

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

What happened to the lovely sunshine? I hope it makes a reappearance in time for the half term holiday! Can it really be May half term already? It is just a few weeks since Easter, and the holidays are here once again. Have a good break and see you all again on Monday 13th June for the final half term of this academic year!

### Goodbye and Good Luck!

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs. Pearson, who leaves us after ten years at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School. We wish Mrs. Pearson well as she sets off on her long time ambition to be a gym instructor. She will be missed by all of the children and staff alike.

### New Baby!

We are so pleased that Mrs. Leigh has had her much awaited baby at last! Little Thomas Anthony Leigh arrived on 5<sup>th</sup> May weighing 8lb 8oz. We hope that Mrs. Leigh continues to enjoy her maternity leave and we look forward to meeting baby Leigh very soon! Congratulations!



### Our Amazing Lego Workshop

What an amazing time we all had on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The children were greeted with a huge surprise when they stepped through the main doors into the hall. The tables were covered with huge boxes of Lego bricks. John (The Lego Man) explained that we were going to create our own Lego city which was going to light up!

We used more Lego than I think we had ever seen before as well as wires and batteries to create our city and watched in amazement as our city came alive. The children created spectacular buildings including skyscrapers, apartments and houses and we were all



very proud of their work. Even the grown ups loved the workshop, but let's face it, who can resist creating with Lego?! A huge thank you must go to the Friends of Templemoor who organised the event, particularly to Liz Hocking who made delicious individual Lego cupcakes, Claire Hines who created wonderful Lego brick crayons, and to Croma who supplied the crayons to melt down into the bricks! What a fantastic time was had by all.



### Twitter

Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter at @TemplemoorINS, or keep up to date with our social feed on our new school website.

### Year 2 Summer Performance

Exciting news just in! Put on your diving gear and get ready to go on a magical, musical, deep-sea adventure! We can now officially announce that our Year 2 Summer Performance will be 'Stella the Starfish'. Filled with wonderful songs and an adventure-packed script, we can't wait for you to dive in and join our children in July 2016! Dates and times of the production can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our new school website.



### Year 2 SATs

Well done to all our children in Year 2 for trying so hard in their SATs last week. We were all absolutely thrilled with the effort and determination the children displayed and we are so proud of how you all persevered even when some of the questions were tricky. You have all worked so hard and did your very best. Thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well for the tests and supporting them through this challenging time.

### Reading Book Amnesty!

Please remember to return reading books to school after your child has read them, as we seem to have a number of outstanding books that need to be returned. Thank you.

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### Sun Cream/Hats



As the weather (hopefully) gets better, 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 some named sun cream to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on).

### Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 13th June 2016, all Year 1 children and some year 2 children are required to take the National Phonics Screening check. This is a short assessment which determines if children have reached the national expectation in decoding words (20 real and 20 pseudo words). Results will be communicated to all parents of children who take the screening in their end of year report. The test is completed in a relaxed manner and administered one to one with your child's own teacher in a comfortable and familiar place. Feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. You have no need to discuss the check with them. We don't want them to worry!

### New School Website

We are very proud to announce the launch of our new website here at Templemoor. We hope that you enjoy the new design and features as well as ease of use.



Our website will always be an evolving work in progress. We will continue to update our website regularly with photo galleries, information regarding your child's learning and other news from our school. A huge thank you must go to Greg Harding who spent the

day in school and took the stunning photographs that run throughout the new site (we have many more still to come!) Please visit our website at [templemoorinfants.co.uk](http://templemoorinfants.co.uk).

### Parent Survey

One of the ways we continue to improve as a school is

by encouraging feedback from our parents on a regular basis. We have sent out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey. The survey will give 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. Last year we had a massive response, with 150 parents taking part. Thank you in advance for your support. The results of the survey will be published in late June.

### Safeguarding Audit - Judith Davenport (Chair of Governors)



The safeguarding and welfare of children at Templemoor is a core function of the school and a key responsibility for both staff and governors. We work hard to provide an environment where everyone feels valued and safe,

ideas can flourish and children can realise their full potential.

