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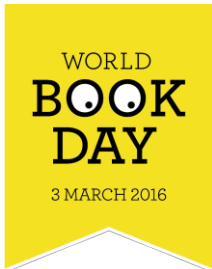
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all had a very enjoyable and relaxing February holiday! As usual, the next half term is extremely busy with lots of exciting events planned in the run up to Easter.

World Book Day Reminder



Don't forget that next week, Thursday 3rd March, is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a storybook character of their choice for the day and will enjoy story-based activities. We look forward to seeing lots of different characters in the playground on that morning! Further information about World Book Day can be found at www.worldbookday.com.

Storytelling Week

We planned a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school during the week beginning the 1st February. The week began with a visit from the children in Year 5 and 6 from Moorlands Junior School who came to read stories to the children. We then had an exciting visit from an award winning children's theatre company, Mother Hen. Our children had a brilliant time, leaping into a world of amazing stories and being whisked away on their own storybook adventure. Along the way there was music, drama, creative play and puppetry. Imaginations were ignited when children ventured onto a huge pirate ship, met Pirate Pants who had pants on his head, played some pirate games and came across a vicious shark guarding some precious pirate treasure! It is these experiences which really help to build up our children's love of literacy.



Sainsbury's School Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers help us to get a range of new sports equipment for school. Please send in as many as you can. Thank you!

Sports Relief

We are going to participate in some fundraising for Sports Relief. The School Council have been very busy coming up with a fundraising idea. They have decided to invite all children to take part in an obstacle course, which the children in the Council have designed themselves! We expect everyone will have a great time and help raise some money too. The School Council have set their sights on trying to raise at least £200!



Please can your child wear something sporty for the entire day so that they are appropriately dressed for the obstacle course. There is no

charge to participate in this event, but children can contribute an optional donation of £1 which will be donated to the Sports Relief Charity. Please note that the obstacle event will take place on Thursday 24th March, and not on Sports Relief Day itself which is Friday 18th March. Thank you for your support.

Reception Concert

Reception parents and carers are invited to a Reception Concert in the school hall on Wednesday 23rd March at 2:30pm. The concert will give the children the opportunity to showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing with Mrs. Harwood, a specialist music teacher.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our next sale will be on Friday 4th March, when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

Thank you!

We are always grateful to you all for your generosity in cake bakes, fairs, family fun nights and other events that raise funds for our school and for charities. I would like to say a huge thank you for the funds that have bought us extras to enhance our children's learning. These are Trafford Music Service lessons for Nursery, Reception and Year 2 (soon to be extended to Year 1

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children), as well as some very exciting computing equipment. Further details to follow very soon.

Sale Art Zoo



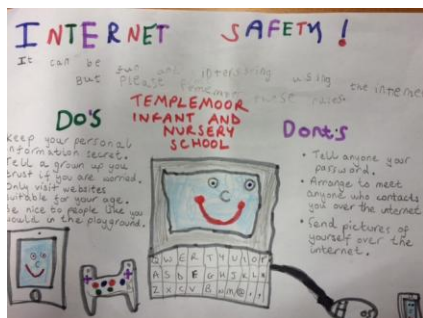
Our week began with a visit from a very special and unusual guest... a baby zebra! Zoe from community group 'Two by Two' brought the wonderful fibreglass zebra foal to Templemoor! The children were introduced to the zebra in an assembly, where they learnt about Sale-born

entrepreneur George Mottershead, the founder of Chester Zoo. The children then had great fun decorating the zebra! Our Templemoor zebra will be displayed in Sale this summer as part of the 'Sale Art Zoo'. You can find out more about 'Two by Two' online at www.saleartzoo.co.uk. The Friends of Templemoor are launching a competition to give our zebra a name. The winner will get the name of the zebra engraved onto a plaque which will be displayed in Sale for all to see! Entries cost 50p and the closing date is Friday 11th March. Entry forms will be sent out shortly. Good luck!

Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 18th March at 9:10am for our Year 2 Assembly.

