

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER 2022



It's holiday time again!

Can it really be May half-term already? It seems as though we have just returned from Easter, and in the blink of an eye the holidays are with us once again.

As it's the nation's favourite talking point - what strange weather we have been having recently! One minute we have needed wellies and thick coats as it's been so wet and cold, and the next minute - sunglasses and shorts! However, we are just a few days away from June and the lure of a holiday is bringing with it the possibility of some much needed sunshine! Let's hope so! I also hope that you all manage to spend some quality family time together over the next couple of weeks. You all deserve it.

We never have a quiet moment at Templemoor, and as we race into the last few weeks of the summer term we have lots to look forward to across the school, including a Year 1 and Year 2 trip, a Year 2 ukulele concert, disco and Leavers Assembly, a Fathers Day Gift Shop, the Penny Drive and Cool Down Friday's! And, after a two year absence, we will also get to see the return of our popular Summer Fair (get your sponges at the

ready!) Do take a look at the diary at the end of this newsletter for dates and times of upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support, have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 13th June for the final half-term of this academic year!

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson

Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside

Picture a sandy beach, with waves lapping on the shore... and 28 very excited Nursery children! On Wednesday 25th May, the whole of our Nursery unit, along with staff and adult helpers set off on the long journey by coach to Lytham St Annes. The children built impressive sand castles, topped with a flag they had made at Nursery. They took part in a beach hunt, where they spotted shells, driftwood, pebbles and even a donkey before tucking in to a delightful picnic lunch. For some, this was followed by a paddle in the little boat lake or the splash park before getting on the coach to come back to school again. We all had a really great day! Thank you to everyone, particularly to all of our parent and carer volunteers who helped to make this a wonderful trip to remember and to our Nursery children who were an absolute delight!





Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week

Our 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' week took place the week beginning Monday 2nd May. During the week the children took part in an exciting range of activities that promoted health and well-being including workshops delivered by Progressive Sports and 'We are Adventurers' as well as games sessions with Mr Bates our PE coach.

The children loved the Freddy Fit workshop. Freddy taught us about keeping fit and living a healthy lifestyle. The whole school had a great time. Freddy really tested the fitness of the children!

In PHSE, the children took part in mindfulness sessions and learnt all about looking after our bodies, the importance of sleep and healthy eating. Children also took part in activities to further develop their resilience and perseverance.

We also worked with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, to deliver 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 jumping event. Half of the money raised will go to the Mustard Tree Charity (a homeless charity based in Manchester) and the purchase of new sports equipment for the school. Thank you to all of our Templemoor Community for raising £891 so far and well done to the children who certainly persevered with their jumping and skipping! Sponsorship money can still be paid via the following [link](#).

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 go to Mrs Brown who organised the whole week.



Spring Bank Holiday Closure

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June 2022 as this is a Spring Bank Holiday and Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Year 2 SATs

Well done to all our children in Year 2 for trying so hard in their SATs. We were all absolutely thrilled with the effort and determination the children displayed and we are so proud of how the children all persevered even when some of the questions were tricky. In actual fact the children cheered when we brought the special 'quiz' papers into the classroom each morning for them to complete! Children, you have all worked so hard and did your very best. You were all AMAZING! Thank you to all of our outstanding staff for preparing the children so well for the tests and for supporting them so carefully throughout.

Nursery and Reception Welcome Evenings

Our Welcome Evening for parents with children starting in Nursery in September 2022 will be on Tuesday 21st June at 6:30pm. Our Reception Welcome Evening will take place on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 6:30pm.



The return of Cool Down Fridays

With summer hovering just around the corner we are really looking forward to the return of our popular 'Cool Down Fridays'. After the half-term holiday, ice pops will be on sale at the school gates every Friday at pick up, priced at 25p each with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor.

Learning projects after the holidays

Our exciting learning projects for after the Whit Holidays are:

Nursery	How high can you jump?
Reception	Why do ladybirds have spots?
Year 1	Intrepid Explorers
Year 2	# Keep in Touch

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 13th June 2022, all Year 1 children and some Year 2 children will 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 the children to worry!