The Governing Body regularly reviews the school's performance in this area through formal reporting and periodic audits. Our last audit was on 27th April 2016 when I carried out a thorough review of the school's policies, procedures and practices covering both the main school and the X Club Breakfast and After School Provision.

Some of you may have seen myself and Mr Hodgson out and about at Moorlands in the morning and afternoon that day as we observed how children are dropped off and picked up for the X Club. We also reviewed registration, staffing and behaviour at the club. If you are a user of the club you will be aware that changes have already been made recently such as signing children in and out of each session and the collection of all children from the main school even if they are based in the Nursery building. These measures have been put in place to maintain strong safeguarding practices and we really appreciate your assistance with these changes.

There were a couple of areas for improvement arising from the X Club audit and Mr Hodgson will be writing to X Club users regarding these points which will help make sure that the club runs as smoothly as possible.

The audit of the main school included the scrutiny of our policies, procedures, record keeping, staff training and the means by which we communicate the

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importance of safeguarding to all members of our school community. The findings of the audit will now form an action plan for the governing body and staff to work on over the coming months.

You will no doubt have noticed that new gates and fencing have been installed at the front of the school along with changes made to the footpath into the playground. The need for this development was highlighted by governors in its School Development Plan this year. It will improve safety by segregating pedestrian and vehicular traffic and will enhance the overall security of the school site.



The school's Safeguarding Policy and other related policies are available on our new website [templemoorinfants.co.uk](http://templemoorinfants.co.uk)

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding our safeguarding policies and procedures, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hodgson.

### Bank Holiday

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May as this is a Bank Holiday.

### Nursery Places for September

We still have a couple of afternoon Nursery places available for September – please spread the word!

### Friends of Templemoor

The next Friends of Templemoor meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th June at 7pm** in the school staffroom. On the agenda will be plans for the forthcoming Summer Fair on Saturday 9th July. Please do come along and get involved.

### Lion Mania!

Sale Art Zoo are running a free family art event at Sale Library on Saturday 18th June from 11am to 3:30pm. Lion Mania will see a life-size lion being decorated by the fantastic Doodle artist David Gee. All children will be allowed to help David decorate the Lion and they will also be making lion mane masks to take home. You can just turn up on the day, no booking is required, and the event is suitable for children aged 2+.



### Choir Club Concert

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

### Debra the Zebra

Our wonderful Templemoor Debra the Zebra is having the finishing touches put to her, as well as a few coats of varnish, so that she can continue to look spectacular in all Manchester weather conditions! She is also being photographed and will appear in a special exhibition brochure. The Sale Art Zoo will be officially open to the public on Friday 22nd July, with a Family Fun Launch from 11am-3pm at Sale Waterside Plaza on Saturday 23rd July. We can't wait to see our Zebra in Sale!

### Parking

Please can I ask parents to avoid parking on the kerb as it is causing obstructions to children and pushchairs. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Cool Down Fridays

Cool Down Fridays start after the holidays. A range of lollies will be on sale at the school gates each Friday, priced at 50p each with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor. We are looking for volunteers to sell the lollies. Please let the school office know if you can help out, or email [templemoorfot@gmail.com](mailto:templemoorfot@gmail.com).

We hope you all have a great Whit Holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher



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## **Dates for the final part of the Summer term:**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Whit break
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	School reopens for the last half term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 2 Chirk Castle trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Year 2 children at Moorlands Sports Afternoon Cool Down Fridays Begin!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Nursery trip to the beach! Year 1 trip to Priory Woods
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Nursery Cakes (for the Summer Fair) Own clothes day – bring a bottle for the Fair!
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	The Summer Fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir Club Concert at 3:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Parent Focus Group at 6pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	Reception trip to the airport
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 2 Disco at 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	School breaks up for the Summer holidays at 3:15pm