

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2019

It's all go at Templemoor!

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 Nursery and Reception children, when they come to make their visits, as well as sadly saying goodbye to our wonderful Year Two 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.

Templemoor Science Week

What an amazing time we all had during Templemoor's first ever Science Week, when the whole school from Nursery to Year 2 devoted the timetable to all things science! The week started with a visit from a Pirate whose love of science was second to none! This really enthused the children and certainly gave them a thirst for all the wonderful things to come - from parents giving the most amazing talks and presentations about their science related jobs, to class experiments, recycling assemblies and the launch of a



Templemoor recycling project. Here is what some of our children had to say about the week...

"I really loved Travelling Science. They did some really cool experiments. The scientist even blew a giant bubble! I learnt that plastics can stay on the planet for over 1500 years before they degrade."
Alex B - Yr2

"Captain Pirate Morgan was amazing and very funny. He did a really brilliant sinking and floating experiment."
Ewan - Yr1

"I liked the scientist who came to do science tricks! Mr Walsh also turned wool into underlay. It was like magic!"
Caoimhe - Yr1

"Aahana's mum had potion bottles that actually changed colour. It was amazing!"
Dexter - Yr2

A huge thank you to the whole of the Templemoor community for getting so involved in Science Week, particularly to all of our wonderful parents who gave up their time to come in to school to talk to the children. You were all inspirational! A massive thank you must also go to our Science Lead, Mrs Leigh for organising the whole week so successfully.



Dress Down Friday

Friday 5th July is non uniform day. Everybody is asked to bring in a bottle for the Summer Fair. It will also be the turn of our Nursery children to bring in some delicious cakes to be sold at the Fair. Cakes are welcome from any other year group too! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Year 2 Visit to Chirk Castle

As part of their Imaginative Learning Project 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', our Year Two children enjoyed a hands-on History day learning about life in a medieval castle during their visit to Chirk in Wales. The children got to explore the castle grounds to see what the home would have looked like when Sir Thomas lived there. They found the Servants hall, the Chapel and the Armoury! The children had lots of fun dressing up as servants and learning about what life would have been like living in a castle. 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 very proud of them.



This is what some of the children thought about the visit:

"I loved the servants room the best because we made old fashioned knot biscuits." *Isla M*

"I really liked the Long Gallery. There were knights dressed in armour and a painting of Thomas Middleton." *Taiwo O*

"I really enjoyed dressing up, the puffy dresses that they used to wear were very uncomfortable though!" *Molly P*



Year 2 Recorder Concert

All Year 2 Parents and Carers of the children who play the recorder are invited to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 2:15pm for our Year 2 Recorder Concert. We look forward to seeing the progress the children have made since we last saw them perform.

The Summer Fair 2019

Planning is in full swing for our Summer Fair. There will be a range of exciting activities and stalls including tombolas, delicious food, games and a bar! If you would like to help us to set up on the day or help out on a stall we would love to hear from you. The Fair is on Saturday 6th July 2019, starting at **2pm** and finishing at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



A message from the Governors

As Vice-Chair of Governors, I have had the privilege to serve Templemoor for close to 10 years now and with each passing year one can only marvel at the breadth of the developments that have been introduced to the school.



The school is barely recognisable from that of 10 years ago! At an operational level, Mr Hodgson and his ever-hardworking team of teachers, teaching assistants, cleaners, caretakers, middays (dinner ladies to me and you), finance team right through to the logistical excellence of X-Club, whirr away at an impressive level of industry near invisible to us all. The School seemingly has policies for everything, from Retention, Asset Disposal, and our good friend Health & Safety, to Lettings, Safeguarding, and Twitter (I kid you not).

And that is just the tip of the iceberg. Through the School Development Plan, the team is currently working to something like 8 well-defined objectives covering areas as diverse as the Unicef Rights Respecting School Award, enhancing the broad and balanced curriculum and my own personal favourite mindfulness and Growth Mindset. Had somebody asked me to write about the teachings of Dr Carol Dweck (professor at Stanford University no less) when I first took up the role of Governor, I would have looked as blankly as Terry Wogan on a well-known 1980's TV show. However, here we are in 2019 with our children being exposed to such learnings which is absolute testament to how progressive the staff are at Templemoor and how our children benefit from such.