Friends of Templemoor Jubilee Trail

Can you help the Friends of Templemoor solve the mystery of the missing corgis? Download your map from [PTA Events](#) and follow the trail from school to Sale Moor Village, collecting the seven letters and unscrambling them to work out the secret word. The competition closes at midnight on Tuesday 14th June 2022 with a range of fantastic prizes up for grabs!

X Club Updates

We are constantly reviewing our procedures for X Club and are delighted to announce that from Monday 13th June the After School Club will be open until 6pm.

We are always committed to keeping the club affordable but with recent increases in salaries and running costs, there will be a small price increase from 13th June 2022. Breakfast Club will be £7 per session and After School Club will be £13 per session.

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, a sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Events

Moorlands Junior School are planning a range of exciting transition events for our Year 2 children in preparation for their move up to Year 3 in September. Further details from Moorlands have been sent to all Year 2 parents.



The Penny Drive 2022

It's time to bring back an old Templemoor favourite - The Penny Drive! Please drop off any pennies or loose change in jars that will be in the classrooms. There will be a competition to see which class can make the longest line with their pennies! The winning class will receive the much sought after Templemoor Penny Drive Trophy. Good luck!

Keeping Safe in the Sun

As the weather (hopefully) starts to get 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).

Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

We are planning to take our Year 1 children to Knowsley Safari Park for the day on Tuesday 12th July 2022. The children will learn lots of facts about different animals. This should be a very exciting and memorable day out.

Fathers Day Gift Shop

Following the success of our Mothers Day gift shop, it's now Dad's and Grandad's turn to get a special treat! The gift shop will take place on Friday 17th June 2022.



Year 2 Trip to Trafford Ecology Park

We are very excited to announce that we are planning to take our Year 2 children to Trafford Ecology Park on Thursday 7th July 2022. They will enjoy the great outdoors with 'We are Adventurers', taking part in a range of exciting activities from scavenger hunts and team building games to bug hunts and den building. Further details to follow shortly.

A message from the Governors



Pandemic, what pandemic? You might rightly be confused into thinking that Templemoor has largely been immune to the troubles, complications, logistics and contingency

planning needed over the last year or two. However not so, and the strain on Mr Hodgson and all of his hardworking staff at Templemoor has almost been immeasurable over that time. Indeed, as Chair of the Resources and Safety Committee, and the Governor tasked with the responsibility for signing off the School Budget, I cannot impress upon you all as to how difficult the last two years have been.

However, and to their absolute great credit, I am delighted to tell you that Mr Hodgson and his team have simply carried on quietly and in such good order (no need for Sue Gray here!), that their hard work and diligence has almost passed us by unnoticed. But like all good ducks (dare I say

swans?) they continue to glide gracefully above the surface whilst paddling furiously out of sight down below.

And having finally lost our masks, Templemoor seamlessly moves into the Masked Reader 2022 with all of us none the wiser as to who was behind the mask, albeit with a huge thank you to all of the children who took part. My next question then being whether the masked reader was perhaps 'the Stig' roaring into the ever so tight Nursery Close? This in turn leading to the necessary but polite reminder to please be mindful of the ongoing traffic issues around our wonderfully narrow premises.

But pleasingly, a narrow road entry does not mean narrow minds and the diversity of Templemoor continues to be a joy to behold. So much so, it is impossible to know where to go next, so let me just single out Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week, both of which in Templemoor's own unique language simply combine to a Happy Life. What more need be said!

And finally, from a Governor who is almost hesitant in noting that he himself was in his early years when we were celebrating the Silver (yes Silver!) Jubilee, I have to close on the Jubilee Celebrations and how excited the children are about the street party planned to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. We expect bunting, flags, fun and laughter aplenty and such a delight to behold. The celebrations really are an exciting end to half term and what a privilege for all of us to be part of!

Nigel Jones - Vice-Chair of Governors





Sale Wombles

Children throughout school have thoroughly enjoyed picking up litter, demonstrating a real commitment to keeping our school and local environment clean and tidy. A huge thank you must go to Sale Wombles, who kindly loaned us a class set of litter pickers, fluorescent vests and 'clean litter'! Why not join the Sale Wombles team as a volunteer? Giving a little of your time is easy and volunteers go away feeling proud of their achievements, and are often thanked by passers-by. Infact, volunteers often say that they really enjoyed it and didn't want to stop. Warning - it seems litter picking can be addictive!

