

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021



## Christmas is nearly here!

I can't quite believe that this is the last newsletter of the year and 2022 is only just around the corner. This year has certainly zoomed by! The last few weeks have been very exciting. It has been wonderful after so long, to have been able to celebrate in true Templemoor style, with our annual traditions of Christmas performances (with a live audience!), party days and Christmas dinners.

The children have been incredible this term and have shown superb resilience at all times. They continue to light up the school with their laughter, their energy, their curiosity and of course, their uniqueness. They are a real credit to you. I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

I would particularly like to say 'thank you' to all our staff. Their commitment, dedication and adaptability to ever changing circumstances ensures that every child in our school community is given the most enriching and nurturing curriculum experience possible. I am humbled to work alongside such an amazing team of talented people and would like to thank each and every

one of them for their hard work, selflessness and dedication throughout the year.

2021 has certainly been a challenging year for many of us for all sorts of reasons, but I would like to thank you for all of your hard work to support your children and our school. Thank you for your kind messages, smiles behind masks, waves in the playground and your continued commitment to doing the best you can to keep our school community safe.

As we finish school today, you may have questions as to what might happen on the other side of the Christmas holidays. The Omicron situation is developing very rapidly and we are all unsure of what to expect in the coming days and weeks. We very much hope that our return in January will be as normal as possible, but if we are directed by the government to make any changes to the school risk assessment, processes or procedures we will let you know as soon as we have the information available to us.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, for another action-packed and fun-filled year ahead! Have a wonderful holiday everyone and Merry Christmas.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





Christmas in school has certainly felt a little more 'normal' this year, and we have had the most amazing time...!

### Christmas Lunch

Over 200 children wearing the most amazing hats, a festive soundtrack and numerous sprouts! On Monday our head cook Amy and her team provided the children with an exceptionally tasty Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, reminding us again of how lucky we are! Thank you to Mellors Catering for providing the children with such a delicious festive feast.

### Aladdin

The children had a very special treat today - an actual live theatre performance in the school hall! This years production of Aladdin was absolutely brilliant (oh no it wasn't...Oh yes it was!!). A huge thank you to M and M Theatrical Productions for putting on such an entertaining show - with their fabulous acting and singing, wonderful costumes, superb scenery and special effects. The children loved it!



### A Visit from Father Christmas

Today we were also lucky enough to receive a visit from Father Christmas! All children were visited by the man himself this morning and received a present from him! We would like to say a special thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for supplying the presents, to our two magical elves, and to Father Christmas, who took time out of his very busy schedule to visit us!

### Christmas Performances

Thank you for coming along to our Christmas performances and shows. We hope that you loved having the opportunity to see your child perform in person.

The children in Nursery were simply amazing in their outdoor sing-a-long last week. They performed so confidently and with such beaming smiles!

The children in Reception had an amazing time performing in their nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. The children acted out the very first Christmas







perfectly, singing 8 different songs! The children were all superstars with fabulous singing, acting and dancing.

Children in Year 1 were superb in their outdoor assembly, where they performed a special Christmas poem and made us all feel very Christmassy with their beautiful singing of songs like 'Rudolph' and 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.

In association with the Bethlehem Broadcasting Company Year 2 children brought us the marvellous, incredible, star studded story of Lights, Camel, Action (Strictly the Nativity) live from the school hall! There were line dancing townsfolk, naughty sheep running rings around their shepherds, graceful ballerina angels and even innkeepers dancing the tango! The whole show was, as Bruno from Strictly would say, 'a *glittering overloaded, foot tapping, jive bombing, glitz fest!!*' Our Year 2 children should be incredibly proud of themselves. They sang their hearts out and acted brilliantly throughout our two performances. Well done children... you are all incredible superstars and we are all so proud of you.

I would like to say thank you to all our EYFS and KS1 parent/carers for showing such understanding with the ticket allocations this year. The school had to follow strict guidelines to be able to put on performances due to the Covid pandemic. Thank you to everyone for following the attendance guidance as this helped the events to go ahead successfully and safely. This is testament to everybody pulling together to keep our community as safe as possible. Limiting audiences is never an easy thing to manage but your support helped us to be able to put on the shows. We were extremely lucky for the shows to go ahead as I know of many schools where this wasn't a viable option.



### Reindeer Hunt

Oh no! Santa's reindeer are playing hide and seek again in Sale. Help us to find the reindeer by joining our annual 'Reindeer Hunt'. The Friends of Templemoor Reindeer Hunt runs from 23rd December to the 6th January. Buy your map [here](#) for £2.