If anybody isn't familiar with the amazing Tough Tortoise I would encourage you to Google him (after reading all about him on the School website first!) and share in the experience that Templemoor children benefit from. With mental health now firmly near the top of the National Agenda, one

can point to Templemoor with pride in instilling strong mental foundations in these very early formative years. Our School really is leading the way!

Dr Nigel Jones - Vice Chair

School Organisation for September 2019

From September, the year group organisation for the school will be as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Berry
Reception Bees	Mrs Cundick
Reception Ladybirds	Miss MacIntyre
Year 1 Class 4	Miss Salisbury
Year 1 Class 3	Mrs Drinkwater & Mrs Leigh
Year 2 Class 2	Mrs Wynne & Mrs Brown
Year 2 Class 1	Mrs Campbell

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Well done to all of our children in Year One, who have completed their phonics check recently. We are very proud of every single one of the children. They all showed great determination to do their very best. It was brilliant 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.

End of Year Reports

Our teachers are currently in the process of writing end of year reports which you will receive very 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! The end of Year 2 SATs assessments and Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Results will be sent out with the reports

Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of children in Reception are invited to attend our Reception Assembly on **Thursday 11th July at 9am** where the children will show us all of the amazing work that they have been doing over the last few weeks.

New Classes

Thursday 18th July and Tuesday 23rd 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! The children will bring home a letter telling you who their new teacher and class will be for next year with their end of year reports. Not long to wait!

Change To May Bank Holiday Date 2020

Please be aware that the early May bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed by the Government. The date has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May**. This change has been made to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Holiday Club 2019

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for this years' Summer Holiday Club. A detailed timetable of events will be sent out very shortly. This year our holiday club will be running from **Wednesday 31st July** until **Friday 23rd August**. If you are interested in booking a place for your child please use the X Club Booking system or to find out further information contact the X Club at: xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk

Nursery Places for September 2019

We still have spaces available in our outstanding Nursery for September 2019. To apply for a Nursery place or to find out more information, contact the school office. Please spread the word!

UNICEF Playground Challenge

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had an amazing day taking part in UNICEF's Playground Challenge. After having to be postponed due to the rain, we couldn't have wished for sunnier weather the second time round! The children completed a challenging obstacle course, which they managed to do with huge smiles and great determination. A huge thank you to Mr Bates and his team for organising the challenge. Thank you for raising money to ensure that more children all over the world grow up happy, healthy, and able to play. Just like children should.



Year 1 Ocarina Concert

All parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to attend our Year 1 Ocarina Concert on **Tuesday 9th July at 2:30pm** where the children will showcase their amazing musical talents!

Dates for the Summer Term 2019

Monday 1st July 2019	Moorlands Orchestra are visiting Templemoor
Wednesday 3rd July 2019	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm Year 3 Transition Meeting at Moorlands at 6:30pm (for our Year 2 parents)
Friday 5th July 2019	Dress Down Friday (Bring a bottle to school) Nursery Cake Bake for the Fair
Saturday 6th July 2019	The Summer Fair at 2pm to 4pm
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Year 1 Ocarina Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 11th July 2019	Reception Assembly at 9am
Thursday 18th July 2019	All Change!
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	All Change!
Thursday 25th July 2019	Year 2 Leavers' Disco at 5pm
Friday 26th July 2019	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 3rd September 2019	Back to school for the Autumn Term!

Autumn Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Closes	Friday 18th October 2019
Opens	Tuesday 29th October 2019
Closes	Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Opens	Monday 6th January 2020
Closes	Thursday 6th February 2020
Opens	Monday 17th February 2020
Closes	Friday 27th March 2020

Summer Term 2020

Opens	Tuesday 14th April 2020
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Friday 8th May 2020*
Closes	Friday 22nd May 2020
Opens	Monday 8th June 2020
Closes	Friday 24th July 2020

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Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Friday 7th February 2020
Monday 27th July 2020
Tuesday 28th July 2020