

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

Welcome to the Spring Term

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a super Christmas and found some time to relax with your family. I would like to thank all parents and families for your support throughout 2018. I know that we will continue to build on our strengths and enjoy a very successful year ahead. What a positive start to 2019 we have had already. Read all about what has happened in the term so far and the exciting events still to come...

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Who could ever have predicted that on Wednesday the whole of the North West would come to a complete stand still as snow fell heavily overnight. The roads were jammed, Manchester airport was closed... but... Templemoor stayed open for business! And what an amazing, fun filled



day we all had playing in the snow! The children built the biggest snowballs we have ever seen (they could easily find a place in the Guinness Book of Records!), as well as building the most amazing snow people with carrot noses donated by our fabulous cook Mrs Rourke. There was also a snow bunny and a snow caterpillar, which you could actually sit on! It's days like these that will stay in the children's memories forever! A huge thank you to our wonderful staff for braving the elements and getting to school (despite the terrible journey), and to our fantastic children for being so sensible and working together to build their imaginative snow creations!



Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 8th February at 3:15pm. School will reopen for us all on Monday 18th February after the half term break.

Autumn Term Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. The Government considers 95% attendance to be satisfactory but it is important that we aim to make it the best we can. Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was an amazing 98.4%. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain excellent attendance.

Topics Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes after February half term are:

Nursery	Are eggs alive?
Reception	Why do ladybirds have spots?
Year 1	The Enchanted Woodland
Year 2	Street Detectives Continued

Contact Telephone Numbers

Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself recently to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact only to find that their details have not been updated. This also includes landline numbers when you move house! Thank you for keeping school informed.

Snow Closure

If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the schools' text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parent's Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two

evenings - Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd April from 2:30pm to 6pm. All appointment times will be 10 minutes. Information about how to use our online booking system for appointments will follow after the February half term holiday.



Safer Internet Day 2019

On Tuesday 5th February we will be joining hundreds of other schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. A letter will be sent out shortly from Mrs Ree, our computing lead, to give parents advice on keeping children safe online at home, as well as some useful e-safety websites. In the meantime, further details about Safer Internet Day can be found at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>. We also have a dedicated page for e-safety on our school website which gives guidance to parents on a range of internet related matters as well as links to useful resources and videos. You can find the page under 'Parents' and the tab 'e-safety'.

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 8th February at 9am for our second Year 1 Assembly of the year.

E-Safety Workshop

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our E-safety Workshop earlier this month. Nicola and Jan from Safer Children Ltd ran a very informative session on the potential dangers of the internet as well as how we can keep our children safe online. The slides from the session are now available to view under the 'e-safety' section of our school website.

A message from the Governors



Happy New Year! One of my roles as a Governor is being part of the Rights Respecting team. The team consists of elected children from Years 1 and 2, Mrs Brown, a parent and a Governor.

I was very fortunate to be invited into school for the Mayor of Trafford's visit on January 15th. The children had invited the Mayor to hear about the work they have been doing in school and how as a Rights Respecting team the



school had been campaigning in relation to homelessness.

I had the pleasure of joining the team when the children discussed their collective work with the Mayor. They spoke with confidence about the school's work and gave the Mayor examples of recent fund raising, such as Toast Tuesday and Winter Warmers and were able to describe with great clarity and in great detail what the money had been spent on. The Mayor was very impressed



that the fund raising had provided 18 Christmas meals including medical check-ups for the homeless over the three days of Christmas. The children also told the Mayor the school had had recent collections of toys, clothes and blankets which were sent to local charities who were helping local homeless people and children who might not have many toys. The highlight for me, however was their questions to the Mayor:

- How did you get to be Mayor?
- Why do you want to be Mayor?
- What are you doing about the homeless?

The Mayor described the democratic process of becoming a Mayor and how he felt that it was good that he was a young person who provided a role model for young people which would, he hoped perhaps encourage a greater interest in politics and encourage more younger people to want to be politicians. In answer to the last searching question he described how the councillors were also worried about the homeless and how they discuss the problems and make policies and then ask council officers to action the policies. The Mayor said that the children in school would be very welcome to visit the Town Hall.

With all the current interest in politics and the democratic process it was fascinating to see and hear young children articulate their awareness and concerns. It gives me hope for the future!

