

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

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. The children have taken parts in lots of different exciting activities including a visit from the Mayor of Manchester, World Book Day, and lots of concerts and parent assemblies to name just a few! 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!



A Visit from The Mayor of Greater Manchester

On Thursday 28th March we were lucky enough to have a visit from The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. The Mayor wanted to find out about how we are promoting the Rights Respecting agenda in school as well as to talk to us about the work that we are doing to support homeless charities. During the visit the Mayor met with the School Council and Rights Respecting Team where the children told him all about the magnificent fundraising that we have been doing



to help those who are homeless. The Mayor was very inspired with the children's thoughts and ideas about how we can work to create a more equal society. He also enjoyed listening to our Year 1 children perform a Rights Respecting song, and was impressed with the challenging questions that the Year 2 children asked him. The Mayor was also delighted with the special cakes that Mrs Rourke our school cook had made. It really was an amazing afternoon!



Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Friday 5th April at 3:15pm and opens again for the Summer term on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.



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 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. Thank you for your continued support to enable us to further promote and celebrate the love of reading.

Chester University

We have welcomed a trainee teacher to Templemoor, Miss Mansbridge who is working in Class 3. Miss Manbridge is on her final teaching practice and is with us until July. We know that Templemoor will give her excellent teaching experience before she has a class of her own in the not too distant future!

Reception Assembly

Well done to our fabulous Reception children who performed brilliantly in their very first Reception class assembly. The children made us all feel very proud.

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 6th May 2019 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.



Templemoor Book Fair

Our recent Scholastic Book Fair was extremely successful. The school earned £400 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.

Reading Survey

Thank you to all of those parents who have taken the time to complete our online reading survey. We have had 69 responses so far. The survey closes on Tuesday 2nd April at 4pm.

Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon

Thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for organising the first ever 'Sunday Movie Afternoon' in mid-March. The children loved watching Paddington 2 whilst relaxing on cushions and beanbags and munching on popcorn with their friends! It was a great success.



EYFS Number Workshop

We really enjoyed sharing how we teach number with our Nursery and Reception parents and carers in the Number Workshop. The workshop was well supported and we received very positive feedback:

"It was a wonderful session. Very clearly presented. I now know how number is taught to children at such a young age."

"Thank you for taking the time to explain how you teach number at school. It is so reassuring to know that the children are learning maths in a fun and interactive way".

"A brilliant workshop. It has given me lots of ideas of how I can support number at home".

For those of you who could not attend we have uploaded the workshop presentation on to our school website under the tab 'Curriculum' and 'Mathematics'.



Class Photographs

Smile please! The school photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Wednesday 8th May 2019. These are a perfect memento of your child's time in their current year group and one that they will treasure forever. We will be working with a new company 'Tempest Photography' who have over 80 years' experience of working in schools.



Parents' Evening

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings this term. As always almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work. We hope you found the sessions informative. I am sure that you were impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that every child has made.

Reception Singing Concert

Last week the children in Reception performed in a wonderful concert where they showcased the magnificent work they have been doing with their music teacher Mrs Harwood. The children amazed us with their beautiful singing. They were all so confident and made us so proud. Well done Reception, we definitely have some pop stars in the making!

Annual Online Parent Survey

We will be sending out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey at the end of this term. The survey will give you the opportunity to comment on a range of areas from behaviour and the curriculum to homework and school meals. We will use the findings of our parental survey to inform our whole school self-evaluation and to plan our future priorities. The results of the survey will be published after the closing date of Friday 3rd May 2019. Thank you.

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 Educational Needs'. Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter directly at www.trafford.gov.uk/thelink.



Year 1 Music Lessons

Toot toot! After the Easter holidays the children in Year 1 will be taught music by a specialist teacher from Trafford Music Service. The children will learn to play the ocarina 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 2:30pm on Tuesday 9th July 2019.

