

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021



## Welcome Back to School

Welcome back! It has been fantastic to be back out in the playground again seeing lots of smiley faces return to school as well as lots of new families joining us for the first time. Classrooms are once again filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. We hope that our new families already feel very much part of the Templemoor community and we look forward to working in partnership with you. We are thrilled with how well the children in Nursery and Reception have settled in and are enjoying their new environment both outside and in. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also settled quickly into their new classes and are looking forward to an action-packed Autumn Term, full of enjoyable, challenging learning experiences. We have 205 children on roll and everyone is so excited to be back at school!

This year we have started to take steps back to the school life as we remember it. Already we have seen the return of assemblies, Golden Book marshmallows and hot chocolate and children in Years 1 and 2 playing together again at lunchtime! We still continue to promote good hygiene

practices with children continuing to wash/ sanitise their hands on a regular basis and also the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' programme with regards to coughs and sneezes. Our cleaning team continue to thoroughly clean the school on a daily basis, which allows our children to access a tidy and clean environment in which to work.

At Templemoor we pride ourselves on strong, positive relationships with our families. Any questions or general queries that arise throughout the year can generally be answered by class staff who will be only too happy to help. I am often in the playground in the morning and after school, so do come over and say hello.

We look forward to another productive and successful year ahead working together in partnership. I know that by working together, we will have the greatest experience and the happiest outcomes for our children. Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher



### The Golden Book

Every Friday each Year 1 and 2 teacher choose two children in their class who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, kindness etc. to be entered into the Golden Book. A special sparkling certificate is presented to the children whose names are put in the book. The children then have hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mr Hodgson. The Golden Book is kept in the school foyer. Take a look in the book the next time that you are in school to see just how hard all of our children have worked and how sensible and kind the children at Templemoor are. Children in Reception will attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Spring Term.



### The Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again! Please also make sure that you label all items, including water bottles that belong to your child. Thank you!

### New Hall Windows

During the Summer holidays, Templemoor was fitted with new hall windows. The benefits of having new windows are endless including improved security and a well-ventilated environment. The windows have certainly helped to modernise the hall, just in time for the return of our Christmas shows! Yes, believe it or not, we are really hoping that performances will be able to have an audience... in fact we are already thinking about our Christmas Shows, which will take place in December. Dates can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### School Fund

We are so grateful to the many parents who contribute to the School Fund by Standing Order. These funds are used for many purposes including, but not limited to, resources for classrooms such as reading books, small games equipment, supplies for cooking etc. Our school budget is currently very tight, so your contribution to the School Fund really does make a huge difference to the resources we can provide. If you would like to donate to school in this way please email the school office. Thank you.

### Smile Please!

On Wednesday 13th October, our new school photographer will be in school taking individual photographs. Following parental feedback, we are delighted to announce that this year the school will be working with a Sale based photographer, Andy Whittaker. Further information about Andy and his amazing work can be found [here](#).



## Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
<b>Mrs Judith Davenport</b> Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
<b>Dr Nigel Jones</b> Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
<b>Mrs Maureen Haddock</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Prof. Ben Ambridge</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Alison Tariq</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Jennifer Moore</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mr Stuart Hodgson</b>	Headteacher
<b>Mrs Shirley Brown</b>	Staff Governor
<b>Mrs Siobhain Easter</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Councillor Liz Patel</b>	Local Authority Governor

## Parking

Please could I ask all parents who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements. A resident who lives on Temple Road has told us that a parent was very abusive to her, when asked to move their car from the driveway. There have also been reports of parents parking their cars on pavements and then narrowly avoiding children who are walking on the pavement. Help us to eliminate the danger and set a good example to your children by walking to and from school where possible, and please be respectful and courteous to our neighbours.



## Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, templemoorinfants.co.uk. We tweet, through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text/email and send letters home via Seesaw and in book bags and we produce this monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.

## September 2022 Nursery Intake

The Nursery admission process for September 2022 is now open. To apply for a place in our Nursery please complete the application form using the following [link](#). The closing date for admissions is Friday 21st January 2022.

## Children's Parties

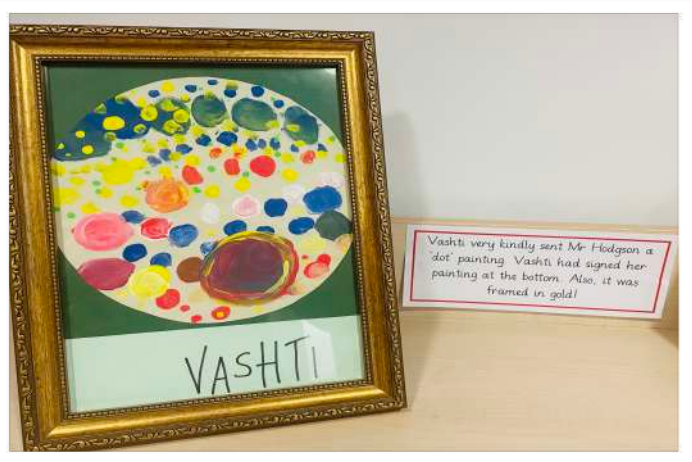
We are delighted to announce that the school hall is once again available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.





### International Dot Day

On 15th September, Templemoor joined with 1.3 million participants in 84 countries around the world to celebrate International Dot Day. Dot Day is inspired by the beautiful book, 'The Dot', written and illustrated by Peter Reynolds. Children were read the story of Vashti, a child who begins the journey of self discovery after a caring teacher inspires her to 'make her mark'. The children then produced some dot inspired artwork. This special celebration was all about creativity, courage and collaboration. What a great way for us to begin the new school year!