Maureen Haddock - Co-opted Governor



stunning timeline using photographs brought in from home. In Year 1 and Year 2 the children worked with an artist Paul Pickford from the Lowry Art Gallery. They looked at artwork by L.S. Lowry. The Year 1 children focussed on portraits, and the Year 2 children focussed on industrial scenes. The children produced some spectacular art work. Both Year groups also visited Portland Basin Museum in Ashton Under Lyne. The museum has a 1920's street with a Victorian school! The children were taught by a very strict Victorian school teacher, who even inspected their hands before they could enter the classroom! The Year 2 children also had a very special visit from

History Week 2019

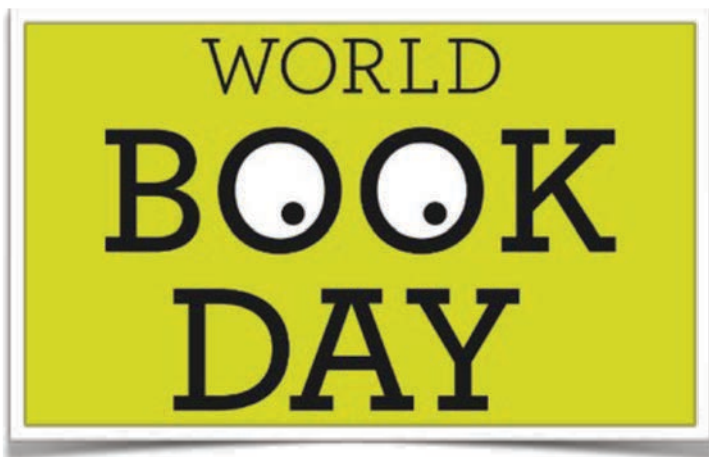
What an amazing time we all had during Templemoor's first ever History Week. In Nursery, the children held a special afternoon tea party for their grandparents. They played some 'old' games like *Snakes and Ladders* and *Jacks*. We asked the Grandparents to bring with them something from their childhood to share with their Grandchild. It was a real privilege to watch and Mrs Leigh and Mrs Berry got a little emotional! In Reception the children explored old toys and compared and discussed toys from the past and toys now. The Reception children made their own wonderful spinning tops. They also listened to a range of stories from long ago, and made their own



Emmeline Pankhurst herself. They asked Emmeline a range of thoughtful questions and listened so carefully to her answers. A huge thank you to the whole of the Templemoor community for getting so involved in History Week, but a massive thank you must go to our History Lead, Mrs Berry for organising the whole week so successfully.



World Book Day



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories, completing a wide range of exciting activities to help your children foster a love of books and reading. This year we have decided to break from tradition and to do something a little bit different... so, your child will not have to dress as a character from a book! A separate letter will be sent out shortly to explain what will be happening! We are already looking forward to a really exciting day!

Children's Parties

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

NSPCC Assembly

The week beginning Monday 1st April will be 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' week. As part of the week, we are delighted to tell you that we

will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their '**Speak out. Stay safe**' programme. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. If you would like any more information about the 'Speak out. Stay safe' programme you can visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout.



Year 2 Recorder Concert

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children who currently play the recorder are invited to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 20th March at 2:15pm for a special recorder concert.

Burns Night 2019

Our annual Friends of Templemoor Burns Night celebrations were another huge success. We all sat down to a hearty meal of haggis, tatties and neeps all washed down with copious amounts of Irn-Bru! The night just wouldn't have been complete without a good old fashioned Scottish ceilidh followed by a disco! A tremendous thank you must go out to our fabulous team of volunteers from the Friends of Templemoor who put in so much time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the evening was such a huge success. Thank you for your support in making our family events so successful.



Dates for the Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 5th February 2019	Safer Internet Day
Friday 8th February 2019	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 18th February 2019	Back to school!
Thursday 28th February 2019	EYFS Maths Parent Workshop at 6pm
Friday 1st March 2019	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day
Thursday 14th March 2019	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Wednesday 20th March 2019	Reception Music Concert (am: Time TBC) Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Tuesday 26th March 2019	Parents' Evening
Friday 29th March 2019	Reception Assembly at 9am Mother's Day Gift Shop
Week beginning Monday 1st April 2019	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Tuesday 2nd April 2019	NSPCC Visiting School Parents' Evening
Friday 5th April 2019	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday

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