**X Club Newsletter – May 2018**

**What have we been doing**?

Spring has arrived and the children are really excited to be outside enjoying the sun. We’ve been enjoying a range of sports including cricket, football and tennis. Den making and the use of the wooded area has been really very popular too and the children have also been camping in the tent on the field! In the hall we’ve been very creative with arts and crafts and we’ve made some great art work based around flowers as we see them coming to life around us this Spring.

We have also been looking at Mini beasts, going on a hunt for them, drawing them and creating some of our own from recyclable materials. The mini X Club particularly enjoyed making ladybird and butterfly finger puppets and flying them around the nursery garden.

Every day the hall and the mini X club is set up to include a challenge area, a construction area, a role play area, a reading area and a small world area. Our children can use all of these areas as well our arts and crafts and outside activities. This changes every day and every week, we link our planning in with the class topics to support learning and interest throughout school. Our planning is adaptable to meet with the range of children’s ages we have at the X club and is also very child led and interchangeable on a daily basis. The children from Moorlands also use a designated homework area.

**Reminders**

**Afterschool Activities at Moorlands**

Again please make sure you let us know when your child is attending an afterschool club and also let us know when the club has finished as we need to know which children require picking up at 4.30pm. It is really important to keep us informed. We also need to know if your child is sick or is being collected by someone else.

**Parking**

Please refrain from parking on Nursery Close to help to keep the children safe when arriving and leaving the school premises and to respect our neighbours who often cannot access their driveways. **Please do not park in the school car park unless accessing the disabled parking bay.**

**Health and Safety**

Please remember parents are not permitted to go into any corridors or classrooms at school, children are not allowed to go back in to classrooms and are reminded to bring any things they need from their trays and pegs when they are collected by X club staff.

When dropping your child off at breakfast club or holiday club please come into the hall or nursery and sign your child in with the time and your signature and remember to always sign your child out from after school club and holiday club.

Please make sure you inform the office or club staff any changes to your contact details, collection arrangements or passwords.

**Holiday Club**

The booking deadline for our Whit holiday has now passed. Bookings may be accepted after this if spaces are available. Please email [xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk) if you require a place. Bookings cannot be taken over the phone.

We are looking forward to two fun packed weeks including lots of spring activities and outdoor fun. We have four themed days over the holidays, these are:

* Pirates, Princesses and den making day
* Sports day
* Air day
* Quiz and games day

(See posters attached!)

The children also bring lots of great ideas to holiday club and get involved each day in planning extra activities that they love to do.

Remember to bring packed lunches; drinks and snacks are provided.

[](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiBn5bel_baAhVJ7BQKHUj0DE4QjRx6BAgBEAU&url=https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes&psig=AOvVaw2oDhFLBwx49Gmq8hweL2TL&ust=1525871263166764)Please do not send grapes or cherry tomatoes in your child’s packed lunch unless they are cut into quarters.

We also encourage a healthy packed lunch with a variety of foods. Chocolate and sweets are not permitted. For some great lunch box and snack ideas, visit [www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes).

We are also in the process of updating our breakfast and snack menus making them healthier, with less sugar content and supporting a more varied balanced diet. Look out for them coming soon.

Please send spare clothes if you think your child may need them during holiday club.

**Parent Feedback**

Thank you to all our parents and carers for taking part in our recent questionnaire. We had lots of positive feedback which shows us what we are doing well and also some ideas of what we could do better. This helps us to continually make improvements at all of our clubs.

**Staff Update**

Samantha Bradburn is now the Deputy Manager of the After School club and is in club every night. Scott Stakes is the Deputy Manager at Holiday Club and we are also in the process of appointing a Deputy Manager for breakfast club. Ashleigh Simpson is standing in as Deputy Manager at Breakfast Club until this position is filled.

We have a new member of staff to welcome to our team; Naomi will be joining us over the Whit holidays and is looking forward to starting her new role and getting to know all the children and families that attend our clubs. Naomi will be working in breakfast, after school and holiday club.

**Cool down Friday at X Club**

After School club will be providing ice lollies on Fridays so the children attending are not missing out on the PTA ice lolly sales.

Have a great rest of term and enjoy your Whit holidays!

**Kind Regards**

**Leah McCartney**

**Extended Services Manager**