Year 2 Recorder Concert

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers a couple of weeks ago. The children performed brilliantly. A huge thank you must go to Miss Smith who teaches the children every Wednesday lunchtime, and of course to our marvellous recorder playing Year 2 children. Well done everyone! The next recorder concert will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 2:15pm.

Summer Uniform

Children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Boys can wear **grey** shorts and girls may wear **green** gingham dresses if they wish. 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!



Mustard Tree Charity

A huge thank you to those families who donated toiletries to the Mustard Tree Charity. The Mustard Tree supports people across Greater Manchester in poverty and facing homelessness and your generosity will really make a huge difference.

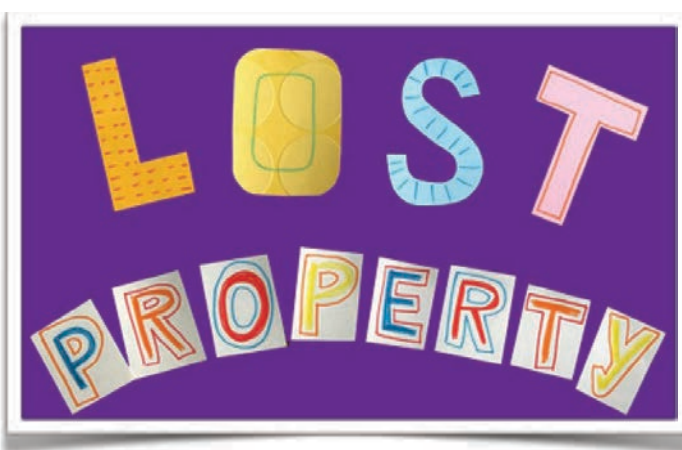
Topics Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes after the Easter Holiday are:

Nursery	How many pebbles on a beach?
Reception	Are we there yet?
Year 1	Paws, Claws and Whiskers
Year 2	Wriggle and Crawl

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.



Reception Cake Sale

Our next delicious cake sale will be on Friday 3rd May, when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some tasty cakes. The last cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

A message from the Governors



As Parent Governor, I have the additional role of monitoring the Sports Premium funding.

I visited Templemoor with this focus in mind- looking at the contribution of PE to both the health and wellbeing of the pupils. Even before I stepped foot inside school, I could hear children cheering on the playground, clearly enjoying the lunchtime sport on offer. Mr Bowers runs competitive daily games and activities. I saw a very exciting game of dodgeball where children were supporting and encouraging each other. Everywhere I looked, different physical activities were going on. On the other side of the playground was a game of 'What's the time Mr Wolf,' next to a group of children practising skipping with ropes. Round the corner was Mr Bates (a coach from the PE Sports Hub) supporting three Year 2 children in leading fantastic activities with a group of Reception children. It was lovely to see the Playground Leader scheme working so well- the confidence of the older children was evident as they modelled and fed back to the younger group.

Templemoor employs a PE specialist, Mr Bates, to lead PE lessons, upskilling and guiding teaching staff. 'We Are Adventurers' also provides high quality outdoor learning experiences for children in Years 1 and 2 which promotes team building, self-confidence and resilience. Miss Salisbury has introduced the, 'Templemoor Mile,' to the school which is proving highly successful in increasing stamina and physical development.

Following its success last year, Mrs Brown and Miss Sailsbury have another exciting 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds' week planned at the beginning of April. Children will take part in a range of engaging activities from cooking and yoga to a skipathon and bleep test! It was clear to see from my visit that Templemoor is teaching a broad and

balanced curriculum with health and wellbeing at the core.

Steph McIntee - Parent Governor

Singing Club Concert

Our Singing Club is made up of children from Y1 and Y2 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 term 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!



