

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



Happy Holidays!

As we come to the end of yet another busy term here at Templemoor, I am sure you are all looking forward to some very well-deserved rest and relaxation with your children as well as the festive season ahead! It is hard to believe that we have completed one full term of the year already. The last few weeks before the Christmas holidays have certainly been exciting! In true Templemoor style, we have celebrated with our annual traditions of the Christmas Fair, our Early Years and Key Stage One productions, Party days and Christmas dinners. I would like to say thank you again for your continued support for the school. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th January 2020, for another action-packed and fun-filled year ahead! Have a wonderful holiday everyone and Merry Christmas!

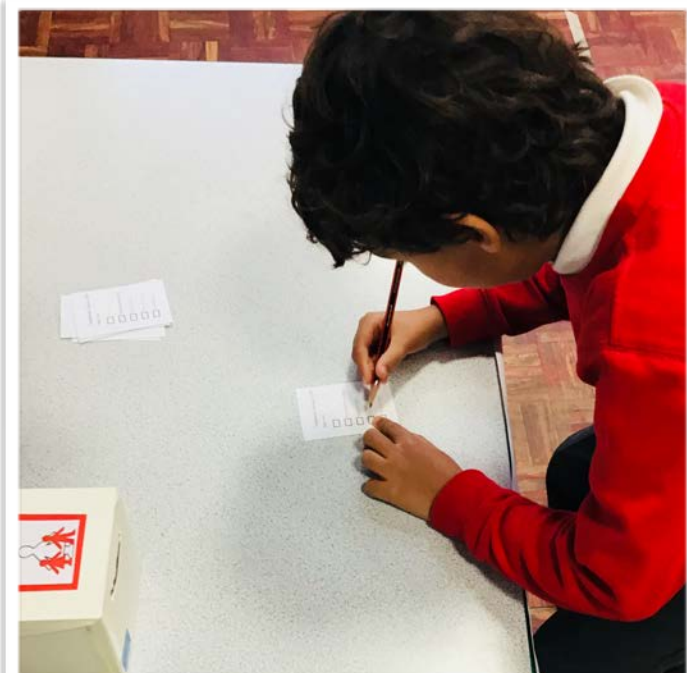
EYFS Christmas Performance

The children in Nursery and Reception performed brilliantly in our Early Years Christmas play 'Away in a Manger'. The children magically told the story of a mule called Maurice who became rather attached to his manger! What a commotion it caused when he had to share it with a stream of



visitors including a mouse that wanted to play hide and seek, a hen that wanted to lay an egg, a spider that span a web, and another donkey that ate his hay! To top it all off, there was even a special baby in the manger.... amazing! It was so moving to watch such secure, happy and confident children who obviously relished every minute of performing. It really was a superb show full of laughter (and tears too!) and was a truly wonderful start to Christmas. Well done everyone - we are very proud of you all. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas from all the staff and children in the Early Years.





The Templemoor Election 2019

The politicians might have been busy during the General Election but so were we! We organised our very own 'Templemoor Election'. Our aim was to help our children to understand about voting and the democratic process that takes place.

All of our children from Nursery to Year 2 could vote for one of five parties, each one represented by members of our Rights Respecting Team. Each party had to try to persuade us to vote for an area of school life that would benefit from £300.

The five parties delivered impassioned speeches to all of the classes in an attempt to drum up support. On Thursday 12th December all of our children had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot. The results were as follows...



Party	Number of Votes
The Arty Party	67 votes
The Sports Party	59 votes
The Read More Party	31 votes
The Happy Minds Party	27 votes
The Eco Party	22 votes

Well done to all the parties, particularly to 'The Arty Party' who will soon spend £300 on art resources that will benefit all of the children in school. A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Brown and Mrs Handford who organised the Election and made it into a huge success.



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 school's 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.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our very first cake sale of 2020 will take place on **Friday 10th January**, when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell. Dates for future cake sales can be found in this newsletter and on our school website.