Safer Internet Day



Recent research has revealed that one in three children aged 5 and upwards now own their own tablet computer, with four in ten children aged 5+

going online. At Templemoor we strongly believe in educating our children from an early age on 'how to stay safe online' and we now have established e-safety lessons within school. This year Safer Internet Day was on 9th February and every class had a special e-safety

lesson about using the computer safely to access the internet. We also ran an exciting e-safety poster competition. Our Chair of Governors, and Safeguarding Governor, Mrs Davenport, came into school to judge the competition. It was a very hard decision to choose just three winners and it took a lot of time, but Mrs Davenport eventually chose, Zayn – Reception
Gracie – Year 1
Thea – Year 2
Well done to all of the children who designed a poster - look out for all the entries around school.



Keeping Your Child Safe Online

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who came along to the parent workshop last night. We were pleased to see such a great turnout! Here are some comments from those who attended the session...

'What really helpful, practical advice on how to keep my child safe online. I mentioned I was attending the workshop on e-safety and my child was able to talk to me about how she could stay safe online. I was really impressed! Thank you.'

'A brilliant workshop. I will now check my computer settings and explore how to set up certain games like Minecraft more safely.'

'Very informative. I will be more vigilant about which apps and games I choose to let my child use.'

'The workshop opened my eyes to online dangers.'

'The workshop was worth coming out for!'

We will shortly be creating an E-Safety section on our new website where parents can find advice on how you can educate your child to keep safe online as well as useful information sheets and resources from the workshop.



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Gardeners Required!

If you would like to give up some of your time to do a bit of pruning, weed pulling or general tidying of the garden areas then please contact the school office.

Recorder Concert

Parents, grandparents and friends of children who are learning to play the recorder are warmly invited to join us for a concert in the school hall on Monday 21st March at 2:30pm. We can't wait to hear the children play their instruments!

Homelinks

Just a little reminder that all up to date 'Homelinks' can be found on our school website under 'Pupil Links'.

Parent Focus Groups

The next Parent Focus Group will be held on Tuesday 29th March at 6pm. We will be looking at ways of improving the X Club. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

X Club Survey

Next week we will be sending an online survey to parents and carers who use our breakfast club and/or after school club. Please do take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, as your opinions are truly valued and acted upon to improve provision. Results of the questionnaire will be published on our school website very shortly, as well as how we intend to make the club even better over the next few weeks.

X Club Holiday Bookings

If you need holiday care for your children at half term then please book soon. The deadline for bookings is Friday 18th March 2016.

Multi-Faith Week

At Templemoor we encourage all of our children to develop mutual respect and tolerance for others, and to get to know and celebrate our differences. Next week in school we will be learning about and understanding different faiths and cultures around the world. The children will get the chance to hear a variety of stories, handle a range of religious artefacts, and take part in drama, dance and art workshops. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children will even visit a Hindu Temple. We look forward to an exciting week ahead!

Year 2 Concert

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to attend a Year 2 ukulele concert in the school hall on Tuesday 29th March at 11am. The concert will give the children the opportunity to showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing with their ukulele teacher.



Celebrating Achievement

On Mondays we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the good 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.

Pop UK!

It won't be long before Pop UK comes into school to work with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to learn and record some uplifting songs. Don't forget that the children will be performing a concert on Wednesday 16th March at 2pm at St Anne's Church, Sale.

School Defibrillator

You may not be aware but we do have a defibrillator in school and eight staff have been trained in its use. We were very fortunate to receive a life-saving defibrillator package fully funded by Hand on Heart, a charity which aims to educate and equip schools with the knowledge and skills to save a life. Our defibrillator is located in the school hall. I am sure you will agree it is a vital piece of equipment to have in school. Sadly, children and young people can suffer sudden cardiac arrest, as well as the older population. Medical experts believe many children could be saved if a defibrillator is used within minutes of collapse. The defibrillator alerts us to call the emergency services who will respond immediately, but in the meantime vital lifesaving action can be taken to give the person the best possible chance of survival.

Topics for the Half Term

Our exciting themes for this half term are:

Nursery – Who loves me?

Reception – Why do ladybirds have spots?

Year 1 – Memory Box

Year 2 – Street Detectives

Further details about the topics, including ways in which you can help at home, are included in the weekly home links.

