

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The second half of the Autumn term is always one of the busiest and one of the most exciting with lots of things happening in school as we lead up to Christmas. The Christmas tree is about to be decorated! The rehearsals for the Christmas shows are in full swing. They promise to be full of fun! We also look forward to our Christmas Fair next weekend and of course our annual Christmas party! Dates of these events can be found at the end of this newsletter and on our school website.

Our Templemoor Mile Track

I am sure you will have noticed that we now have an amazing Templemoor Mile track! This has been made possible due to the extremely generous donation from Hydraclean Limited. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the managing director, Roy Burgess, who has had a long association with Templemoor Infants and was kind enough to fund the majority of this project for us. We would also like to wholeheartedly thank all those parents who supported us by writing bids, running and marshalling marathons and sponsoring runners. By installing an all-weather running track around the perimeter of the school field, we will improve and enhance the experience

and safety of our Templemoor Mile as well as making it altogether more fun for generations of children to come! We hope you join us in thanking Hydraclean, the Friends of Templemoor and all of our parents who have donated for this wonderful addition to Templemoor Infants. Thank you!



Templemoor Remembrance Day Poppy Field

On Monday 11th November 2019, the school held a Remembrance assembly, as well as a two minute silence to mark our respects for past and present soldiers and their families. The children have been very busy at home making poppies out of recycled bottles for our Remembrance Day poppy field. Thank you children, parents and carers for making your wonderful poppies. The poppy field looked stunning!

The Christmas Fair 2019

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 7th December from 2pm until 4pm. It promises to be a great afternoon with a guest appearance from Father Christmas himself! Ho, ho, ho!





Christmas is on its way...

The children are busy rehearsing for their forthcoming Christmas performances. Nursery and Reception children will be performing 'Away in a Manger' on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action - The Sequin!' on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter to see the times and class allocations for the performances.

September 2020 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk/admissions. An information booklet, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2020' is available to view on the Trafford Council website and on our own school website under 'Our School', and 'Admissions'. The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2020.



Nursery and Reception 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 in Nursery and Reception to take a few minutes to fill in a short induction survey that has been sent electronically. We are very interested to know how the induction process has been for you and your child and if you have any suggestions for improvements. We will use the results of the survey to improve our induction programme for next year. The survey will close on Thursday 19th December 2019. Thank you in advance for your time.



Sickness/ Diarrhoea

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they are not allowed to return to school until **48 hours** following the last bout. If you bring your child into school before this time you will be asked to take them home immediately. This policy will be strictly adhered to as we are trying to prevent winter bugs from spreading. Thank you for your support.

Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors are open at 8:50am. Registration starts at 8:55am. Classroom doors and the school gates are then locked at 9am as children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 need to go straight into their phonics lessons. If you come to school after 9am you **MUST** come to the main office, and register your child in the late book. Thank you for ensuring that your children get to school on time.

Easyfundraising

With Christmas just around the corner, did you know that you could shop at over 2000 different online retailers and help raise money for the school at the same time? The Friends of Templemoor is registered with:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

It's a really easy way to raise funds - all you do is register with the site and choose 'Friends of Templemoor' as your chosen charity. Then the next time you shop online, enter the Easyfundraising site and shop as normal. There is even a tool bar strip that pops up each time you visit a retailer involved to remind you to use Easyfundraising. You don't pay us anything - it's the retailers who give us a percentage of their sales so please help us to raise vital funds!



Year 2 Ukulele Concert

This term all of 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 who taught the children brilliantly, 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.

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party will take place on the last day of term, **Friday 20th December 2019**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We are looking forward to having lots of fun!

Calendar dates for 2020/21

Calendar dates for the Spring and Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the academic year 2020 to 2021 are available from our school website, under 'Parents' and 'Term Dates' (so that you can plan those holidays during the school holidays well in advance!).



Twit Twoo!

The children in Reception have been having a very exciting time learning about Autumn. They were so lucky to have a visit from two wise old owls and a buzzard too! Ian, from Lower Moss Wood Education Nature Reserve and Wildlife Hospital in Knutsford, came to talk to the children about owls. He introduced a barn owl called Shimba and an Eagle owl called Chocolate. Ian answered questions that the children themselves had thought of and was thrilled with how interested they all were in these fabulous birds. The children were even allowed to gently stroke the barn owl!





Universal Children's Day 2019

On Wednesday 20th November we took part in UNICEF's Universal Children's Day. Established by the United Nations in 1954, Children's Day is marked on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on 20th November, 1959, and then 30 years later it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on that same day. The convention, which is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty, lays out a number of children's rights including the "right to life, to health, to education and to play, as well as the right to family life, to be protected from violence, to not be discriminated against, and to have their views heard". All of our children from Nursery through to Year 2 wore blue and took part in a range of exciting activities in class to mark this important day.