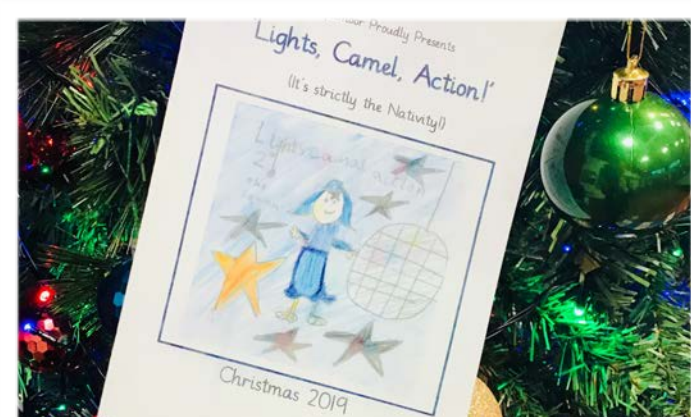


Key Stage One Christmas Performance

Year 1 and 2 did a fantastic job with this year's sparkling Christmas show - 'Lights Camel Action - The Sequin'. A twist on the traditional Christmas story saw the famous nativity characters performing before three judges: - The Smallest Sheep, The Funky Camel and Caesar Augustus (Boo!).

There were conga dancing shepherds and sheep, wise men and their camels dancing the Charleston, graceful ballet dancing stars and even Nazareth townsfolk dancing the hustle! The whole show was, as Bruno from Strictly would say, 'a glittering overloaded, foot tapping, jive bombing, glitz fest!!'

Our Year 1 and 2 children should be incredibly proud of themselves. They sang their hearts out and acted brilliantly throughout our two performances. Well done children... you are all incredible superstars and we are all so proud of you! It really was a Christmas celebration full of razzmatazz!



Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

We are so excited to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020, where the cast will be performing the classic tale 'Sleeping Beauty'. What a thrilling way to start the new school year!



Learning themes for next half term

Our exciting curriculum themes continue next half term:

Nursery	How does that building stay up?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Super Sale
Year 2	Magnificent Manchester

Moorlands Open Morning

Moorlands Junior School is holding an open morning for Nursery and Reception parents on **Tuesday 28th January** at 9am to 10:30am. Do go along and view the school in action.



E-safety Parent Workshop

As part of our commitment to safeguarding our pupils and working with you, we have organised an e-safety workshop for parents of both Templemoor and Moorlands on Tuesday 18th February at 6pm. The session will last until 7:30pm. This workshop will give an insight about issues children can face when using the internet and ideas on how families can work together to combat any problems which arise. The workshop will look at:

- What is e-safety?
- Why do we need to protect our children?
- What is your responsibility as a parent?
- Practical advice regarding parental controls to filter and monitor content
- Fun ways to keep your child safe online

The workshop will be delivered by Nicola Graham and Jan Radcliffe from Safer Children Ltd. Nicola Graham is a retired Detective Constable, having served 30 years for Greater Manchester Police in the Trafford area. The last 19 years have been spent working in a multi-agency environment within the public protection/family support unit - the last 10 years as a dedicated child abuse detective within the unit. Jan Ratcliffe has 25 years' teaching experience with a number of those years spent in charge of safeguarding and child protection as part of her role as a Deputy Headteacher within Trafford. Further details will be sent out in the new year.



Author Visit

We are really excited to announce that on Tuesday 4th February 2020, award-winning author, Steve Webb, will be visiting our school to talk to the children about writing and to share some of the exciting books that he has written. We are really looking forward to his visit.

School Admissions Final Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the 15th January 2020. Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk.

Music in School

Next term, our children in Reception will be taught by a music specialist, Mrs Harwood, from Trafford Music Service. 'Little Voices' will take place each Wednesday throughout the Spring term. A special music concert for parents and carers of Reception children will take place at 10:30am on Wednesday 25th March 2020.



A Message from our Vice Chair of Governors



Ding dong merrily on high, in Templemoor the bells are ringing...

Well the School bell is ringing at least and calling time on another term already. But what a fantastic term it has

been under the ever diligent stewardship of Mr Hodgson, Mrs Brown, and all of the many unsung heroes providing the School's children with such a wonderful start to their lifelong education journey. Oh and of course having to single out the fantastic Mrs Buckley who leaves us at Christmas to start a new journey of her own and we naturally wish her a long and happy retirement.

It is difficult to know where to start with the highlights of the term whether it be the ever popular Toast Tuesday, the visit of Andy Tooze otherwise known as the Poet from the Peaks, the breath-taking Poppy Field remembering the fallen, or, on more practical grounds, the long-overdue upgrading of the School windows.

However, trumping all of those, at least in my view, is the installation of Templemoor's own running track which is a fabulous development, and the icing on the cake for our children all lucky enough

to be part of the Templemoor experience. We had not planned to install the track for a number of years yet, but due to the financial support of one incredibly generous benefactor we have been able to do so already and the School is most grateful for his kind donation.