### Templemoor Parent Survey

Thank you to the 79 parents who have completed our school survey so far. We are very grateful for your input. It is not too late to take part as the survey will close on Wednesday 22nd December 2021. You can access the survey [here](#). We will communicate the results to the entire school community in January after we have analysed them. Thank you in advance for your time.



### Learning themes for next half term

Our exciting curriculum themes continue in the spring term:

Nursery	How does that building stay up?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Super Sale
Year 2	Magnificent Manchester

### School Admissions Final Reminder

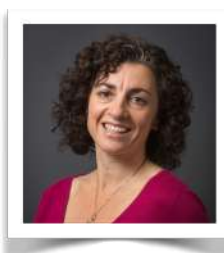
If your child is due to start school in September 2022, you must complete your application online through Trafford Council’s admission page by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. You must complete this form, even if your child is currently in our Nursery class, as there is no guaranteed transfer to Reception and all admissions are organised by the Local Authority. If you know of friends or family members who would like to apply for places at school, please do remind them of the date for submissions. Trafford residents can apply online [here](#).

### The Christmas Fair 2021

Words cannot express how disappointed we all were to have to cancel this years Christmas Fair. After having spent weeks, days and hours preparing for the event, we had to take the very difficult decision to cancel, with only 30 minutes to opening, as the wind and the rain just became too strong. However, determined not to be beaten by

the weather, the Friends of Templemoor reorganised the event... and our ‘Alternative Christmas Fair’ took place on a calm and crisp Friday evening after school instead. The Fair was a huge success, and managed to raise a staggering £1259. A huge thank you to our amazing Friends of Templemoor for working so hard. You are all fantastic.

### A message from our Chair of Governors



Dear Parents/Carers.

As 2021 draws to a close, I would like to pass on the thanks of the Governing Body to our whole school community for the resilience, support and understanding that has been shown this year throughout the ongoing challenges caused by the Covid pandemic.

Our staff have shown enormous resilience in the face of the ever-changing circumstances presented to them, persevering and adapting, often at short notice, but always having the safety and best interests of our children and families at heart. As a Governing Body we remain very proud of the response of our staff to the challenges of the pandemic and we are grateful for their dedication and professionalism in these adverse times. Our staff have worked so hard to ensure that school is a safe, happy and engaging place to be where the needs of our children remain at the very heart of what we do every day.

We are grateful to all our families for your engagement and support of the school which has helped to keep our school community strong. As governors, we have reviewed your feedback on the school’s response to the pandemic and we always welcome your views on any areas for improvement. I urge you to complete the current school survey so that we can make our provision the best it can be. Our children have done so well



this year to adapt to new ways of doing things like working remotely or being in class bubbles: they really have demonstrated all of the Templemoor learning powers in action!

At this point, it remains unclear exactly what the New Year will bring as the pandemic continues, but on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and restful Christmas and to thank you for your ongoing support at Templemoor.

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors

### Covid Updates

We are continuing to take all appropriate steps in school to keep everyone as safe as we can. We must all remain vigilant and do all that we can to ensure that we minimise the spread of Covid as far as is possible.

The advice for close contacts has now changed. People who are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with Covid-19 - whether Omicron or not - should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days. Daily rapid testing applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults - people who have had 2 jabs.
- all children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and book a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

### Donations to Charity

Thank you for all your generosity this term, in support of our chosen charities - the local food

bank, The Royal British Legion (where we raised £141.93), Children in Need (where we raised £285) and Crisis at Christmas (where we raised £374.09 from Toast Tuesday).

As we mentioned in our previous newsletters, this pandemic has clearly brought with it increased difficulty and uncertainty for many people in every community and our staff felt it wouldn't be appropriate for us to accept gifts at this time when so many are struggling. We are therefore overwhelmed that parents have come together to donate money to Crisis. We will update you of the total amounts raised in the next newsletter. You are all amazing!

### And Finally...

All of the staff at Templemoor would like to wish you and those you love a very safe and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Children return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022. We look forward to welcoming you all back then.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



### Spring Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 4th January 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 11th February 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 21st February 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 8th April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 25th April 2022
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 2nd May 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 27th May 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 13th June 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 21st July 2022

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Wednesday 22nd December 2021
Friday 10th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

## Dates for the Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022	Back to school for the Spring term
Tuesday 11th January 2022	Choir Club starts for Year 1 and 2
Week beginning Monday 31st January 2022	Storytelling Week
Tuesday 1st February 2022	Chinese New Year
Week beginning 7th January 2022	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February 2022	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 21st February 2022	Back to school
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day
Week beginning 14th March 2022	British Science Week
Tuesday 22nd March 2022	World Water Day Parent Consultations
Wednesday 23rd March 2022	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7th April 2022	World Health Day
Friday 8th April 2022	School finishes for the Easter Holiday