

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Merry Christmas!

Once again the longest term of the school year comes to an end. And what a busy term we have all had. The last few weeks before the Christmas holidays have certainly been eventful! In true Templemoor style, we have celebrated the festive season with our annual traditions of the Christmas Fair, our Early Years and Key Stage One productions, Party days and Christmas dinners. Thank you to everybody - staff, children, parents and governors - for helping to ensure that this term has gone so smoothly. It will be business as usual from Monday 7th January 2019 and I look forward to seeing the children and staff return all refreshed after their well-deserved break. Wishing you all a peaceful, magical and happy Christmas.

EYFS Christmas Performance

Our Christmas performances are always very special events and I'm sure that you will agree that this year was no exception. The children in Nursery and Reception had an amazing time performing in their nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. The children acted out the very first Christmas perfectly, singing 8 different songs! The children were all superstars with fabulous singing, acting and dancing. The



performances were very well attended and we received some lovely comments from parents and governors:

'I thought the Early Years Christmas show was just joyful!! What a beautiful nativity and the children were, as always, brilliant!! Well done to all your staff'.

'I just wanted to send an email to thank you, and all the staff who were involved in the wonderful 'A Miracle in Town' nativity show this week. It was such a fantastic show; the children were all stars and it was obvious that they were having a great time. It was clear to see how much work had gone into producing the performance. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all staff members for their hard work creating such a memorable event for us as parents'.

Well done everyone - we are very proud of you all.

Reception Cake Sale

Our very first cake sale of 2019 will take place on Friday 1st February, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell. Dates for future cake sales can be found in this newsletter.



Move over Mary Berry!

2 sittings, 216 children wearing the most amazing hats, a festive soundtrack and numerous brussel sprouts! Yesterday the children and staff greatly enjoyed the wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by our talented school cook, Mrs Rourke and ably assisted by Miss Rose and Mr Gio. The middays, teachers and teaching assistants even served the children their special lunch! We are so lucky as a school to have such a hardworking team of kitchen and midday staff. Thank you, Mrs Rourke and your team - our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious!



Safer Internet Day 2019

As a school we work regularly with the children to ensure that they are using the internet as safely as possible. On Tuesday 5th February 2019 we will be joining hundreds of other schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. We are also working with Nicola Graham and Jan Radcliffe from Safer Children Ltd, to host an E-safety workshop for parents on **Thursday 10th January 2019 at 6pm**. This thought provoking workshop will give an insight into issues young children can face when using the internet and ideas on how families can work together to combat any problems which arise.



The Christmas Fair 2018

Thank you very much to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a huge success. Santa and his elves called in to see us, lots of sweets and homemade cakes were eaten and bottles won, and a great effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a staggering **£2699.46**. 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 joined in the fun. I would like to say a huge thank you also to the many people/ companies who donated prizes for the Christmas Fair. The next school event will be Burns Night, which will take place on Saturday 26th January 2019. Further details to follow.

Welcome to Templemoor Christmas Fair 2018





Key Stage One Christmas Performance

Beaming live from the school hall, we brought you the marvellous, incredible, star studded cast of 'It's Chr-i-i-stmas!'

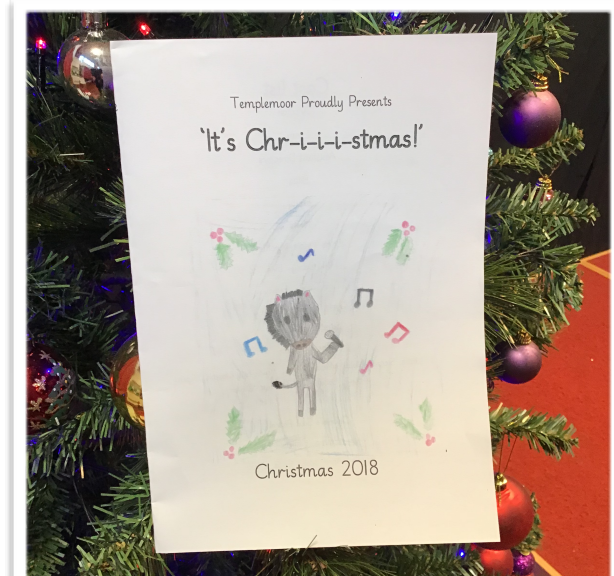
Our children certainly sprinkled a touch of glitter on the traditional Christmas story as they counted down the hits to find the Yuletide number one.