Wellbeing Sessions

At Templemoor we believe it is important to develop the whole child, not just their academic ability therefore we place great importance on promoting and supporting a child's positive social and emotional well-being. We are proud to be a 'My Happy Mind' school. The programme continues to run across school from Nursery to Year 2 and is taught weekly. It fits in really well with our Growth Mindset work and ensures directed time is regularly devoted to health and mental wellbeing. We have also been working with a mindfulness teacher, Mr Harvey, who has worked alongside the staff and children to develop breathing and relaxation techniques. We are of course also running our annual 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' week too, where we will be having a range of extra sporting activities, such as Yoga, Zumba and Dodgeball. Children will be continuing

to learn about the importance of a balanced diet and healthy eating and will have the chance to prepare some healthy foods. There will also be further mindfulness sessions taking place throughout the school, along with lots of health care professionals coming in to talk to our children about their roles in the workplace. We will also be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their 'Speak out. Stay safe. Assembly'. Exciting times ahead!



School Defibrillator

You may not be aware but we do have a defibrillator in school and eight staff have been trained in its use. We were very fortunate to receive a life-saving defibrillator package fully funded by Hand on Heart, a charity which aims to educate and equip schools with the knowledge and skills to save a life. Our defibrillator is located in the school hall. I am sure you will agree it is a vital piece of equipment to have in school. Sadly, children and young people can suffer sudden cardiac arrest, as well as the older population. Medical experts believe many children could be saved if a defibrillator is used within minutes of collapse. The defibrillator alerts us to call the emergency services who will respond immediately, but in the meantime vital lifesaving action can be taken to give the person the best possible chance of survival.

Templemoor Memories

Do you have any special memories of being a child at Templemoor, or do you know of any friends or



family who attended Templemoor in the past? If so, we would love to hear your stories. We do have a section on our website, 'Templemoor Memories', which we are hoping to fill! Please send any memorable stories or photographs to: admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

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 them & wrapping them all up so that they looked beautiful & desirable for our purchasers!! Many thanks too, to all those who spent all day in school working with the children and helping make the event such a success.



Summer Term 2019

Monday 1st April 2019	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week Year 2 visit to Trafford Town Hall Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm
Tuesday 2nd April 2019	NSPCC Visiting School Parents' Evening
Friday 5th April 2019	School breaks up for the Easter Holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Back to school for the Summer Term Year 1 Ocarina lessons start
Wednesday 24th April 2019	Reception Trip to Manchester Airport
Friday 26th April 2019	Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Friday 3rd May 2019	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 6th May 2019	School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 8th May 2019	Class Photographs
Week Beginning 13th May 2019	Year 2 SATs
Wednesday 22nd May 2019	Nursery Trip to the beach
Friday 24th May 2019	Year 1 Assembly at 9am School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 10th June 2019	Back to school for the last part of the summer term Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday 11th June 2019	Year 2 (Class 2) trip to Chirk Castle
Wednesday 12th June 2019	Year 2 (Class 1) trip to Chirk Castle
Friday 14th June 2019	Fathers Day Secret Gift Shop Cool Down Fridays ice lolly sales start
Week beginning 17th June 2019	Science Week
Wednesday 19th June 2019	New Nursery Parents Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 26th June 2019	New Reception Parents Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 3rd July 2019	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Friday 5th July 2019	Nursery Cake Sale (for the Summer Fair)

Saturday 6th July 2019	The Summer Fair at 2pm to 4pm
Tuesday 9th July 2019	Year 1 Ocarina Concert at 2:30pm
Thursday 11th July 2019	Reception Assembly at 9am
Thursday 25th July 2019	Year 2 Leavers Disco at 5pm
Friday 26th July 2019	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9am School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm

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

Below you will find the calendar for the academic year 2019 to 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Closes	Friday 18th October 2019
Opens	Tuesday 29th October 2019
Closes	Friday 20th December 2019

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)	Monday 4th May 2020
Closes	Friday 22nd May 2020
Opens	Monday 8th June 2020
Closes	Friday 24th July 2020

Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Friday 7th February 2020
Monday 27th July 2020
Tuesday 28th July 2020