

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019

It's the Summer Term!

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all enjoyed the extra long Easter holiday and are looking forward to a very busy Summer Term. The children have come back to school refreshed and are keen to continue their learning journey!

Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds Week

The week beginning the 1st April was Templemoor's annual 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' week when we devoted the whole week to an exciting range of activities that promoted health and well-being. We contacted a wide range of people (including parents and those in the local community) to come into school and deliver a huge variety of workshops.

The workshops included:

Yoga with Catherine Harrison.

Zumba with Progressive Sports.

Dodgeball with Progressive Sports.

Games sessions with Mr Bates our PE coach.



The Bleep Test (which was extremely popular with the children!) with Mr Bowers.

Nicky Geddes, from Kiddy Cook, also came into school to make a healthy pizza and banana cake with the children. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of a balanced diet and healthy eating in a special 'sugar shocker' assembly.

The children also took part in further mindfulness sessions with a mindfulness teacher, Mr Harvey, who worked alongside the staff and children to further develop breathing and relaxation techniques.



We also worked with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who delivered their 'Speak out. Stay safe.' assembly, outlining the importance of children having a voice and telling an adult if something is worrying them at home or at school.

Lots of parents, who are health care professionals, came in to school to talk to our children about their roles in the workplace. A huge thank you to those parents who gave up their time to take part in the week.

The children also took part in a sponsored skip to raise money for the 'Lifeshare' project which aims to provide a cooked breakfast (bacon, sausage, egg, beans, tomatoes), tea, coffee, cereal and toast to those who need it most - all free of charge during the weekend. Half of the money raised will also go towards purchasing new reading books for the children. Thank you to all of our Templemoor Community for raising the phenomenal total of £1716.80 and to the children who kept skipping (even in the rain!). Well done everyone!

We also ran a competition over the Easter Holiday to design a poster, highlighting all of the super things that we had learnt about during our Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week. We had so many amazing entries, that Mr Bates, our Sports Coach, had an extremely tricky job of judging the entries and choosing the winners. After looking at the entries very carefully Mr Bates finally chose the winning entries (who will be announced very shortly and who will each receive vouchers and a certificate). We were so impressed with all of the



entries though that we have displayed them all in the library area next to Mr Hodgson's office. Why not stop and have a look at them the next time you are in school.

Well done to all of the staff, parents and children for making our Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week so successful, and a huge thank you must also go to Mrs Brown and Miss Salisbury who organised the whole week.

Nursery Induction Evening

Our Induction Evening for parents with children starting in Nursery in September 2019 will be on Wednesday 19th June at 7pm.

Suncream/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 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). Thank you for your support.



Nursery Places Available

We still have some morning and afternoon spaces available in our outstanding Nursery for September 2019. To apply for a nursery place or to find out more information, please contact the school office.

Reception Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be on Friday 3rd May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some tasty cakes. The last cake sale dates of this academic year can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

Reception Induction Evening

Our Induction Evening for parents with children starting in Reception in September 2019 will be on Wednesday 26th June at 7pm.

Traffic and Parking Issues

We are still receiving complaints regarding parking along Temple Road. Could we please ask that you consider the local residents when parking and that you don't block any driveways.

Named Uniform

Please could you check that all items of uniform are clearly named. At this time of year in particular, the children take their cardigans and sweatshirts off and we really do not want lots of lost property or children taking the wrong item of clothing home, due to it not being named. We have a few missing jumpers which may have gone home with your child in error. Please ensure you check that you have the correctly named uniform at home.

Penny Drive

We are continuing to collect small change for the Penny Drive. There will be a competition to see which class can make the longest line of coins. Last year Class 4 had the longest line at 64 meters! They won the much sought after Templemoor Coin Trail Trophy. The money raised will be used to replace the school wellie rack, which has been well used over the years! Please send pennies or loose change via your child's classroom throughout May.



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 the pilots.

The children were even given the opportunity to walk underneath the iconic Concorde. A fantastic afternoon was had by all! Thank you to the Reception Team for organising the trip, and to our wonderful Reception children for being so inquisitive and polite!



May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 6th May 2019 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.



Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Our Year 1 children recently went on a thrilling adventure to Knowsley Safari Park. The children were all very excited from the moment that they boarded the coach! When they got there they went for a guided coach tour of the park and saw lots of wonderful animals from rhinos and baboons to zebras and lions. The children also watched an amazing sea lion show and took part in two workshops where they learnt all about animal habitats and classifying animals. The children were also able to see an African Land Snail, a Bearded Dragon and even a Hissing Cockroach! The children then went on a walking tour of the park where they saw giraffes and some rather cheeky meerkats! Thank you to our Year One teachers and teaching assistants for organising such a memorable trip and to our Year One children who were so sensible and made us all feel so proud of them.



A message from the Governors



I was delighted to welcome Year 2 for a tour of Trafford Town Hall in April. Led by Mayor Tom Ross the tour took the children behind the scenes to see our meeting rooms and historic artefacts which included a collection of silver, portraits of former mayors and statues from Greek and Norse mythology. We talked about the history of the Town Hall, what happens there now and analysed the Trafford coat of arms - if you check this out on your grey bin the unicorn on the right is representative of Sale!

The children got a chance to see the Mayor's Parlour, one of the more elaborate rooms in the town hall, which he had decorated for the occasion with the bunting made by Templemoor Infants on his recent visit to the school.

We ended the tour in the Council Chamber where the children got a chance to ask the Mayor questions through the speaker system - Council meetings are live streamed and whilst we didn't go live, we were able to project the children onto the big screen, quite exciting for all involved!

The visit took place on a historic day for Trafford. Forty-five years ago to the day the first meeting of the Metropolitan Borough of Trafford took place, marking its inception as a new Council. It was quite poignant to see the same chamber full of children asking questions about local democracy.

Myself and the Mayor were very impressed with the children's general knowledge and understanding of local issues, the questions they asked were thoughtful and relevant. The children had brought placards with them to the town hall, showing their support for those experiencing homelessness. I have to say I was very proud of the children; they were wonderful ambassadors for Templemoor. I am sure we have some budding politicians in the making.

Liz Patel - Local Authority Governor



Spring Bank Holiday Closure

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Monday 27th May as this is a Spring Bank Holiday. Holiday Club bookings for the Whit Holidays are now being taken.

Class Photographs

Smile please! The school photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Wednesday 8th May 2019. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current year group and one that they will treasure forever.

A visit from some Creepy Critters!

Year 2 started their topic, 'Wriggle and Crawl' with an amazing visit from 'Curious Critters' who brought their weird and wonderful pets for the children to see, hold and even smell! The children were excited, worried, nervous and amazed at the range of pets that they saw but they were not deterred and enjoyed every single minute of the visit. What very brave Year 2 children we have here at Templemoor!



Year 2 SATS

During the week beginning the 13th May, the children in Year 2 will sit their SATs. These national tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. Year 2 children will take tests in Reading and Maths. Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term. We do not tell the children about these tests as we feel that they achieve better this way. You have no need to discuss the tests with them either. We don't want them to worry! If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Summer Term 2019

Friday 3rd May 2019	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 6th May 2019	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Class Photographs
Week Beginning 13th May 2019	Year 2 SATS
Wednesday 22nd May 2019	Nursery Trip to the beach
Friday 24th May 2019	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 10th June 2019	Back to school for the last part of the summer term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 11th June 2019	Year 2 (Class 2) trip to Chirk Castle
Wednesday 12th June 2019	Year 2 (Class 1) trip to Chirk Castle
Friday 14th June 2019	Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop Cool Down Fridays ice lolly sales start
Week beginning 17th June 2019	Science Week
Wednesday 19th June 2019	New Nursery Parents Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 26th June 2019	New Reception Parents Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 3rd July 2019	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Friday 5th July 2019	Nursery Cake Sale (for the Summer 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 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

Summer Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 6th May 2019
Closes	Friday 24th May 2019
Opens	Monday 10th June 2019
Closes	Friday 26th July 2019

Below you will find the calendar for the academic year 2019 to 2020

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)	Monday 4th May 2020
Closes	Friday 22nd May 2020
Opens	Monday 8th June 2020
Closes	Friday 24th July 2020

Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

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