

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018



Welcome Back to School!

Welcome Back! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share! A very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special Templemoor welcome, and we hope that you will enjoy your time at our wonderful school. We look forward to working in partnership with you. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also settled quickly into their new classes and are looking forward to an action packed Autumn Term, full of enjoyable, challenging learning activities. We have 215 children on roll and everyone is so excited to be back to school!



Year 1 Superhero Day

The children in Year 1 had a 'super' start to their new topic this term. They all became real life superheroes! The children came to school dressed as their ultimate superhero and then set off on an exciting mission to catch the villainous Professor Slime. He left trails of slime around the school, which the children had to find. He even left slime on our precious Golden Book! POW! KAPOW! ZAP! This is what some of our Year 1 children thought about the day...

"I liked trying to find Professor Slime. He even left smelly slime on the bike racks and climbing frame!" *Cicely C*

"I was Captain America. Professor Slime ran off when he saw the Superhero children!" *Jake W*



Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Thursday 11th October** at 9am for our first Year 2 Assembly of the new academic year.

Muck, Mess and Mixtures

This half term the Year 2 topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' where, you've guessed it, the children get to make LOTS OF MESS! The children had a fantastic launch day where they had a lot of fun experimenting with a variety of weird and wonderful mixtures. They made their very own disgusting sandwich, just like in the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. Well done to our Year 2 teachers and teaching assistants for making this a fantastic experience for the children.

"I loved making a mess. The slime was all gooey!"
Dillon E

"The oozy grey bubbles were all wet and when you



felt them they felt really strange" *Evie W*

"I really liked the goo! It was very sticky, but I did enjoy having sticky hands. The day was a lot of fun!" *George C*

"I loved the feeling of touching the slime. That was definitely my favourite bit!" *Ella B*

School Fund

We are grateful to the many parents who contribute to the school fund, some via the classrooms, 'Billy Bank' and some by Standing Order. These funds are used for many purposes including, but not limited to, consumables for classrooms such as salt, compost, sand, books, small games equipment, supplies for cooking etc.

A growing number of parents donate by Standing Order, if you would like to donate to school in this way please collect a form from the office.



The Golden Book

Every Friday each Year 1 and 2 teacher chooses two children in their class who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, kindness etc. to be entered into the Golden Book. A special certificate is presented to the children whose names are put in the book. The children then have a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mr Hodgson. The Golden Book is kept in the school foyer. Take a look in the book the next time that you are in school to see just how hard all of our children have worked and how sensible and kind the children at Templemoor are. Children in Reception will attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Spring Term.





Harvest

In celebration of Harvest we have once again decided to collect gifts for our local food bank. Harvest gifts can be sent into school from Monday 1st October until Thursday 18th October. The Food Bank are desperate for coffee, custard, rice pudding, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, cordial and rice. We hope that you will support our collection and talk to your children about the need to help people in our local community who will benefit from our support. Thank you.

Gardeners Required!

If you would like to give up some of your time to do a bit of pruning, weed pulling or general tidying of the garden areas then please contact the school office. It would be wonderful if we could get a team of volunteers to keep our grounds looking beautiful. Thank you in advance for your green fingered support!

Summer Holiday Postcards

We have all enjoyed reading the many postcards that were sent to school over the Summer holidays. Thank you for taking the time to write and post them. It sounds as though you all had a fabulous time!

Family Fun Night

The Friends of Templemoor are busy planning our ever popular Family Fun Night which will take place on **Saturday 13th October**. Follow the Friends of Templemoor via their Facebook page.



Celebration Assembly

On a Monday we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the good work that goes on outside of School. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year One and Year Two to bring in certificates or trophies from any out of school activities to share in this assembly. We look forward to seeing what the children have been up to!

Punctuality and Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Woods. We are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. In line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time **will not** be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school please let the office know before 9:30am and provide a written explanation on their return either in letter form or via an email to the school office. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our first cake sale will take place on **Friday 5th October** when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, templemoorinfants.co.uk. We tweet, through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text/email and send letters home in book bags and we produce this monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.



Do keep an eye on our school website, because it is about to get a brand new update! Our website is already full of amazing images, captured by Greg Harding Photography, but many of the children in the photographs have now moved on to Moorlands. So once again, Greg has spent the day with us capturing our outstanding school in action. The new images look stunning and we can't wait for you to see them very shortly! A huge thank you to Greg for giving up his time. Further details about Greg Harding Photography can be found at www.gregharding.co.uk



Classroom Refurbishment

During the Summer Holidays we completed the first phase of our amazing classroom refurbishment project. The classroom spaces in Classes 2, 3 and 4 have been redesigned with improved storage as well as a modern, fresh look. The children absolutely love their new learning environments! Reception and Class 1 will be refurbished from Easter 2019 onwards.