There was Motown round the manger with 'Gabriel's Soul Patrol', rock shepherds 'The Crooks' brought the beat to Bethlehem alongside boy band trio 'The Wise Guys', bickering folk-punks 'The Landlords', 60s pop icons 'Don Kee & The Animals' and the brassy 'Herod & The King's Swingers'!

Introduced by our talented hosts Chris Tingle, Chris Cracker, Holly Berry, Tim Tinsel and Sam Frost, the musical acts were joined by angels, donkeys, camels and stars for numbers including 'The Streets of Bethlehem', 'The First Christmas' and 'Bad King Herod', before the Christmas number one was revealed as being 'The Yule Tiders' (which consisted of the entire Christmas cast!)

The songs were all pastiches of some of the best known Christmas songs and the children had great fun learning them.

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!

We had some wonderful feedback from parents and carers and Governors:

'Well, that was quite a show wasn't it!! I don't know how your staff have put all that together - it was so, so good. The children were amazing and what characters you have!! I loved their comic timing and enthusiastic dancing. Superb!!'

'I just have to say that the performance of 'It's Chr-i-i-stmas' was fantastic. I loved the familiar songs, which the children all sang beautifully. The acting was superb too. Well done to all of the children and staff'.



Parents' Evening Dates 2019

Parents' Evenings for all children will be held again next term on two evenings – Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd April. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Topics for next half term

Our exciting topics for next half term are:

Nursery	How does that building stay up?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Memory Box
Year 2	Street Detectives

Drama Workshops

A series of drama workshops led by drama coaches from the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy have been planned. These sessions will be for Reception and Year 1 and 2 children and will start in January. The workshops will focus on 'Respect' and 'Dignity' and will aim to help our children gain further knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live as well as the importance of showing respect to each other.

History Week

We are so excited to announce that the week beginning Monday 21st January 2019 will be history week at Templemoor. The children will travel back in time to find out about the history of Sale Moor and Manchester. We will have a range of exciting things happening in school to make this a memorable and vibrant topic week. Letters will be sent home in the New Year to explain more!

Mindfulness Sessions

We are continuing to deliver 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 effective

Mathematics Workshops

We are holding a Key Stage One Mathematics workshop for parents' on Thursday 31st January at 6pm and an EYFS Mathematics workshop on Thursday 28th February. Further details to follow!



mental well-being habits. So far, the response from children and parents has been so positive. To supplement this work, each class in the Spring Term will take part in regular mindfulness sessions led by a trained mindfulness coach, Keith Harvey. This work will further support the children in developing positive skills and habits for life!

Music in School

Next term, our children in Reception will be taught by a music specialist, Mrs Harwood. 'Little Voices' will take place each Wednesday throughout the Spring term. A special concert for parents and carers of Reception children will take place during the morning of Wednesday 20th March.



Moorlands Open Morning

Moorlands Junior School is holding an open morning for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents on Tuesday 29th January at 9am to 11am. Do go along and view the school in action.

School Admissions Final Reminder

The closing date for Reception admissions is the **15th January 2019**. Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk.

A Message from our Parent Governor



As always it's been a busy term at home and at school. In the build up to Christmas I've been lucky enough to attend my children's school Christmas Fairs and Assemblies. Templemoor's Christmas Fair raised over

£2000, a fantastic amount and while my children enjoyed spending money on the stalls, tombolas, and having their faces painted and getting glitter tattoos, I personally enjoyed sitting down and having one of the delicious cakes that had been made for the event! My son's Christmas play this year was 'A Miracle in Town' and I thought all of the Nursery and Reception children did a fabulous job, there was some amazing singing and dancing and it was a real treat to be able to watch this year's performance.

