

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2022

Happy Easter Everyone!

With only one week left to go, we are zooming towards the end of the Spring Term and what a busy term it has been. All of the children and staff have worked so hard throughout the term and truly do deserve a well-earned rest. On behalf of everyone at Templemoor I wish you all a Happy Easter, and fingers crossed for some sunny spring weather!

Templemoor Book Fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was extremely successful. The school earned over £358 worth of free books for class libraries. A huge thank you to our school community who purchased books from our fair and helped us achieve this goal and a special thank you to Mrs Merryman who helped to organise the fair over the course of the week.

Author Visit

During World Book Day we were lucky enough to have a visit from Sam Shepherd, a local first-time author from Stockport. The children loved listening to stories from Sam's days as a police officer as well as listening to Sam reading his book 'Dogchester PD: The Great Bone Robbery'. Sam had a fantastic time at Templemoor, and was blown away with the children's love of reading!



World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success again this year with children (and staff!) swapping their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event! Children took part in a range of exciting activities dedicated to books as well as a special story time where the staff at school all chose their favourite books and the children could choose which book to listen to. Reception children also enjoyed tuning in to an online musical performance of 'The Princess and the Pea' which was organised by the Greater Manchester Music Hub. Thank you for your continued support to enable us to further promote and celebrate the love of reading.





The Masked Reader 2022

On World Book Day the phrase that was on everybody's lips was... 'whose that behind the mask?', as we all tried to guess who the mysterious masked readers were! A huge thank you to all of the children who took part - we absolutely loved seeing their photographs on Seesaw, and to the Templemoor teaching team too - who also kept the children (and each other!) guessing as to who was actually who! Look out for some photographs in this newsletter!



SEND Link Newsletter

Trafford's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Link Newsletter for the Spring Term can now be downloaded from our school website, under 'Our School' and 'Special

Singing Club Concert

There will be a special singing concert in the school hall for parents and carers of those children who attend our Singing Club on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 3:45pm.



Educational Needs and Disabilities'. Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter directly [here](#).

Year 1 Assembly

Well done to our fabulous Year 1 children who performed brilliantly this morning in their very first indoor year group assembly. The children made us all feel very proud and it was amazing to have a real life audience back in school again!

Summer Uniform

Children can, if they wish, wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. This comprises of either **grey** shorts or a **green** gingham dress. Black shoes remain part of school uniform in the summer and please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day due to the unpredictable Manchester weather!

Traffic and Parking Issues

We are still receiving complaints regarding parking along Temple Road. Could we please ask that you consider the local residents when parking, that you don't block any driveways and that you do not park on pavements - endangering the safety of our children and parents/carers. Thank you.



Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon

Thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for organising our 'Sunday Movie Afternoon' in early March. The children loved watching 'Encanto' whilst relaxing on cushions and beanbags and munching on snacks with their friends! It was a great success, managing to raise a fantastic £397.10. Look out for details of our next movie afternoon, which will take place on Sunday 8th May 2022.

Mother's Day Gift Shop

Many thanks for your support of our recently held 'Mother's Day Gift Shop'. We hope that the Mums among you enjoyed their special surprise two days later on Mother's Day? The children were able to choose from a selection of lovely gifts. A big thank you goes to the Friends of Templemoor for buying the items, storing and wrapping them so that they looked beautiful and desirable for our purchasers!! Many thanks to our team of parent volunteers who spent the morning in school working with the children and helping to make the event such a success.



A message from the Governors



Thank goodness Spring has come at last! These past few years have been very hard for so many people and with the current news it is hard to keep your spirits up. Seeing the daffodils bloom just brings a smile to my face.

For me, one of things I have really missed over the last two years is coming into Templemoor school. I have been a Governor for seven years and have enjoyed Governors' meetings particularly when staff make presentations of their work in curriculum areas. I love watching the children's performances and being part of the school's Rights Respecting team. For all Governors, part of our role is to monitor the schools work by coming to meetings, contributing to policies and particularly supporting the school in its strategic vision and priorities in the School Development Plan.

Governors each take responsibility for areas of the school's curriculum as well as wider issues such as Finance, Special Educational Needs and the Breakfast and After School Clubs. Among my responsibilities is being part of the school's Rights Respecting team. You may know that within the school team there are children across the age groups who contribute their ideas, thoughts and feelings and take a real part in decision making. Working with the children is such a privilege, listening to their opinions and hear them articulate

their understanding of some of societies big issues such as poverty and homelessness is truly humbling.

Life has changed and we Governors now have meetings both online and in person. I never thought I would miss in person Governors' meetings so much!! I am really looking forward to seeing the school at work and hearing from staff about all the great work that is going on. Templemoor still faces many challenges but I sincerely hope that we can all look forward now to a more settled time for children, staff and their families.

Best wishes,

Maureen Haddock - Co-opted Governor



Year 2 Music Lessons

Strum, strum! After the Easter 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 Mrs Peacock. The lessons will run throughout the Summer term finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers at 10:45am on Monday 18th July 2022.