Flu Vaccination

All children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are now offered flu vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. The vaccine, which is in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered to children whose parents have signed the consent form, on **Monday 15th November 2018**.

Individual Photographs

On **Wednesday 17th October**, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photos. Please do not bring siblings from other schools without the permission of their Headteacher. Children who are not on our school roll may be brought to have photographs taken at 8:30am.

Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
Mrs Judith Davenport Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
Dr Nigel Jones Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Maureen Haddock	Co-opted Governor
Mr James Leeming	Parent Governor
Mrs Alison Tariq	Parent Governor
Mrs Stephanie McIntee	Parent Governor
Mr Stuart Hodgson	Headteacher
Mrs Shirley Brown	Staff Governor
Mrs Sue Buckley	Staff Governor
Mrs Liz Patel	Local Authority Governor

Welcome to a New Year at Templemoor



This time of year with the return to school, new teachers and friends to get to know and the fresh challenges that lie ahead often feels more like new year than New Year itself to me. I hope you and your

families have had a summer of rest and relaxation and have returned refreshed and ready to embark on the new year.

Whether you're returning to Templemoor or are new to the school, this point marks the next step in your child's journey. At Templemoor, we pride

ourselves on providing a rich, and stimulating environment with a broad and exciting curriculum so you can expect it to be a very busy and very colourful year ahead.

Talking of colourful, some of the classrooms have had a makeover during the summer holidays and now have a brighter and more spacious feel to them. This is the start of a rolling plan of refurbishment which will take place throughout the school over the next few years to bring our school environment right up to date.

Finally, if you're interested in getting involved in the work of the Governing Body then there will be a vacancy for a Parent Governor becoming available in November as James Leeming, one of our current parent governors, comes to the end of his term of office. Watch out for further information on what being a Parent Governor entails and details of how to apply later on this term.

With best wishes

Judith Davenport

Chair of Governors

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 29th October** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. A full list of term dates and holidays is published on our website and at the end of this newsletter.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term on two evenings - **Tuesday 9th October** and **Tuesday 16th October**. Appointment times will be 10 minutes. Please book your appointment by using the electronic booking system via the school website, which will allow you to view available time slots online and securely book appointments.



A Visit from the author Fay Evans

This week we were so lucky to have a visit from a best-selling children's author, Fay Evans. Fay writes rhyming stories for fabulously illustrated children's books, including an Amazon best-seller, 'Fred, the Fire Sneezing Dragon', which she read to the children in a very interactive way! After hearing the story the children had so many ideas for writing and were able to use the ambitious adjectives from the story to describe Fred and his actions. The best thing was that they were all desperate to start drawing and writing, it totally sparked their imaginations! Thank you Fay for inspiring our children... I do think that we will have some famous Templemoor authors in the future!



Some Gentle Reminders

Some gentle reminders for everyone's safety:

- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Please tie them up at the gate, ensuring that they can be trusted to be left on their own.

- Smoking is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.
- We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.
- Please do not allow your child to scoot, cycle or walk onto the car park.
- Children are not allowed to use the large climbing frame at the beginning or end of the day. They have plenty of time to use it during breaks and at lunchtimes when they are supervised by a member of staff!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.

Templemoor/ Moorlands Recipe Books

We still have some of our amazing school recipe books for sale. Please email the Friends of Templemoor at templemoorfot@gmail.com for more details.

And finally...

On the next page you will find some diary dates that we hope will be useful to you as you start the new term. As ever, if there is anything that you are not sure about, don't hesitate to ask one of us and we will be happy to help.

I am often in the playground in the morning and after school, so do come over and say hello. We look forward to another productive and successful year ahead working together in partnership.

Very best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher

Dates for the Autumn Term 2018

Friday 5th October 2018	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 9th October 2018	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Thursday 11th October 2018	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Saturday 13th October 2018	Family Fun Night at 5pm to 7pm
Monday 15th October 2018	Nasal Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 16th October 2018	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 17th October 2018	Individual Photographs
Friday 19th October 2018	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Tuesday 30th October 2018	Back to school!
Friday 2nd November 2018	Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 16th November 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Friday 30th November 2018	Non Uniform Day/ Nursery Cake Bake
Saturday 1st December 2018	The Christmas Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 5th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Ladybirds and Nursery)
Thursday 6th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Bees and Nursery)
Thursday 13th December 2018	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Friday 14th December 2018	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 20th December 2018	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Monday 7th January 2019	Back to school!

Autumn Term 2018

Opens	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Closes	Friday 19th October 2018
Opens	Tuesday 30th October 2018
Closes	Thursday 20th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Opens	Monday 7th January 2019
Closes	Friday 8th February 2019
Opens	Monday 18th February 2019
Closes	Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 6th May 2019
Closes	Friday 24th May 2019
Opens	Monday 10th June 2019
Closes	Friday 26th July 2019