This term has been a busy one too for governors with a full governors' meeting in November as well as sub-committee meetings throughout the term. We also welcomed a new parent governor, Ben Ambridge, to the team. As a parent governor I'll be working with the staff at school in the Spring to look at how the school can support their health and wellbeing, one of this year's priorities within the School Development Plan. The school has already included a number of fantastic activities to support the children's physical and mental health, using 'My Happy Mind', weekly yoga sessions, the

rights respecting word of the fortnight, and the daily mile to name just a few! At home my children and I have been practicing the yoga and it's great for children and adults alike, although I have to admit I did initially experience a few achy limbs the next day!

Hopefully in the last few days before Christmas we can all enjoy some quiet time, although some of us still have last minute shopping and wrapping to do - so it maybe won't be restful for me just yet, I'm sure you're all far more organised. So on behalf of all the Governors here at Templemoor I'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hopefully you've all been very well behaved this year and get everything you've wished for! Enjoy the Christmas break and we will see you all again in 2019.

Alison Tariq - Parent Governor

New Touch Screen

You may have noticed that we now have a fantastic new interactive touch screen for the school hall. The screen was used to enhance our Christmas Shows, and will be used each week to enhance our assemblies and teaching and learning. The screen was purchased using funds raised from the Co-op local cause initiative. A huge thank you must go to Mr Coldwell and Loewe Manchester for sourcing and installing the board and speaker system. It is amazing and will really make a massive difference to our hall space!





Thoughts from our Year 1 Children

In RE this term, the children in Year 1 have been learning about the importance of prayer to a Christian. The children were asked 'If you could pray for one thing what would it be?' The children came up with a range of thoughtful and caring suggestions...

'Please make enough food for everyone' (Summer)

'Please give the man outside Sainsbury's a home' (Noah M)

Can you make sure that all of the money is shared out between all the countries in the world fairly' (Martha)

'Please keep the the Californian people safe from the fires' (Huey)

Make sure that all of the children have homes to live in' (Joseph)

'Please help the homeless people out in the street' (Emily)

'Please take care of everyone' (Jasmine)

'I wish that all of the children in the world had a house and warm clothes' (Aaliyah)

What inspiring thoughts from our young people. Well done Year 1!

Celebration Assembly

Each week we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the great work that goes on outside of School. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year One and Year Two to bring in certificates or trophies from any out of school activities to share in this assembly. Please remind your child to bring in their awards on a Monday.



And finally... Merry Xmas

Well at last Christmas is almost upon us - and on behalf of all the children, staff and Governors here at Templemoor I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you to so many of you who have sent in cards, gifts and warm wishes. Enjoy the holidays and I hope that Father Christmas brings you everything you hope for.

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher

Dates for the Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 th January 2019	Back to school for the Spring Term
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 9 th January 2019	Little Voices start (Reception Music Sessions)
Thursday 10 th January 2019	E-safety Parent Workshop at 6pm
Friday 11 th January 2019	Outdoor Adventurers start for Year 1
Week beginning Monday 21 st January 2019	History Week
Saturday 26 th January 2019	Friends of Templemoor Burns Night at 4:45pm
Thursday 31 st January 2019	KS1 Maths Parent Workshop at 6pm
Friday 1 st February 2019	Reception Cake Sale
Tuesday 5 th February 2019	Safer Internet Day
Friday 8 th February 2019	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 18 th February 2019	Back to school!
Thursday 28 th February 2019	EYFS Maths Parent Workshop at 6pm
Friday 1 st March 2019	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 7 th March 2019	World Book Day
Thursday 14 th March 2019	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Wednesday 20 th March 2019	Reception Music Concert (Time TBC)
Tuesday 26 th March 2019	Parents' Evening
Friday 29 th March 2019	Reception Assembly at 9am Mother's Day Gift Shop
Week Beginning Monday 1 st April 2019	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Tuesday 2 nd April 2019	Parents' Evening
Friday 5 th 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