

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Christmas is on its way...

The second half of the Autumn term is always one of the busiest and one of the most exciting with lots of things happening in school as we lead up to Christmas - our 'sparkly' season! The Christmas tree is up, with its lights twinkling brightly. Walking through school, it is wonderful to hear the sound of singing coming from the hall and classrooms as the children rehearse for their Christmas shows and assemblies. They promise to be full of fun! We also look forward to our Christmas Fair on the 10<sup>th</sup> December and of course our annual Christmas dinner and party, not to mention a Christmas pantomime that we have sneaked in for some extra excitement! Dates of these events can be found at



the end of this newsletter and on our school website. Thank you once again for your continued support and kindness. Best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher

## Templemoor Remembrance Day Poppy Field

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the school held a two minute silence to mark our respect for past and present soldiers and their families. The children in school learned all about Remembrance Day, and why it is an important national event. Lots of children also made poppies out of recycled bottles for our Remembrance Day poppy field. Thank you children, parents and carers for making your wonderful poppies. The poppy field looked stunning!





## Year 2 Ukulele Concert

For the past ten weeks, the children in Year 2 have been learning how to play the ukulele. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to strum notes and play simple songs. At the end of the project the children performed in an amazing concert, which demonstrated their hard work and commitment to learning an instrument. Thank you to Mr Haslam who taught the children brilliantly, and a huge well done to all of our Year 2 children who showed a great level of commitment and enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

## Easyfundraising

With Christmas just around the corner, did you know that you could shop at over 7000 different online retailers and help raise money for the school at the same time? The Friends of Templemoor is registered with:

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**

It's a really easy way to raise funds - all you need to do is register with the site and choose 'Friends of Templemoor' as your chosen charity. Then the next time you shop online, enter the Easyfundraising site and shop as normal. There is even a tool bar strip that pops up each time you visit a retailer involved to remind you to use Easyfundraising. You don't pay us anything - it's the retailers who give us a percentage of their sales so please help us to raise vital funds!



## Templemoor Reading Competition

During October half term we ran a reading competition, where the children were able to get creative and share their favourite book with us in a variety of different ways. We had so many entries, including amazing book reviews, wonderful models, and marvellous illustrations that it was very difficult to choose winners. Thank you so much for all of your fabulous reading competition entries. They were an absolute joy to read and look at. We have displayed the entries in our school corridor for all to see!

## Templemoor Expansion

Building plans have been approved by the council and are now back with the Local Authority who are looking at final costings for the project. Building works are due to commence during the first week of January 2023. Further information will be sent out shortly.







### Family Fun Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our amazing Family Night (the first one since 2019). There was dancing, pizza eating and excitement to be had! The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by both parents and children. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous team at the Friends of Templemoor who organised the evening and of course to the one and only Spikey Mike who entertained and amazed the children with lots of dancing and games. A huge shout out also to Sainsbury's in Sale who kindly donated a few freebies to help us with our fundraising. Well done everyone!

### Non Uniform Day

**Friday 9th December** is non uniform day, where children are asked to bring donations of cakes and bottles for the Christmas Fair. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Author Visit

Everyone was very excited to welcome BAFTA-winning producer and author Corrinne Averiss to school on 15th November. The children enjoyed listening to Corrinne read her new storybooks 'Move Mountain' and 'A Song in the Mist' and to find out about what being an author actually entails.



### The Christmas Fair 2022

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on **Saturday 10th December** from 1pm until 3pm. It promises to be a great, fun filled afternoon! On Friday 2nd December please bring in donations of chocolate, preloved books, filled jam jars and teddies. On Friday 9th December, it's non-uniform day in exchange for bottle donations and cakes (eg, wine, beer, soft drinks and individual or large cakes) What we really need too are volunteers for a variety of jobs. Are you able to offer a little of your time to help with either set up before, working during or clearing up after the Fair? Please click [here](#) to register your help. Thank you for your continued support, we really can't do it without you!





## Year 2 Trip to Fireground

As part of their learning about 'The Great Fire of London', Year 2 went on a school trip to Fireground in Rochdale to immerse themselves in the life of a firefighter in 1666. The children explored the museum and fire engines old and new, dressed in firefighter's uniform through the ages and even had a go with a water hose and sliding down the fire pole! The children were so inquisitive and had a fantastic time. Here is what some of our Year 2's thought about the trip...

"I loved going down the fire pole best, as it was such a fun thing to get to do". *Hanna*

"I enjoyed looking at the old fire engines. One looked like a train, and one was even pulled by a horse!" *Bridget*

"I liked hearing about the Great Fire of London. The houses were made of wood, straw and horse waste!" *Rufus*



## 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.

## Children's Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.

## September 2023 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is open and Trafford residents can apply online [here](#). Information, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2023' is available to view on the Trafford Council website, or by clicking [here](#). The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2023.







### Christmas Pantomime in School

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, we have booked an exciting pantomime for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to watch on the last day of term. 'Cinderella' promises us boos, cheers, lots of fun and all the classic panto antics that we love! We do ask for a contribution of £4. Please log into your ParentPay account to pay the contribution by Friday 9th December. Thank you for your continued support.

### Sickness/ Diarrhoea

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they are not allowed to return to school until **48 hours** following the last bout. If you bring your child into school before this time you will be asked to take them home immediately. This policy will be strictly adhered to as we are trying to prevent winter bugs from spreading. Thank you for your support.



