

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER 2017

It's holiday time again!

Can it really be May half term already? It is just a few weeks since Easter, and the holidays are here once again. Have a good break and see you all again on Monday 12th June for the final half term of this academic year! It promises to be a very busy and exciting half term so do take a look at the diary dates at the end of this newsletter.



Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Our Year 1 children recently went on a thrilling adventure to Blackpool Zoo! The children were all very excited from the moment that they boarded the coach to Blackpool! When they got there they went for a walk around the Zoo and saw lots of wonderful animals from monkeys and giraffes to penguins and macaws. The children learnt all about where the animals came from and how to care for them. Thank you to our Year One teachers and teaching assistants for organising such a memorable trip, our parent volunteers who gave up their day to join us and to our Year One children who were so sensible and made us all feel so proud of them.

Bank Holiday

Please be reminded that the Holiday Club will be closed to children on Monday 29th May as this is a 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. You have all worked so hard and did your very best. Thank you to all the staff, for preparing the children so well for the tests and supporting them through this challenging time.

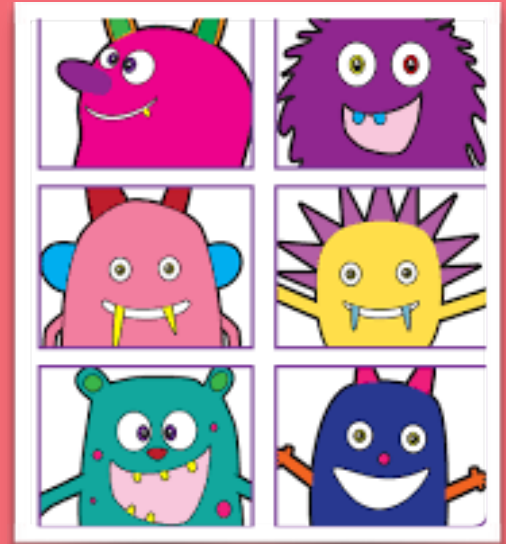
Road Safety Competition

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of brilliant entries that we have had so far for our design a road safety poster competition. The winning designs will have their posters printed out and displayed on Nursery Close. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 13th June. So children, get your pens and paper at the ready and get designing to make Nursery Close a safer place for us all.



Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 12th June 2017, 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!



A message from the Governors



I can't quite believe that it's almost the end of May, another half term is drawing to a close and that summer is almost upon us! The Governing Body has been busy with its planned

schedule of meetings and visits, amongst which is the meeting of the Resources and Safety Committee. This committee is tasked with overseeing the school's expenditure and budgeting process. This process is driven by the priorities within the school's development plan and you can find an overview of this plan on our website should you wish to read it.

As we move forward, the school will be investing in a rolling schedule of refurbishment as we feel that it's time the school had a fresh new look! We will also be investing in more IT equipment for use in the classrooms and thanks to being specially selected to be a Co-op Local Cause we also hope to be installing a smart board in the hall which will be a fantastic resource for assemblies, concerts and other whole school events.

Our thanks also to the fabulous Friends of Templemoor who do an amazing job at raising extra funds for the school for the benefit of all our children. These funds really do make a difference to the provision and facilities we are able to offer at Templemoor making it the rich and exciting learning environment that our children enjoy. So, all those cakes baked, ice lollies licked and hours spent preparing for the school fairs really are worth it! On behalf of the governors at Templemoor, I wish you all a relaxing and hopefully sunny half term holiday.

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors

Trafford Health and Safety Premises Audit

On Friday 19th May we were visited by a Health and Safety Officer from Trafford Borough Council who came to look at the way we manage the premises, including fire safety, ensuring the premises are kept free from hazards and how we plan maintenance. The Officer was very impressed and found that... 'The School has excellent health and safety arrangements in place for the premises'. Well done to everyone on this fabulous achievement and for keeping each other safe!

Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 13th May the Friends of Templemoor and Friends of Moorlands joined together to organise the most wonderful afternoon tea! At 2pm the sun came out and stayed with us for the full two hours whilst we drank copious amounts of tea (and prosecco!) as well as tucking into a gorgeous spread of sandwiches and cakes. Thank you to both of the committees for organising what was a really special joint event, and to the many parents who lent us their cups and saucers and who baked and helped out. The next Friends of Templemoor event will be the Summer Fair on Saturday 8th July at 2pm.



Parent Survey

One of the ways we continue to improve as a school is by encouraging feedback from our parents on a regular basis. We will be sending out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey after the holiday. The survey will give you the opportunity to comment on a range of areas from behaviour and the curriculum to homework and school meals. We will use the findings of our parental survey to inform our whole school self-evaluation and to plan our future priorities. Last year we had a massive response,

with over 120 parents taking part. Thank you in advance for your support. The results of the survey will be published in July.



