# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together



### Welcome to the Summer Term!

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and managed to spend some precious time with your family. We have dived head first into the final term of this academic year. Summer uniform, summer smiles, lighter evenings.....but not quite summer weather just yet! The children have come back to school refreshed and are keen to continue their learning journey! We have a very busy term ahead so please do check the school calendar at the end of this newsletter for dates of events.

#### **The School Expansion**

The school expansion continues to develop at an increasing pace.



The new extension to the hall is now complete, and looks stunning. The children and staff love it, as it brings much needed light and space into the hall. We can't wait for you to visit the hall soon to see the completed works.

The new Early Years building is also progressing well. External walls are being built and roof beams have been put into place to allow for the new roof to be installed. Once this has been done, then it's full steam ahead to get the inside classrooms, kitchen, office and intervention room completed.

Contractors are also working hard to complete the new Nursery bike track and to relocate part of our Templemoor running track. This is expected to be finished very shortly, so that we can have our lovely



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field and running track back! The new EYFS facilities are due to be completed by the end of June.

Then, at the end of June, our current Reception and Nursery will move into the new part of the Early Years building. This will then allow the contractors to work on the next phase of the project (which will run from July into the Summer holiday) - converting our two current Reception classrooms into Key Stage One classrooms, and changing the layout of our current Nursery classroom to make it more spacious and light (with the addition of some new floor to ceiling windows). Works will also commence on creating an extra intervention room in the main school, remodelling the school office, parent waiting area and external facade and the installation of a brand new kitchen. All being well, the whole project will be finished in time for the children returning in September from the Summer break.

As part of the expansion, Templemoor will gradually be moving from a two-form to a three-



form entry school. Trafford Local Authority has now informed us that the first year group to be expanded from September 2023 will be Year 2. From September we will therefore have one Nursery class, two Reception classes, two Year 1 classes and three Year 2 classes. We thank you for your support as we move into this exciting period of growth for our school.

#### Water Bottles

We all know the importance of keeping ourselves well hydrated throughout the day - it keeps us healthy and allows our brains to function well. We would like all children to bring in a water bottle from home each day filled with water. As the footballer Ronaldo says, we should be drinking water as it is far healthier for our bodies than sugary drinks. We are also very concerned about the impact of sugary drinks on children's teeth when they are drinking them throughout the day. To keep children's teeth healthy, our school policy is for children to drink **water only** from their bottles during lesson times. Please help us to preserve our children's healthy smiles by sending your child to school with water in their bottle.



#### Early May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 1st May 2023 due to the Early May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.



#### The King's Coronation

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating The King's Coronation. The children will be learning all about the King, culminating with a special outdoor picnic lunch. There will be plenty of bunting, flags and cake! We are also asking all children and staff to come dressed in red, white and blue on Friday 5th May as part of the celebrations. Your child will also bring home a template of a crown to decorate. Please ensure your child's name is written on the inside of their crown and returned to school by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Thank you.

#### **Class Photographs**

Smile please! The school photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Tuesday 16th May 2023. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current class and one that they will treasure forever.

#### Spring Term Attendance

It is very important that children attend school everyday (unless they are poorly). Our whole school attendance for the Spring term 2023 was 97.4%. This is compared to 93.9% nationally and 94.7% Trafford. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain strong attendance.

#### Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

School will be closed on Monday 8th May 2023 due to the extra Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day.



#### Suncream/Hats

As the weather (fingers crossed) starts to gets warmer, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring sun cream (with their name on) to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on too).

#### Whit Holiday Club 2023

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for our Whit Half Term Holiday Club. Please log in to Scopay to make your bookings. To find out further information contact the X Club at: xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk.

#### Nursery Welcome Evening

Our welcome evening for parents with children starting in Nursery in September 2023 will be on Thursday 25th May at 6pm.





#### **Reception Airport Trip**

It was up, up and away for the children in Bees and Ladybirds as they visited Manchester Runway Visitor Centre. The children were excited to see the planes taking off and landing. At the Runway Centre the children had first-hand experiences of sitting in the flight deck of the DC10 and dressing up as cabin crew, firefighters and police. A fantastic afternoon was had by all! Here is what some of our children thought about their exciting day out of school...

"I loved going to the airport on the bus. It was fun to be on the bus with my friends" Charlie

"I liked looking at Concorde. It's a really fast aeroplane" Adam

"I really liked going on the half aeroplane and dressing up as a fire fighter" Evie

"I loved going in the cockpit because that's where my daddy sits when he is at work!" Arthur





Thank you to the Reception Team for organising the trip, and to our wonderful Reception children for being so inquisitive and polite!