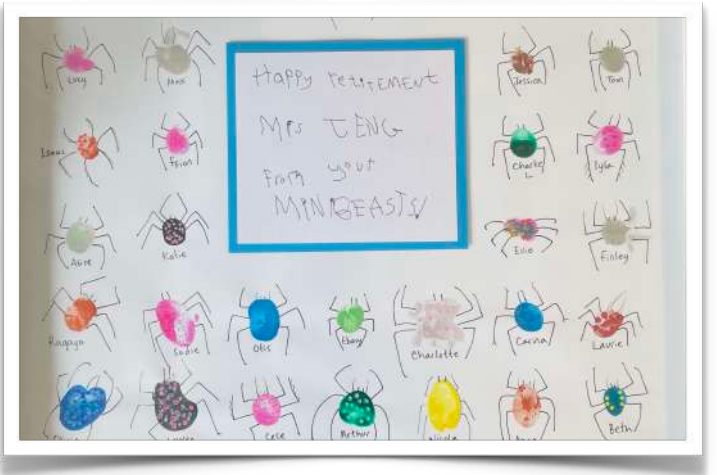


Thank you Templemoor Team

I would like to thank the whole of the staff team for their continued effort, determination and commitment to all the children at Templemoor. Working in a school is incredibly demanding. It is very rare that school staff are able to 'switch off'

and there is always a massive 'to do' list to get through! I hope that the whole staff team find the time to switch off and relax over the next couple of weeks - they certainly need it and deserve it!

Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 13th June 2022. As always, if there is anything at all that we can help or support you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



And finally... Goodbye Mrs Jeng!

Today marks the end of an era here at Templemoor as the whole school says goodbye to the one and only Mrs Jeng. Our best wishes and gratitude goes to Mrs Jeng for her dedication, loyalty and service to the school over the past 29 years. Mrs Jeng's leaving is a significant loss to the school, but we wish her well for a well earned, long and happy retirement. Goodbye Mrs Jeng and enjoy the rest (and all of those lovely holiday's you have planned!)



Dates for the Summer Term 2022

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 12th June 2022	Friends of Templemoor Jubilee Trail!
Monday 13th June 2022 Week beginning Monday 13th June 2022	Back to school for the final half term of this academic year Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 13th June to Friday 15th July 2022	The Penny Drive Opens
Tuesday 14th June 2022	Friends of Templemoor Summer Fair Planning meeting via Zoom at 8:30pm
Friday 17th June 2022	Donations for the Summer Fair (at drop off) Fathers Day Gift Stall Year 2 Multi Sports Afternoon at Moorlands Cool Down Friday's start (at pick up)
Tuesday 21st June 2022	New Nursery Welcome Evening at 6:30pm
Thursday 23rd June 2022	Sports Day (Children only)
Friday 24th June 2022	Non Uniform Day - Donations for the Summer Fair
Saturday 25th June 2022	The Summer Fair from 12pm to 2pm
Tuesday 28th June 2022	Nursery History Morning from 9am
Thursday 30th June 2022	Miss Kelly visiting Templemoor to meet the Year 2's
Friday 1st July 2022	Bag2School second hand clothes collection
Monday 4th July 2022	Year 2 Parents Meeting at Moorlands 6pm to 7pm
Wednesday 6th July 2022	New Reception Welcome Evening at 6:30pm
Thursday 7th July 2022	Year 2 trip to Trafford Ecology Park
Friday 8th July 2022	Year 2 children to meet their new class teacher at Moorlands 9.30am
Monday 11th July 2022	Year 2 Ukulele concert at 10:45am
Tuesday 12th July 2022	Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari park
Thursday 14th July 2022	Year 2 Leavers Disco 5pm to 7pm
Friday 15th July 2022	Year 3 teachers drop in at Templemoor to meet the Year 2 children
Wednesday 20th July 2022	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 21st July 2022	School closes at 3:15pm for the Summer Holiday.
Monday 5th September 2022	Back to school for the Autumn Term!

Summer Term 2022

Opens	Monday 13th June 2022
Closes	Thursday 21st July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Opens	Monday 5th September 2022
Closes	Friday 21st October 2022
Opens	Monday 31st October 2022
Closes	Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Closes	Friday 10th February 2023
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2023
Closes	Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Opens	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 1st 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 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023