Science Week

It has been fantastic to see all of the super science investigations that took place at home during this years Science Week Competition - from making milk and raisins dance to making a fountain and

dissolving solids to name just a few! We had so many entries that it was so very difficult to choose a winner from each year group. Thank you so much to all of the super little scientists that took part and to Mrs Leigh and Mrs Ree who organised the week and created the science videos and powerpoints. A huge thank you must also go to our parents and carers who took the time from their busy working week to come into school and talk to the children about their own work in the field of science!

PE Uniform

Following a decision by the Full Governing Body, please note that after the Easter holidays the following PE uniform must be worn by all children on the days that your child has PE:

- A plain white t-shirt
- Black joggers, black shorts or black leggings.
- A school jumper/ sweat shirt
- Trainers

If your child is currently in Year 2, please be rest assured that our PE uniform is identical to the one worn at Moorlands (except for the Templemoor jumper!), so your child will still get plenty of wear and tear out of it for many months to come!

Learning Projects Coming Soon...

Our exciting learning projects after the Easter Holiday are:

Nursery	How many pebbles on a beach?
Reception	Are we there yet?
Year 1	Our World
Year 2	Planet Explorers

Class Photographs

Smile please! The school photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Tuesday 17th May 2022. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current year group and a one that they will treasure forever.

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 2nd May 2022 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

Proposed Expansion

We have had a small number of recent enquiries from parents asking about the proposed Templemoor expansion, particularly where we are up to with the project, and why Moorlands Junior School has had a parent consultation but as yet we haven't. As I mentioned in the February Newsletter, Conlon Construction Limited, and their associated architects, Bowker Sadler Architects have been appointed as the Design and Build Contractor. I am currently attending weekly meetings with representatives from Trafford Local Authority, Conlon's and the Architect team - and preliminary plans and designs are just beginning to be drawn up. As yet, we do not have anything else to share with you. The reason why Moorlands Junior School has had their community consultation already is because they were approached by the Local Authority first, and therefore started the design and planning process long before us. Once I have more concrete information to share with you I will - keeping the whole school community informed at every stage of the consultation process.

Covid Updates

The Department for Education (DfE) has provided some new guidance for schools on moving to the 'Living with Covid' phase. The DfE have made it clear that children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. From 1st April, children with a positive Covid-19 test result - be that lateral flow, or PCR - will still be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. I will of course update you should further information become available, including from Trafford Public Health.



Year 2 SAT's

During the week beginning the 16th May, the children in Year 2 will sit their Standard Assessment Tests, or SATs as they are often referred to.

These national tests are designed to measure a child's educational achievement at the end of Year 2. They enable teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards as well as identifying their needs as they move into Key Stage 2.

Year 2 children will take tests in Reading and Maths. Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

We do not tell the children about these tests as we feel that they achieve better this way. You have no need to discuss the tests with them either. We don't want them to worry! If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the Easter break, please can you restock your child’s pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

X Club Survey

Thank you to the many parents who have already completed our short X Club survey. The current position with the X Club is that, since the Club has been permitted to reopen as Covid-19 restrictions have eased, we have not reached the same levels of demand as we were experiencing pre-pandemic. We are not clear about the exact reason behind this change in demand but we now need to establish what has caused this shift and whether it is a temporary or permanent decrease.

We therefore ask for your support in helping us to understand this situation in greater detail so that we can make plans for the future of the Club. If you have not already done so, please complete the survey by clicking on the link **here** regardless of whether you are a current, past or potential user of the Club or whether you have no intention of using the service.

Please ensure that you answer the survey realistically and truthfully as the results of the questionnaire will be used as part of our re-evaluation of the X Club in order to make it a viable and cost-efficient service for the School to run moving forwards.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

And finally...

Looking forward to the summer term ahead, we are continuing to add some exciting activities to the diary and these will continue to be added as the term goes on!

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish each and every one of our families an

enjoyable, restful and sunny Easter holiday. I am sure that your children will return refreshed and eager to be back at Templemoor to continue their learning journey when school reopens on Monday 25th April 2022. Thank you once again for all of your amazing support.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



Easter Holiday Dates
 School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Friday 8th April at 3:15pm and opens again for the Summer term on Monday 25th April 2022.

Dates for the Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 5th April 2022	Singing Club Concert at 3:45pm
Friday 8th April 2022	Break the Rules Day/ School finishes for the Easter break
Monday 25th April 2022	Back to school for the Summer Term/ Year 2 Ukulele starts
Wednesday 27th April 2022	Reception trip to the airport
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
Week beginning Tuesday 3rd May 2022	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Week
Sunday 8th May 2022	Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon
Week beginning 16th May 2022	Year 2 SAT's
Tuesday 17th May 2022	Class Photographs
Wednesday 18th May 2022	Reception Assembly at 9:10am
Wednesday 25th May	Nursery trip to St. Annes-on-Sea, Lytham Fylde
Week beginning Monday 13th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (further details to follow)
Monday 13th June to Friday 15th July 2022	The Penny Drive
Friday 17th June 2022	Fathers Day Gift Stall
Saturday 25th June 2022	The Summer Fair
Thursday 14th July 2022	Year 2 Leavers Disco 5pm to 7pm
Monday 18th July 2022	Year 2 Ukulele concert at 10:45am
Thursday 21st July 2022	End of the Summer Term

Summer Term 2022

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

Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Friday 10th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

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TERM DATES 2022 to 2023

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)

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023