#### Walk to School Week

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on our very busy roads, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates. We understand that not everyone can walk to school everyday.

During Walk to School week, which begins on Monday 15th May, we are asking each family to make a pledge to support our campaign. This could be making a real effort to walk to school, parking further away from school to avoid congestion or trying to reduce car journeys. Further details about Walk to School Week will be sent out next week.



#### A message from the Governors



It's hard to believe this is my first governors message in the newsletter as I became a parent governor in April 2020, but better late than never! Starting a governor role in the midst of a lockdown during an

unprecedented global pandemic has certainly been interesting and has given me an insight into the incredible amount of hard work and careful planning that goes on behind the scenes of what we see as parents of children at Templemoor.

One of the main reasons why we chose Templemoor for our children was its nurturing and close-knit community. I had not fully appreciated the amount of work that goes into providing the education and opportunities our children receive, especially in the current financial climate. The strength and depth of specialist knowledge and experience in infant education and the specific needs of children in Early Years and Key Stage One is hugely impressive and I am constantly astounded at the dedication and commitment of all the staff at Templemoor. Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together are the school values and I can see them in action constantly.

My children are now both at Moorlands (though we still use the amazing X Club so I feel they haven't left completely) but Templemoor will always have special memories for me as the place where they started their education. I will never forget Mr Hodgson's Learning Powers videos during lockdown, which I believe are still available on youtube via the school website ..... for those who may not have seen them, I would highly recommend watching them!

My term of office will come to an end in the next 12 months. I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity, and would recommend becoming a parent governor to anyone who would like to be involved in shaping the education and experience of children at Templemoor.

Jen Moore - Parent Governor

#### Freddie Fit

We are all looking forward to Tuesday 2nd May when the wonderful Freddie Fit will be visiting our school. Freddie will be working out with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teaching us about keeping fit and living a healthy lifestyle. Please can your child wear their P.E. kit to school on this day. Thank you!

#### **Reception Welcome Evening**

Our welcome evening for parents with children starting in Reception in September 2023 will be on Tuesday 4th July at 6pm.

#### And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We could not be more proud of our wonderful school community. Enjoy the first of the May Bank holiday weekends and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 2nd May 2023... for our Freddie Fit Day!



## Dates for the Summer Term 2023

Monday 1st May 2023	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 2nd May 2023	Freddy Fit in school
Wednesday 3rd May 2023	Please bring your child's decorated crown into school
Friday 5th May 2023	Wear red, white and blue to celebrate The King's Coronation
Monday 8th May 2023	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday (The King's Coronation)
Week beginning Monday 15th May 2023	Walk to school Week Year 2 SATS Week
Tuesday 16th May 2023	Photographer in School - Class Photographs
Thursday 18th May 2023	Reception Assembly at 9:10am
Tuesday 23rd May 2023	Sponsored Event - Further details to follow
Wednesday 24th May 2023	Nursery trip to Lytham St Annes
Thursday 25th May 2023	New Nursery Parents Welcome Evening at 6pm
Friday 26th May 2023	Year 1 Assembly at 9:10am, Doughnut Friday School breaks up for the Whit Half Term Holiday
Monday 12th June 2023	Back to school for the last half term of this academic year
Week beginning Monday 12th June 2023	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check (Further details to follow)
Friday 16th June 2023	Bags 2 School, A visit from the author Jarvis
	Fathers Day Workshop, Cool Down Fridays start
Saturday 17th June 2023	Family Fun Night at 5:45pm
Saturday 1st July 2023	The Summer Fair from 1pm to 3pm
Tuesday 4th July 2023	New Reception Parents Welcome Evening at 6pm
Monday 17th July 2023	Reception Little Voices Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 20th July 2023	Year 2 Disco at 5pm to 7pm
Tuesday 25th July 2023	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 26th July 2023	School breaks up for the Summer Holiday

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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

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

Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023

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## **TERM DATES 2023 to 2024**

## Autumn Term 2023

Opens	Monday 4th September 2023
Closes	Friday 20th October 2023
Opens	Tuesday 31st October 2023
Closes	Thursday 21st December 2023

## Spring Term 2024

Opens	Monday 8th January 2024
Closes	Friday 9th February 2024
Opens	Monday 19th February 2024
Closes	Friday 22nd March 2024

## Summer Term 2024

Opens	Monday 8th April 2024
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Closes	Friday 24th May 2024
Opens	Monday 10th June 2024
Closes	Wednesday 24th July 2024

## Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Thursday 31st August 2023
Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Thursday 25th July 2024