

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JULY NEWSLETTER 2022



Happy Summer Holidays!

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year. I can't quite believe that another school year has zoomed past! It has been a whirlwind! Although we have still been impacted significantly by the pandemic - with high staff and pupil absence - as the year has progressed it has been wonderful to have been able to gradually return to 'normal'. There have been so many exciting activities and events that we have been able to re-introduce throughout the year, from the Summer Fair and trips out of school to parent concerts and the Year 2 disco. I am really hoping that 2022/2023 will see us return to normal.

As ever, we are thankful to our amazing staff team for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work this year. Without them our children would not enjoy such a positive learning environment and make the great progress that they do. Despite its challenges, it has been another successful year, and this is testament to the dedication and commitment of a very hardworking team!

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to you, our parents and carers for supporting

Templemoor in a variety of ways; it really makes a difference when you are involved in school life in one way or another. For those of you with Year 2 children moving on, please don't be a stranger! We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair. For those of you loaning us your children a little longer, a great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without the strong partnership between home and school and we look forward to working closely with you again in September.

Finally, I would like to say a big well done to all of the children. Your little ones have brightened up our days, coming to school with huge smiles and a willingness to learn. Children, you are all brilliant and I am tremendously proud of every single one of you. We wish our Year 2 all the best as they embark on their new chapter in life and eagerly await our new recruits in Nursery and Reception.

So, we leave this academic year behind us and look forward to an exciting, and hopefully more stable, new school year. Like everyone else, I am certainly ready for the summer break, but I am also looking forward to September. There will be new challenges for us all I'm sure, but working together, it won't be anything that we can't overcome.

I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday.

Best wishes, Mr Hodgson

September Return

Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school on Monday 5th September. New Nursery and Reception children have been given their own individual start dates.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the summer holiday. This summer, children across the country can take part in the 'Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge 2022' at their local Library or online. The reading challenge opened on 9th July and runs until 10th September 2022. This year the Challenge is celebrating science and innovation. As they read, the children will discover how the Gadgeteers are using their skills to come up with amazing inventions to plan an epic summer party for their community. Children will be encouraged to read at least 6 books of their choice. As they read, they collect stickers and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Gadgeteers medal and certificate. Please see the following [link](#) for more information. Good luck, and happy reading!

P.E. for the Autumn Term

Please see below details of the P.E days for Year 1 and 2 for the first half of the Autumn Term.

Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday

Children should continue to come to school in their P.E. kit on the relevant days - a plain white t-shirt, black joggers, black shorts or black leggings, a school jumper/ sweat shirt and trainers.



We Are Adventurers

We are excited to announce that children in Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in active outdoor learning sessions every week during the first half of the Autumn Term with 'We are Adventurers'. The sessions will develop a wide range of skills, such as team building, taking risks and problem solving as well as building confidence and promoting well-being. The sessions will certainly add another exciting dimension to our children's learning at Templemoor. Year 1 sessions will take place every Thursday, with Year 2 sessions taking place every Wednesday.

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 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 buffalos and lions. The children also watched an amazing sea lion and birds of prey show.





After lunch, the children went on a walking tour of the park where they saw giraffes and some rather cheeky meerkats! Thank you to our Year One team for organising such a memorable trip and to our Year One children who were so sensible and made us all so very proud of them.



Holiday Postcards

Whether you are staying near or travelling far this summer, please encourage your child to send a postcard to school telling us their news. This is a fabulous way of encouraging writing for a purpose. We will share the postcards with your child's class when they return in September. Happy holidays!



Year 2 Music Lessons

Strum, strum! After the summer holidays the children in Year 2 will be taught music by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service. The children will learn to play the ukulele with Mr Haslam. The lessons will run throughout the Autumn term finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers at 2:30pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022.

Pencil Cases

In September, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will need to bring a pencil case from home containing hb writing pencils, coloured pencils, a glue stick, rubber, sharpener and scissors. Thank you for your continued support.

Staying Safe Online

As the Summer holiday approaches it is really important that we all keep an eye on the amount of screen time our children have and what they are accessing online. The [ThinkUKnow](http://ThinkUKnow.org.au) website has information about how to keep your child safe online and has some very helpful tips for parents.





Year 2 Ukulele Concert

This term the children in Year 2 have been learning how to play the ukulele. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to strum notes and play simple songs. At the end of the project the children performed in an amazing concert, which demonstrated their hard work and commitment to learning an instrument. Thank you to Mrs Peacock from Trafford Music Service who taught the children so well, but a huge well done to all of our Year 2 children who showed a great level of commitment and enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

So Long, Farewell...

Today we say goodbye and a big thank you to Miss Ogiliev, Mrs Carey and from X Club Mrs Kitching. I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best for their future and thank them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children at Templemoor. They will all be greatly missed.

Summer Term Survey

We are constantly striving to improve the quality of provision that we offer for our children and with this in mind I would ask all parents to take the time to fill in a short end of year survey. The survey asks for your views on a wide range of areas including what we are doing well and your suggestions for improvements. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and will close on Friday 29th July 2022. Thank you in advance for your time.



The Penny Drive

Due to the extremely hot weather, we had to abandon our original Penny Drive plan to see which class could make the longest line with their pennies! The Friends of Templemoor counted the pennies instead. The winning class, with a grand total of 2805 coins, was Class 3. Well done to every class that took part. We managed to raise a fantastic total of £244.46.

A message from the Chair of Governors



As another school year draws to a close, I thought it would be useful to give you a round-up of the work of Templemoor's Governing Board.