Singing Club Concert

Our Singing Club is made up of children from Year 1 and Year 2 and is led by Mrs Peacock, a teacher from Trafford Music Service. Singing Club meets every Tuesday after school and enthusiastically learn a range of songs. This week we were lucky enough to listen to our wonderful children singing the songs that they have been learning. The children certainly knew how to fill the hall with song and sang in perfect harmony. Well done children!

Lost Property

We have rather a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school. Please make sure your children's belongings are named - it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school please encourage them to look for it.

End of Term

Please don't forget that school closes on **Friday 20th December 2019** at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays.

A New Stage

You may have noticed that we now have a brand new stage in our school hall, just in time for the Christmas Shows! We are really looking forward to using the stage for performances, class assemblies, award assemblies as well as lots of other exciting events!





So Long, Farewell...

Mrs Buckley has been a part of the Templemoor team for 15 years. Since joining the school in 2004, she has given her heart and soul as our Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Phonics Manager and as a member of the Governing Body. So, it fills me with real sadness to have to tell you that after dedicating her time to the children of Templemoor Mrs Buckley has decided to retire at the end of this term. Mrs Buckley has been truly amazing to work with, and the children and staff alike are all going to miss her dearly. She has shown passion and commitment in everything she has done at Templemoor and she has become a really integral part of school life. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Buckley all the very best and we hope that she enjoys her much-deserved retirement.

Curriculum Updates

Over the last few months we have been reviewing the content of our curriculum to ensure that it continues to remain exciting, broad and balanced, with a clear progression of knowledge and skills across the year groups. We have produced updated Long Term Curriculum Plans for Year 1 and Year 2, as well as 'Key Skills and Knowledge Organisers' for Science, Computing, Art and History for the Autumn Term. These go-to documents outline the essential knowledge and skills that the teachers will be covering across a unit of work; including the sequence of learning and key vocabulary. Our aim is that you will know exactly what is being taught each half term, and what the children need to learn. We will continue

to develop the use of the Key Skills and Knowledge Organisers and will roll out additional ones each half term. The 'Curriculum' aspect of the school website is also being continually updated. As we develop the website and curriculum documentation over the coming year, I would welcome any suggestions you may have on this initiative. Thank you for your continued support.

Anti-Bullying Week

The 11th November to 15th November was Anti-Bullying Week and the main focus this year was 'change starts with us!' Here at Templemoor we are proud to support Anti-Bullying Week. The children participated in a range of activities to raise awareness, including assemblies (one of which was led by the School Council), anti-bullying drama workshops, listening to stories and taking part in 'Odd Socks Day'. The week was a wonderful opportunity for the children to discuss their feelings and to offer support to one another. It was also important to recap the messages around bullying; to make sure that all of our children understand how to keep themselves safe, what to do if they are worried and how we will respond if they are ever worried or upset.



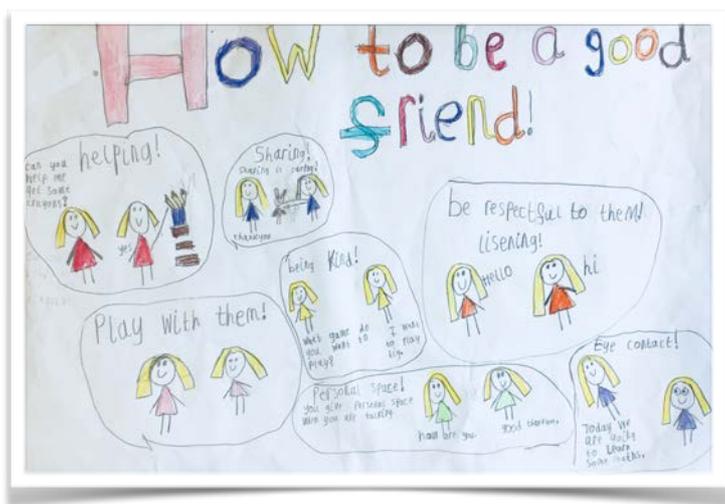
Here are some of our children views on bullying...