### 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 at the beginning of next week. 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 strengthen our induction programme for next year. The survey will close on Friday 22nd October 2021. Thank you in advance for your time.

### October Holiday Club 2021

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for our October Half Term Holiday Club, with the theme being Enchanted Autumn. Please log in to Scopay to make your bookings. To find out further information contact the X Club at: [xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk)



### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 19th October** and **Wednesday 20th October**. To limit the number of people on site at any one time, these consultations will be held virtually. You will be able to pre-book an appointment, and the system will enable you to be at home (or indeed at work) when you meet with your child's teacher. Further details will be sent out shortly.



### Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer. We are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. In line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time **will not** be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school please let the office know before 9am. Please confirm the reason for the absence i.e. flu, upset stomach etc. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website.

### Safeguarding

It is the duty of all of us to make sure our children are safe, protected from harm and happy both in and out of school. If we notice any concerns in school, we have a duty to report these to Trafford Children First Response. If you notice anything at all that concerns you, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Our designated lead for safeguarding is Mr Hodgson, our deputy designated leads are Mrs Brown and Mrs Cundick and our safeguarding governor is Mrs Davenport. Alternatively, you can contact Trafford Children First Response Team directly. Please see the safeguarding section on our school website for further information and contact numbers.



### Water Bottles

We all know the importance of keeping ourselves well hydrated throughout the day - it keeps us healthy and allows our brains to function well. We would like all children to bring in a water bottle from home each day filled with water. As the footballer Ronaldo says, we should be drinking water as it is far healthier for our bodies than sugary drinks. We are also very concerned about the impact of sugary drinks on children's teeth when they are drinking them throughout the day. To keep children's teeth healthy, our school policy is for children to drink **water only** from their bottles during lesson times. Please help us to preserve our children's healthy smiles by sending your child to school with water in their bottle.

### Punctuality

Although the majority of our parents are excellent at bringing their children to school on time, there are still children arriving later than 9am. Registration runs from **8:50am to 9am**. At 9am the school gates will be locked. Children coming to school after 9am are actually late and will be marked as so. This will show on your child's attendance record so please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Arriving late does have an impact on your child's start to the day. This also impacts on the rest of their class due to the disruption it causes. Please support school by arriving at school on time. Thank you for your help with this.



### Moorlands Open Morning

Moorlands Junior School are aiming to hold an open morning for our current Year 2 parents on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 9.30am-10:30am.

### Covid Updates

You will note from the press that Covid cases are creeping up. Public Health have advised us this week that Trafford now has the third highest Covid rate across Greater Manchester with increasing cases in 5-15 year olds. Although we have less cases than many schools, we are seeing isolated incidents in some classes. We therefore need to remain vigilant to keep you, your child and our school safe. Please remember the rules regarding attendance at school.

- If your child displays Covid symptoms, they **must** stay at home and get a **PCR test**. This includes a new and continuous cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of sense of smell or taste. A lateral flow test **is not sufficient** if your child has any of the above symptoms. They must isolate and you must book a PCR test for them. You can book one [here](#).
- Under new guidance issued this week from Trafford Public Health, children aged between the ages of 5 and 16, are now advised to stay at home when a sibling or household member tests positive for Covid-19 (via either a PCR or Lateral Flow test). On day 2/3 following the onset of symptoms in the household (or test date if the

positive case had no symptoms), the close contact child should get a PCR test. If this is negative, they can return to school, but should isolate again immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of Covid-19 at a later date.

- Any parents or carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right to send their child into the setting. In these situations, we strongly advise the precautions as described above should be taken but we recognise that this cannot be enforced. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

### And finally...

On the next page you will find some diary dates that we hope will be useful to you as you start the new term. As ever, if there is anything that you are not sure about, don't hesitate to ask one of us and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead working together in partnership.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



### Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 7th October 2021	International Poetry Day
Wednesday 13th October 2021	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 19th October 2021	Year 2 Open Morning at Moorlands Virtual Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20th October 2021	Virtual Parent Consultations
Friday 22nd October 2021	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Monday 1st November 2021	Back to school!
Thursday 11th November 2021	Remembrance Day
Week beginning Monday 15th November 2021	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 19th November 2021	UNICEF World Children's Day
Tuesday 7th December 2021	Reception Christmas Show at 9:30am*
Wednesday 8th December 2021	Reception Christmas Show at 9:30am*
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:30am*
Wednesday 15th December 2021	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:30am*
Thursday 16th December 2021	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am*
Friday 17th December 2021	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am*
Tuesday 21st December 2021	Christmas Party Day (exciting news to follow!)/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday

\*A Nursery Christmas sing-a-long is also being planned, and dates will be sent out to Nursery parents shortly. Please note that although we are aiming to invite a live audience to these events, this will be subject to guidance from Trafford Public Health. We may have to limit numbers, or cancel at the last minute. In the event that we are unable to invite a live audience, the shows will be recorded and shared with parents. Thank you for your understanding.

### Autumn Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 6th September 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd October 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 1st November 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Tuesday 21st December 2021

### Spring Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 4th January 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 11th February 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 21st February 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 8th April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 25th April 2022
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 2nd May 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 27th May 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 13th June 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 21st July 2022

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Wednesday 22nd December 2021
Friday 10th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022