The governors are a group of individuals, with their own specific skills and experience, who volunteer to serve on the Board with the common aim of making Templemoor the best school it can be for our pupils and community. We meet regularly to oversee the work of the school, set its strategic direction and make sure that the money the school receives is spent to best effect. Throughout the pandemic this work has continued remotely and we are delighted to have been able recently to return to school events and face to face meetings.

This year, our focus has been on the return to school after Covid, making sure that children catch up on learning missed but also that pupils are

settled and happy back in the school environment after a period of such disruption. This has meant getting to know where the children are with their learning to be able to 'plug the gaps' but also focussing on school routines, behaviour and important core social skills like listening, sharing and working together.

Our Extended Services Committee has been working hard to understand the changes in demand for X Club which have been driven by Covid, with the move to parents/carers working from home more and possibly not requiring the same service as before the pandemic. Thank you to those parents and carers who completed our survey this year as part of this work. We really appreciate your feedback and we will work hard to reshape our provision to make sure that it meets the needs of families. The X Club is a really important source of income for Templemoor and the effect of the pandemic with staff furlough and the impact of an extended period of enforced closure was challenging. We are grateful to you as parents and carers for choosing to use the X Club on an ongoing basis and to the club's staff who work very hard to provide activities which are exciting and engaging for all children in a safe and stimulating environment.

Governors and staff positively welcome the opportunity for other education professionals to visit school and give valuable feedback on the areas where we are doing well and those where improvements can be made. This year we have been getting ready for our next Ofsted inspection which we anticipate will be carried out shortly. The school was last inspected in 2009 and since then the inspection framework has changed considerably and the expectations are very high indeed. We are awaiting the inspection with positivity as it will be a chance for Templemoor to demonstrate the excellent work our staff and pupils achieve each and every day.

You will already be aware that Trafford Council has launched a consultation to expand Templemoor from a 2-form to a 3-form entry school. This is something that the governors view as an exciting opportunity to strengthen our school with the creation of an Early Years (Nursery & Reception) unit in an expanded Nursery building. Much work has gone on already in terms of selecting a contractor, scrutinising the plans and making sure that, should the project go ahead, Templemoor makes the most of the budget allocated to the project. Thank you to those parents, carers and members of the community who attended the consultation events to look at the plans and raise any concerns. We are aware that there are concerns regarding traffic and if the scheme is granted planning permission, we will be looking at ways to mitigate these issues.

Overall, it has been a very busy year with challenges to address but with a sense of hope as we return to normality and look ahead to exciting developments for the future. All that remains is to say thank you to you for your invaluable, ongoing support for our school, thank you to our pupils who make us proud every day and thank you to our talented and dedicated team of staff without whom none of this would be possible.

If you're interested in getting involved with the work of the Governing Board, we will be advertising at the start of the new academic year for a Parent Governor, so watch out for further information on that and please get in touch if you wish to speak to another governor about what the role involves in more detail.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful Summer!

Best wishes

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors (On behalf of the Governing Board)



Year 2 Trip to the Ecology Park

What a wonderful end of term our Year 2 children have had at Templemoor. On 7th July, Class 1 and Class 2 visited Trafford Ecology Park as part of their learning about plants and mini-beasts. The children explored an area of this natural oasis and took part in a range of activities including investigating and learning about the creatures that live in the area and den building. The Year 2 children were true ambassadors of the school, displaying fantastic behaviour and a real thirst for learning. Well done Year 2!

Year 2 Leavers Assembly

The end of year leavers' assembly yesterday was a tremendous celebration of our Year 2 children's time at our school. The children spoke so clearly, sang so beautifully and made us all so very proud of them all. I can tell you that tears were shed by our teaching and support staff who have known the children from Nursery/ Reception right through to Year 2. The children all received a certificate and a very special leaving gift, which was provided by the Friends of Templemoor, to remind them of their time with us. A huge thank you must go to the Year 2 team for putting the assembly together.



Year 2 Disco

Last Thursday evening the children (and staff!) had a great disco and boogied the night away with DJ Scotson who kept them well entertained, even in the tropical heat of the school hall! There was groovy dancing (including a conga around the school!), fabulous singing, lots of surprises (including custard pies!), delicious party food (supplied by the Friends of Templemoor), and overall lots of fabulous fun! Keep dancing Year 2!



A message to our Year 2 children

How can it be that time of year already where we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children in Year 2? The year has flown by and it is amazing how much you have all grown since you came through the Templemoor Infant School doors for the first time as small Reception children in September 2019! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into the fabulously unique, independent and confident children that you are today. We hope that you look back on your time at Templemoor with happy memories that will bring a smile. Remember we are very proud of you all and will miss you very much. Keep working hard, be mindful, responsible and resilient, look after each other in the Juniors, be proud of your achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. But most importantly remember to believe in yourself and to follow your biggest dreams. Well done Year 2.

From Mr Hodgson



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Happy holidays! Yet again all of our staff have been completely overwhelmed with the kind gifts and cards that they have received from our children and parents. The messages of thanks have been very touching and have been very much appreciated at the end of yet another challenging year. Thank you!

Thank you too for everything that you have done for us this year. You have been so supportive in the most difficult of times and this is so appreciated by all of us. It is a privilege to be at Templemoor and to have the gift of working with your wonderful children every day. I hope that this Summer brings you some time to rest, recharge and to spend time doing the things you love with the people that matter the most. Let's hope that next year will bring even better, brighter days. I'm already looking forward to it! Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all again in September.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



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