"Bullying can make children feel miserable. You mustn't keep it a secret and should tell a grown up straight away". *Millie - Year 1*

“Bullying is really bad because it makes you feels sad and not want to go to school. I would tell a grown up to make things better”. *Sam - Year 1*

“Bullying is mean and unkind. Tell a grown up, but tell the Headteacher if they keep doing it”. *Ted - Year 1*

“We had a drama workshop to learn about bullying. We talked about what bullying is and acted it out. Bullying is not very nice and you must always tell a grown up if you are worried about anything at all”. *Charlotte - Year 1*



Forget Me Not Clothing Collection

We are continuing our work helping homeless people in Manchester. We are supporting the Forget Me Not Trust charity and are collecting goods (new or used) to help homeless people survive the winter. We are collecting adult hats, gloves and scarves, warm clothing for adults and warm blankets. Please send any items that you have into school by Friday 13th December 2019. Thank you for your continued support.

Family Fun Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our frightfully fun Family Night. There was dancing, chilli-eating and excitement to be had! The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by parents and children alike. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous team at the Friends of Templemoor who organised the evening and of course to the one and only Stevie Mandini who entertained and amazed the children with lots of dancing, games and balloon modelling. Well done everyone!

Keeping Children Safe in School

The safety and well-being of children is paramount to all that we do at Templemoor. School policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all members of the school community can work together in a way that supports safeguarding for all. All policies relating to safeguarding are available on the school website. Hard copies of policies are kept in school and can be seen on request.

There are key members of staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in the school. All concerns are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Hodgson, (or Mrs Brown or Mrs Cundick in his absence) who has the responsibility of making sure that proper procedures are followed to address the concerns raised. However, all school staff do have a duty to report any concerns that they may have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the school community. The School also has a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport, who comes into school regularly to ensure that all safeguarding policies, procedures and action plans are reviewed and updated. All staff have Safeguarding Training every year, as well as Prevent Training which deals with safeguarding against extremism and radicalisation. If you have any questions or comments to make about any aspect of safeguarding we are more than happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office.





Rights Respecting Behaviour Policy

We are very proud of the excellent standard of behaviour at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School. Over the last 3 months we have worked with children, parents, staff and Governors to develop new Rights Respecting Behaviour Policy. Our Behaviour Policy is designed to acknowledge and reward pupils' good work and behaviour that respects the rights of everyone. Praise and rewards are both important influences in motivating children and building self-esteem. Children know and understand behaviour that respects the rights of everyone in our school and are encouraged to choose behaviour that will help everyone around them. The Rights Respecting Behaviour Policy is available on the school website via the following link: <https://www.templemoorinfants.co.uk/web/behaviour/198371>

A Message from our Co-opted Governor



Fifteen years ago this week, I started working here at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School and thirteen years ago I became a Governor at the school.

Last week I attended my last Governing Body meeting as I am retiring at the end of this term.

In the 'olden days!', being a Governor often meant popping into school for a cup of tea and a chat

with the Head to ensure all was well. Today, being a governor is a complex and demanding role and Governing Bodies are more accountable for their actions.

Over the years I have worked alongside many Governors, all of whom have worked really hard 'behind the scenes', freely giving their time and expertise to ensure that Templemoor continues to provide an excellent education for all children. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It gives you the chance to make a real difference to our children, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-like environment.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Governor here at Templemoor and thank all the Governors that I have worked alongside over the years and wish you all well in the future.

Mrs Sue Buckley - Co-opted Governor

Water Bottles

Research tells us that many children do not drink enough water during the school day and that drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health, contribute to well-being and improve concentration and learning. At Templemoor, water is available for the children throughout the day via water fountains. To further promote the regular drinking of water and UNICEF Article 24, that 'Every child has the right to access clean water', children are also allowed to bring in their own water bottles each day. Please note that **ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES** and that it is the children's responsibility to take their water bottles home each day to be refilled. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in managing the practicalities of, and supporting, this healthy initiative.



Final dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (for children in Ladybirds and Nursery)
Thursday 5th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (for children in Bees and Nursery)
Friday 6th December 2019	Nursery Cakes for the Christmas Fair/ Non Uniform Day
Saturday 7th December 2019	The Christmas Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 12th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (for parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Friday 13th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (for parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December 2019	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Monday 6th January 2020	Back to school for the Spring Term

Autumn Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 29th October 2019
Closes	Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Opens	Monday 6th January 2020
Closes	Thursday 6th February 2020
Opens	Monday 17th February 2020
Closes	Friday 27th March 2020

Summer Term 2020

Opens	Tuesday 14th April 2020
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Friday 8th May 2020*
Closes	Friday 22nd May 2020
Opens	Monday 8th June 2020
Closes	Friday 24th July 2020

* The early May Bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed. The date has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May**. This change has been made to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

	Friday 7th February 2020
	Monday 27th July 2020
	Tuesday 28th July 2020