on these and it is such a pleasure to see all the progress that your children have made. Well done children!

Dress Down Day

Don't forget that Friday 8th July is non-uniform day! Everybody is asked to bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair.

Nursery Cakes

On Friday 8th July it will be the turn of our Nursery children to bring in some delicious cakes. The cakes will then be sold at our Summer Fair. Cakes are welcome from any other year group too!

Templemoor Summer Survey

We recently sent out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey. The survey gives 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. So far we have had **112** parents taking part. The results of the survey will be published after the extended closing date of Friday 8th July 2016. Thank you for your support.

NUT Industrial Action

As you are aware some teachers are taking strike action over the impact of funding cuts on teacher contracts, workload and children's education. This is a dispute between NUT members and the government, it is not a dispute with the school. Templemoor will be partly open on Tuesday 5th July 2016. The following classes will be **OPEN** on the strike day so the children in these classes should come to school as normal:

- Year 1 children in Mrs Campbell's class
- Year 2 children in Mrs Thorpe's class

The school will be **closed** to children not in the classes listed above.

Midday Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Nursery midday assistant to start in September 2016. If you are interested then please contact the office for an application form.

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Dog Reminder

Please can I remind parents and carers that dogs are **not** permitted in the school grounds at any time. This is not because we assume that your pets are badly behaved: infant children are unpredictable and sometimes approach animals from behind or make sudden movements/noises which could result in a dog biting.

The Summer Fair

Planning is now in full swing for our Summer Fair. There will be a range of exciting activities and stalls including Pieminster Pies, a professional photographer, pony rides, an ice cream van, tombolas, samosas, games and a bar!

We are collecting donations of tombola and raffle prizes, a clean and good quality teddy for the teddy tombola and fun filled jam jars decorated in the theme of the Olympics. Please hand in to the office or your class teacher. If you would like to help us to set up on the day, help out in the teashop or run a stall we would love to hear from you. If you have a gazebo you would be willing to lend us then please let us know! The Fair is on **Saturday 9th July 2016**, starting at **2pm** and finishing at **4pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Raffle Prizes

Have you seen the amazing raffle prizes that we are getting for the Summer Fair?

Sale Golf Club - Round of golf for 4 people
Tesco - a barbecue
Reflect Clinic - bottle of champagne
Kate Hill Headdresses - Trilby hat
The Bridge - Bottle of house wine or prosecco
Sealife Centre - Family ticket for 4
Jo Renfrew - chutneys
Steele & Co Hairdressers - wash and blow dry
Julia Knight - £50 beauty voucher
Manchester United - Tour and Museum entry voucher
Amphora - free breakfast, hot drink and cake
Hobbycraft - prize to be confirmed
Legoland Discovery Centre - Family ticket for 4
Croma - Meal voucher for 2 (starters, mains and desserts)

The following businesses have stalls at the Fair and will also be donating a raffle prize.

Mr Simms Sale
Epresez
Forever Living

We are so lucky that Jo Lambe is putting in so much time and effort to secure these fantastic prizes. Thank you Jo. It's Jo's last year at Temple Moor so if anyone would like to take on this role that would be really helpful. It isn't too tricky but it is really important. Please see Claire Hines if you are interested.



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

On Friday 24th June, our Nursery children, staff and adult helpers set off by coach to Lytham St Annes. We built sand castles, went for a walk along the pier and the beach and collected beach things we thought were special and put them in our buckets to look at later. We saw shells, seaweed, pebbles and even a lifeboat. We headed back to the beach for our lunch and had a little play before getting on the coach to come home again. We all had a really great day! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a wonderful trip to remember.



Choir Concert

The Choir Club children will be performing a special concert for their parents and carers on Wednesday 13th July at 3:30pm in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 1 Music Concert

The Year One children have been very busy learning to play the drums as part of this term's music project. I am enjoying listening to the 'BOOM BOOM BOOMS' coming from the hall, and seeing the look of concentration on the children's faces! Parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to attend a very special music concert where the children will showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing. The concert will take place on Wednesday 20th July at 2:30pm in the school hall.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Well done to all the children in Year 1, who all completed their phonics tests recently. We are very proud of all the children, who all showed determination to do their very best. It was great watching them using their Fred fingers and their sounding out skills during their assessments - well done to everyone who took part in the test. Results of the Phonics Check will be sent home with the end of year reports.

New Classes

Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July is 'change-over day'. Year 1 will visit Year 2, Reception will visit Year 1 and some of our new children will visit Reception! At the moment we are finalising class arrangements. Not long to wait!

Chirk Castle Trip

On Thursday 16th June our Year Two children went on a very adventurous trip to Chirk Castle in Wales as part of their Imaginative Learning Project 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. Here is what some of our Year Two children had to say about the trip...



"I liked loading the cannon and pretending to fire it. It was a bit rusty!" (Charlie – Class 1)

"I loved the dungeons. It was dark and gloomy. I wouldn't like to be put in there though!" (Alex Gilbert – Class 2)



"I really liked the castle gardens. It had pretty hedges that were cut into shapes like peacocks and a crown". (Orlaith – Class 2)

"I would recommend Chirk Castle to everyone because it is stunning and eye catching". (Harvey – Class 1)

Thank you to our Year Two teachers for organising such a memorable trip and to our Year Two children who were so sensible and made us all feel so proud of them.



New School Website

We are continuing to update our website regularly with photo galleries, information regarding your child's learning and other news from our school. Please visit our website at templemoorinfants.co.uk.

Bikes and Scooters in the Playground

Please could I remind you to ask your children not to ride their bikes and scooters on the playground when you drop them off in the morning and when you collect them after school. We have lots of children around in the playground at these times and we would hate to have any accidents. Thank you.

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Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. The Government considers 95% attendance to be satisfactory but it is important that we aim to make it the best we can. The whole school attendance for the Spring term is **97.2%**. Well done everyone!

Moorlands Sports Afternoon

Our Year 2 children had great fun last week visiting their new school. They worked alongside Moorlands pupils to take part in a range of sporting activities. All of the children enjoyed themselves and really tried their best in all of the sporting tasks.

"I enjoyed the 60m sprint. I even won the race! I also liked throwing beanbags in hoops, although it was tricky". (Gabriela – Class 1)

"I really liked throwing the javelin best. It went quite far. We had to measure the distance with a metre stick. I am excited to start in Year 3". (Alex Gallagher – Class 2)



Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Best wishes,

Mr Hodgson

Dates for the final part of the Summer term:

Tuesday 5 th July 2016	NUT Industrial Action
Friday 8 th July 2016	Dress Down Day Nursery Cakes
Saturday 9 th July 2016	The Summer Fair 2pm – 4pm
Monday 11 th July 2016	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 2 Summer Performance of Stella the Starfish - Morning Nursery, Class 1 and Class 3 parents are invited to join us at 9:05am
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 2 Summer Performance of Stella the Starfish – Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 parents are invited to join us at 9:05am
Wednesday 13 th July	Choir Club Concert at 3:30pm
Thursday 14 th July 2016	Year 2 Summer Performance of Stella the Starfish - Afternoon Nursery and Class 2 parents are invited to join us at 2:15pm
Thursday 14 th July 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Monday 18 th July 2016	Class Change Over
Tuesday 19 th July 2016	Class Change Over
Wednesday 20 th July 2016	Year 1 Samba Concert at 2:30pm
Friday 22 nd July 2016	Reception trip to the airport
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