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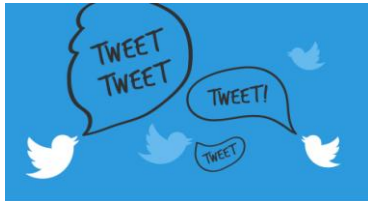
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The Sale Wombles

Sale and Sale Moor needs a good tidy so the Sale Wombles are looking for volunteers to join them on Sunday 6th March and Sunday 20th March to get stuck in and fill as many bags full of litter as possible. They are meeting outside Sainsbury's on Curzon Road at 2pm on the 6th for the Sale town centre litter pick, and outside the Leigh Arms at 2pm on the 20th for the Sale Moor litter pick. Volunteers will spend a couple of hours giving the town/village centre and surrounding streets a good Spring Clean! No need to pre-register, just turn up and join in. Everyone is welcome. Volunteers are asked to bring a pair of gloves but everything else is provided and they even have small litter pickers for children.

Twitter Policy



Our Twitter Policy will be sent out early next week to explain the acceptable use of Twitter relating to the Templemoor Infant and

Nursery School Twitter account. We ask that all parents/carers sign a 'Twitter/Website Consent Form' which will be attached with the policy and return this to school by Monday 14th March, when we will officially launch our very first Templemoor Tweet!

Creative Writing Workshop

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to our Creative Writing Workshop. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd March at 9:30am for the first session. If you would like to join us, then it's not too late! Registration forms can be collected from the office.

Paperless Newsletters

Exciting news! We are going paperless. All future newsletters will be uploaded onto our school website and emailed to parents. We will no longer be sending any paper copies home with the children. However, if you do not have access to a computer or the internet you can request a copy from the school office.

Thank you for all of your amazing support so far this term. It is very much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson,
Headteacher

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Dates for this half term:

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| Week beginning 29 th February 2016 | Multi-Faith week |
| Thursday 3 rd March 2016 | World Book Day – Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character! Creative writing workshop (every Thursday for 3 weeks, 9:30 – 11:30am) |
| Friday 4 th March 2016 | Year 2 Cake Sale |
| Sunday 6 th March 2016 | Sale Wombles litter pick – 2pm |
| Week beginning 7 th March 2016 | Pop UK in school |
| Friday 11 th March 2016 | Closing date to name our Templemoor zebra |
| Monday 14 th March 2016 | Templemoor Twitter Launch! |
| Monday 14 th March and Thursday 17 th March 2016 | Parents Evening for Class 4 |
| Wednesday 16 th March 2016 | Pop UK Concert at St Anne's Church at 2pm – 2:50pm |
| Friday 18 th March 2016 | Year 2 Assembly – 9:10am All Year 2 parents and carers welcome. |
| Sunday 20 th March 2016 | Friends of Templemoor Spring Trail – 10am Sale Wombles litter pick – 2pm |
| Monday 21 st March 2016 | Recorder Concert at 2:30pm |
| Wednesday 23 rd March 2016 | Reception singing concert at 2:30pm - All Reception parents and carers welcome. |
| Wednesday 23 rd and Wednesday 30 th March 2016 | Parents Evening for Nursery, Reception, Class 3 and Year 2 |
| Thursday 24 th March 2016 | Wear something sporty for the Sports Relief obstacle! Easter Egg Hunt |
| Friday 25 th – Monday 28 th March 2016 | Easter weekend. Please note that school will be closed on Friday 25 th March and Monday 28 th March. |
| Tuesday 29 th March 2016 | Year 2 ukulele concert at 11am - All Year 2 parents and carers welcome. Parent Focus Group – The X Club – 6pm |
| Friday 1 st April 2016 | School breaks up at 3:15pm for the spring break |
| Monday 18 th April 2016 | School reopens for the Summer Term |
| Monday 2 nd May 2016 | School closed for May Day Holiday |
| Friday 6 th May 2016 | Reception Cake Sale |
| Friday 27 th May 2016 | School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Whit break |
| Monday 13 th May 2016 | School reopens for the last half term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week) |
| Thursday 16 th June 2016 | Year 2 Chirk Castle trip |
| Saturday 9 th July 2016 | The Summer Fair |
| Tuesday 12 th July, Wednesday 13 th July, Thursday 14 th July 2016 | Year 2 Summer Performance (Times T.B.C.) |

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