

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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 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 this 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.

My Happy Mind

This half term we are delighted to have introduced the 'My Happy Mind' programme to all year groups from Nursery through to Year 2. This is a fun, interactive programme designed to give children positive mental well-being habits. Each week the children receive a short lesson delivered by their teacher using the extensive range of online videos and resources provided by the 'My Happy Mind' team. The children are learning the science behind how our brains work and have started to explore how they can manage the times when they may be feeling unhappy or worried, as well as learning some 'Happy Breathing'

techniques. 'My Happy Minds' is certainly supporting the children in developing positive skills and habits for life!



Year 2 Virtual Reality Experience

The children in Year 2 have loved learning about space this term as part of the topic 'Moon Zoom'. The topic blasted off to an exciting start as the children took part in a unique virtual reality workshop which was quite literally out of this world! The virtual reality experience placed the class in a shuttle which left Earth to explore planets such as Mars and Saturn. The children also saw meteorites and our Moon and Sun. What an amazing experience for the children - to explore the fascinating world of space without even leaving the classroom!



The Christmas Fair 2018

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 1st December from 2pm until 4pm. It promises to be a great afternoon with a guest appearance from Father Christmas himself!



September 2019 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 2019' 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 2019.

A visit from Her Majesty

As part of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic, the children in Year 1 came to school in their best outfits in preparation for tea with 'The Queen'. Her Majesty arrived at school in a big black car, and was escorted by her very own bodyguard. The children asked our very important visitor some interesting questions, such as 'How many corgis do you have?', 'How many rooms are in Buckingham Palace?', and 'How many crowns do you own?' As part of the topic the children have been exploring England's capital city and exploring all that they can about its history, transport and famous landmarks. They have even stepped back in time to discover what happened in the Great Fire of London.



Christmas is on its way...

The children are busy rehearsing for their forthcoming Christmas performances. Nursery and Reception children will be performing 'A Miracle in Town' on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'It's Chr-i-i-i-stmas!' on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter to see the times and class allocations for the performances.

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 will be 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



Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party will take place on the last day of term, **Thursday 20th December 2018**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We are looking forward to having lots of fun!

close on Thursday 20th December 2018. Thank you in advance for your time.

Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors are open at 8:50am. Registration starts at 8:55am. Classroom doors are then locked at 9am as children in 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.

Remembrance Day 2018

This year marked the commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War One. As a school we felt that it was vitally important to mark this symbolic event with the children. The children found out about Remembrance day itself. They thought about what we remember and why people wear poppies as a sign of respect and to help remember all of the soldiers who fought in the war. The children have created some beautiful poppy art pieces and have produced some thoughtful written work that we have displayed in the main entrance.



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 these bugs from spreading. Thank you for your support.

Calendar dates for 2019/20

Calendar dates for the Spring and Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the academic year 2019 to 2020 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!).

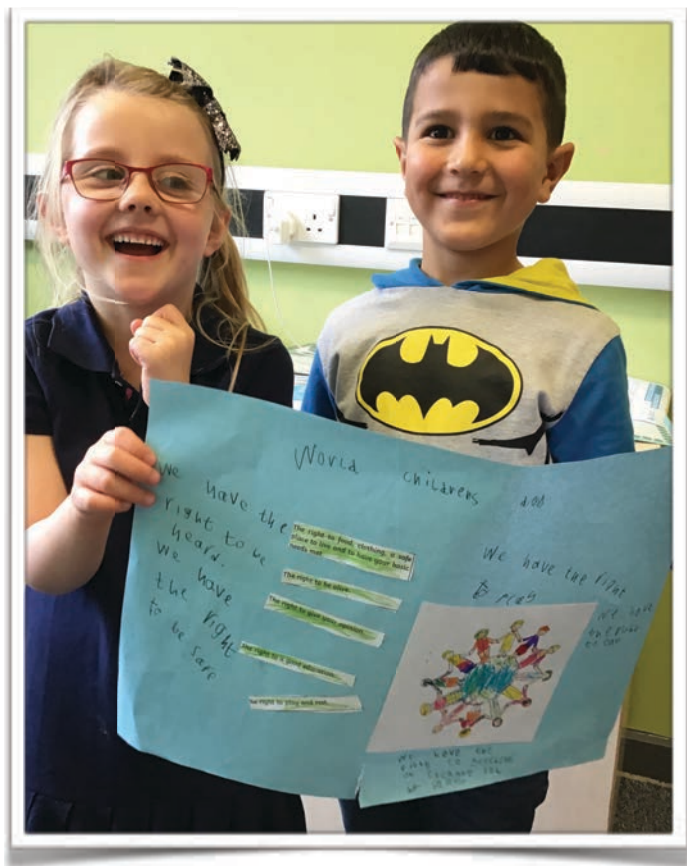
Easyfundraising

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!



Universal Children's Day 2018

On Tuesday 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.

Charity Collections

Thank you so much for donating so many children's toys, books, toiletries, warm clean clothes and blankets for the Wood Street Mission and Forget Me Not Trust charities. Your generosity will certainly help to support struggling families and those who are homeless in Manchester and Salford this winter.

Word of the Fortnight

As part of our continued Rights Respecting work, we have recently introduced a 'word of the fortnight'. So far we have looked at the words 'safe' and 'respect'. Our next word of the fortnight is going to be 'fair'. Please talk to your child about what the word 'fair' means and the ways in which we can demonstrate being fair in our actions.



Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.



The Templemoor Mile

Since half term, each class has been taking part in The Templemoor Mile. It's a social activity where the children run, jog or walk at their own pace, for 15 minutes in the playground in their normal school clothes and shoes. It is a fully-inclusive and simple initiative which has proven to improve the physical and mental health of children. The Daily Mile now takes place in over 3600 primary schools and in over 35 countries around the world and the children (and staff!) really do love it!

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!

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 so much, 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.



Twit Twoo!

The children in Reception have been having a very exciting time learning about Autumn. They were lucky to have a visit from three 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, a tawny owl called Oatie and an Eagle owl called Chocolate. Ian answered questions that the children themselves had thought of and was thrilled with how interested the children were in these fabulous birds.



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 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.

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.



Parking

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately and **not** on

Nursery Close. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements. Nursery Close is not a suitable place to park your car. Please respect the school's request to park on Temple Road instead. The staff car park is for staff use only and must not be used by parents for parking or turning. There have also been reports of parents parking their cars on pavements and then narrowly avoiding children who are walking on the pavement, as well as parents leaving their engines running whilst stationary (known as engine idling) which is particularly bad for the environment as well as it being a potentially fineable offence. Please help and support us in eliminating the dangers and set a good example to your children. Thank you.

End of Term

Please don't forget that school closes on **Thursday 20th December 2018** at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays.

Final dates for the Autumn Term 2018

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