Den Day

Save the Children is holding a national 'Den Day' on Friday 16th June to raise money to give more children around the world the things they need to grow up happy and healthy, like a safe place to shelter. We are going to be holding our own Den Days so that the children can get creative, have fun and learn about the importance of shelter for children across the world as they build their own. The Den Days for each year group will take place on different days, details of which can be found at the end of this newsletter. Children are asked to bring in £2 on their den building day, with all proceeds going to Save the Children. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Reading Book Amnesty!

Please remember to return reading books to school after your child has read them, as we seem to have a number of outstanding books that need to be returned. Thank you.

Year 1 Ocarina Concert

Please note that the Year 1 Ocarina Concert which was scheduled to take place on Friday 14th July will now take place on Wednesday 12th July at 10am. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Cool Down Fridays

Cool Down Fridays start after the holidays. A range of lollies will be on sale at the school gates each Friday, with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor. We are looking for volunteers to sell the lollies. Please let the school office know if you can help out, or email templemoorfot@gmail.com.

Templemoor Election 2017

With the General Election taking place on Thursday 8th June, we are going to organise our very own 'Templemoor Election' to take place after the holidays. Our aim is to help our children to understand about voting and the democratic process that takes place. Children will get the opportunity to vote for a piece of new playground equipment that school will purchase to enhance playtimes. The equipment will be chosen by representatives on our School Council, who will then canvass the children in each class for votes. The Templemoor Election will take place on Friday 30th June and the results will be announced via our school Twitter feed and in the June Newsletter.

Keeping up with the Kids in Grammar

Following on from the very successful writing course, we will be running a Grammar course for parents which will explain nouns, verbs, prepositions and fronted adverbs, giving you the confidence to help your children to support this challenging aspect of the curriculum at home! The course will run for three weeks from Friday 16th June from 1:15pm to 3:15pm. There is no charge, but attendance is expected at all three sessions. To book a place please pop into school on either Friday 26th May at 3pm or email admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk by Monday 12th June. After this course has finished we will then be running 'Keeping up with the Kids in IT' from Friday 7th July at 1:15pm to 3:15pm for four weeks. Further details will follow.

Templemoor Art Exhibition

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a very special art exhibition in the school hall on Tuesday 18th July. After the whit holidays the children in each class will be creating their very own piece of art which will then be professionally framed and mounted and can be viewed on special display stands, so you can browse and view their masterpieces in their full splendour. Further details about this stunning event, including how you can purchase your child's art work will be sent out after the holiday.



Dates for the Summer Term 2017

Friday 26th May 2017	Creative Writing Workshop Part 3, 1:15pm - 3:15pm School breaks up for the Whit holiday at 3:15pm
Monday 12th June 2017	Back to school! Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 13th June 2017	Road Safety Competition closes
Wednesday 14th June 2017	Class 2 trip to Chirk Castle
Friday 16th June 2017	Keeping up with the kids in Grammar course 1:15pm to 3:15pm Friends of Templemoor Friday Lolly Sales Start
Tuesday 20th June 2017	Class 1 trip to Chirk Castle
Thursday 22nd June 2017	Reception trip to Manchester Airport
Friday 23rd June 2017	Year 1 Den Building Keeping up with the kids in Grammar course 1:15pm to 3:15pm
Friday 30th June 2017	Templemoor Election Keeping up with the kids in Grammar course 1:15pm to 3:15pm
Monday 3rd July 2017	Year 2 Den Day
Friday 7th July 2017	Keeping up with the kids in IT course 1:15pm to 3:15pm
Saturday 8th July 2017	The Summer Fair
Monday 10th July 2017	Reception Den Day
Wednesday 12th July 2017	Year 1 Ocarina Concert at 10am Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Friday 14th July 2017	Keeping up with the kids in IT course 1:15pm to 3:15pm
Tuesday 18th July 2017	Templemoor Art Exhibition
Friday 21st July 2017	Keeping up with the kids in IT course 1:15pm to 3:15pm
Thursday 27th July 2017	Year 2 Leavers Disco
Friday 28th July 2017	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am Keeping up with the kids in IT course 1:15pm to 3:15pm School breaks up for the Summer holiday at 3:15pm

Summer Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 18th April 2017
School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 1st May 2017
Closes	Friday 26th May 2017
Opens	Monday 12th June 2017
Closes	Friday 28th July 2017

Autumn Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Closes	Friday 20th October 2017
Opens	Tuesday 31st October 2017
Closes	Thursday 21st December 2017