But on more topical matters, this month also saw the election results (the Templemoor Election not the less interesting one on 12th December) and a somewhat surprise victory for the Arty Party over the Sports Party! However, the results were very tight and as every political commentator knows, a 33% share of the vote is not enough to form a working majority. Rumour has it that the Arty Party is in coalition talks with the Read More Party and hopes to form a government early in the New Year! I could be wrong, but I think there's a few more years of negotiation to come on this one (sound familiar?!).

In closing, the children have been showcasing their unparalleled talents at the end of year spectacular, 'Away in a Manger' and 'Lights, Camel, Action - the Sequin!', which is the perfect way to see us all merrily into the festive period.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Dr. Nigel Jones - Co-opted Governor and Vice Chair

The Christmas Fair 2019

As Father Christmas climbed into his sleigh and headed back to the North Pole, the Friends of Templemoor breathed a sigh of relief... After all the weeks of planning, arranging and organising our annual Christmas Fair it seamlessly came together on the day and was a huge success. The new outdoor Christmas market and VR experience were very popular, as were the numerous other stalls and games. Thank you to all those children, parents, friends, staff and governors who bought raffle tickets, decorated jam jars, donated bottles and chocolates and who came along to support us and enjoyed the fun. I would like to say a huge thank you also to the many people/companies who donated prizes for the Christmas raffle. A great effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a massive **£2486.92**. Well done everyone!





Christmas Dinner Day

2 lunch sittings, 217 children wearing the most amazing hats, a festive soundtrack and numerous Brussel sprouts! On Wednesday our Head Cook, Miss Dale, and her team provided the children with an exceptionally tasty Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, reminding us again of how lucky we are to have such an experienced kitchen team. The middays, teachers and teaching assistants even served the children their special lunch! Thank you, Miss Dale and your team – our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious!



Teenage Cancer Trust

Thank you for your generosity by placing money in our basket at the Christmas Shows. We managed to raise a total of £159.90p for the Teenage Cancer Trust. I know that they will be most grateful for your support.

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Thursday 30th January 2020** at 9am for our second Year 1 Assembly of the academic year.

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Friday 7th February 2020** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

Procedure to follow when a child is absent

Just a gentle reminder that if your child is absent, parents or carers must contact the school office by telephone or email before 9:30am on the first day of absence and every subsequent day of absence thereafter. Parents/carers are reminded that they must clearly state the reason for the absence and the expected duration of illness. Thank you for your support.

Eco-Bricks

Thank you to those who have been busy collecting used plastics to fill the Eco-Bricks. We are still collecting Eco-Bricks, and are particularly desperate for the 2 litre milk bottles!



And finally... Goodbye Mrs Buckley!

Yesterday marked the end of an era here at Templemoor as the whole school said goodbye to the one and only Mrs Buckley. Our best wishes and gratitude goes to Mrs Buckley for her dedication, loyalty and service to the school over the past 15 years. Mrs Buckley's leaving is a significant loss to the school, but we wish her well for a well earned, long and happy retirement. Goodbye and enjoy the rest Mrs Buckley!

Dates for the Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 th January 2020	Back to school for the Spring Term
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
Wednesday 8 th January 2020	Little Voices starts (Reception Music Project)
Friday 10 th January 2020	Year 2 Cake Sale
Sunday 26 th January 2020	Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon
Tuesday 28 th January 2020	Moorlands Open Morning (Nursery & Reception) from 9am to 10:30am
Thursday 30 th January 2020	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Tuesday 4 th February 2020	Steve Webb Author Visit
Wednesday 5 th February 2020	Reception Storytelling Workshop Nursery Tea Party
Thursday 6 th February 2020	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 17 th February 2020	Back to school!
Tuesday 18 th February 2020	Safer Internet Day E-safety Parent Workshop at 6pm
Saturday 29 th February 2020	Friends of Templemoor Family Fun Night
Wednesday 4 th March 2020	Reception Assembly at 9am
Thursday 5 th March 2020	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March 2020	Year 1 Cake Sale
Week Beginning Monday 9 th March 2020	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Tuesday 17 th March 2020	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm
Friday 20 th March 2020	Year 2 Assembly at 9am Mother's Day Gift Shop
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm
Wednesday 25 th March 2020	Reception Music Concert at 10:30am
Friday 27 th March 2020	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter Holiday

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