### Singing Club Concert

Parents and carers of children who attend our singing club are invited to a special concert on Wednesday 14th December at 3:35pm.

### A message from the Governors



Hello Everyone.

It's been a busy time since my last newsletter article in February. In my role as the governor responsible for curriculum, I visited school in July to see the wider curriculum in action. It was

a lovely afternoon, popping into classes to see Music, PE and PHSE being taught - and meeting children from Nursery up to Year 2. The children were so polite, welcoming and keen to talk about what they were learning.

I was back in school earlier this month to talk all things maths. I met with Mrs Wynne, the schools Maths Lead, who explained how maths is taught at Templemoor, and afterwards spoke with some children from Years 1 and 2. I was really impressed by their enthusiasm for maths and the links they made with how it's used in everyday life. Here are some of the things they shared when we talked about why maths is important and when you would use it:

'Counting up money in a bank'

'A shopkeeper in the till'

'For a yard sale'

'Baking'

'Making a Halloween snack'

'When you're grown up - it helps in your job'

'Count money to know how much to spend'

Siobhain Easter - Co-opted Governor

### Christmas Dinner Day

We are busy making plans for our Christmas Dinner day, which is taking place on **Thursday 15th December 2022**. To make it extra special, we would really like it if the children came to school wearing a festive hat on this day!



## Anti-Bullying Week

Here at Templemoor we are always proud to support Anti-Bullying Week, which took place this year in the week beginning 14th November. On Monday 14th November it was great to see the children (and some parents!) showing their commitment in wearing their odd socks to school to show their individuality and uniqueness. During the week the children participated in a range of activities to raise awareness of bullying. They also listened to a range of anti-bullying stories. The week was the perfect opportunity for the children to discuss their feelings and to offer support to one another. It was also important to recap the messages around bullying; to make sure that all of our children understand how to keep themselves safe, what to do if they are worried and how we will respond if they are ever worried or upset.

Here are some of our Year 1 children's views on bullying...

"Bullying is when someone is mean to you everyday. You need to tell a teacher and they will sort it out". *Harry*

"Bullying is really bad. A bully might push or trip you over or say mean things. You must tell a grown up if you are being bullied". *Lucas*

"Bullying is so unkind. It might make someone feel very sad". *Emmie*

Our Anti-Bullying Policy is available to view on our school website, along with a range of useful resources.

On Friday 18th November we took part in UNICEF's Universal Children's Day. Established by the United Nations in 1954, 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 wore blue and took part in a range of exciting activities in class to mark this important day.

## Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors are open at 8:55am. Registration starts at 9am. The main gates and classroom doors are locked at 9am as children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 need to go straight into their phonics lessons. If you come to school after 9am you MUST come to the main office, and register your child using the electronic signing in system. Thank you for ensuring that your child gets to school on time.



### Christmas Cards

Children love to be able to send Christmas cards to each other, so if your child would like to write and send some cards then please send these into school via your child's classroom. Please ensure the envelope has the full name and class of the recipient before handing them in to school!

### Christmas Gifts for Staff

2022 has continued to be difficult for families as we emerge from the pandemic, particularly due to the rising costs of energy, food and basic essentials. Last year the staff at Templemoor didn't want parents to feel under pressure or worried about buying staff Christmas gifts when so many are struggling. Instead, we asked that if parents are able to, they could instead donate to our chosen charity, 'Crisis at Christmas'. We were so overwhelmed by your response, that we have decided to do the same again this year. We would very much appreciate it and it would really make us all smile to know that every donation will provide warmth and vital services to people facing homelessness. If you decide to make a donation, then please do let us know. Thanks again for your understanding and generosity.

### Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party will take place on the last day of term, **Friday 16th December 2022**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We are looking forward to having lots of fun!

### So Long, Farewell...



After working at Templemoor for over 4 years, Mrs Cort is moving on to pastures new. Since joining the school she has been a truly amazing midday, and a valuable member of our Breakfast and After School Club team. The children and staff are going to miss her positivity, smile and loveliness! I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Cort all the very best for the future.



### AmazonSmile

Instead of shopping on the normal Amazon website, why not go to [AmazonSmile?](#) When you shop via AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same selection and prices as Amazon with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the purchase to Friends of Templemoor!

### And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you into school at one of our shows, sing-a-longs or assemblies (and of course, at the Christmas Fair) very shortly!

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team

### End of Term

School closes on **Friday 16th December 2022** at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays.

## Final Dates for the Autumn Term

Thursday 1st December 2022	Reception Christmas Show at 9:15am (For parents/carers of children in Bees)
Friday 2nd December 2022	Please bring in donations of chocolate, preloved books, filled jam jars and teddies. Reception Christmas Show at 9:15am (For parents/carers of 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 (For parents/carers of children in Class 1)
Friday 9th December 2022	Non-uniform Day in exchange for bottle donations and cakes. Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:15am (For parents/carers of children in Class 2)
Saturday 10th December 2022	The Christmas Fair from 1pm to 3pm
Tuesday 13th December 2022	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 14th December 2022	Singing Club Concert at 3:35pm
Thursday 15th December 2022	Christmas Dinner - wear a Christmas hat!
Friday 16th December 2022	Christmas Party Day/ Cinderella Pantomime - Wear party clothes  School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Back to school for the Spring Term



## Autumn Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 31st October 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 16th December 2022

## Spring Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 10th February 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 21st February 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 31st March 2023

## Summer Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 17th April 2023
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 1st May 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 26th May 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 12th June 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 26th July 2023

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

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