

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016

Happy Christmas Everyone!

Once again the longest term of the school year comes to an end. And what a busy term we have all had. The last couple of weeks before the Christmas holidays has certainly been an eventful one! 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 absolutely everybody - staff, children, parents and governors - for helping to ensure that this term has gone smoothly.

It will be business as usual from Tuesday 3rd January 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.

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher

Year 2 Violin Concert

This term all of the children in Year 2 have been learning how to play the violin. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to strum notes and play simple songs. At the end of the project the children performed in an amazing concert, which demonstrated their hard

work and commitment to learning an instrument. Thank you to Mrs Brammall from Trafford Music Service who taught the children so much, but a huge well done to all of our children who showed a great level of commitment and enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument.



EYFS Christmas Performance

The children in Nursery and Reception had an amazing time performing their nativity 'A Miracle in Town' to their families. All of the children did brilliantly with fabulous singing, acting and dancing. The performances were very well attended and we received some lovely comments from parents and governors. Well done to everyone involved - we are very proud of you all.





Move over Mary Berry!

2 sittings, 180 children, 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 Rucki and ably assisted by Miss Rose and Mr Gio. The 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 staff. Thank you, Mrs Rucki and your team - our Christmas dinner was absolutely delicious!

Reception Cake Sale

Our very first cake sale of 2017 will take place on Friday 6th January, 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 and on our school website.

Attendance for the Autumn Term

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 is 96.9%. Well done everyone!

Parking on Nursery Close

Yet again we have issues with unsafe and inconsiderate parking. **Please do not park on Nursery Close.** The school are doing all that we can to tackle this ongoing issue, including communicating regularly with the Police. Our neighbours in Nursery Close are fed up with dangerous parking and overcrowding in the cul-de-sac. We appeal again for all parents proactive support to keep all our children safe. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Christmas Fair 2016

Thank you very much to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a huge success. Santa and his elf called in to see us, lots of sweets, homemade soup and cake were eaten and bottles won, and a great effort led by the Friends of Templemoor team helped us to raise a record £2323. 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 Fair. Details of those who donated can be found towards the end of this newsletter. The next school event will be Burns Night, which will take place on Saturday 28th January 2017. Further details to follow.





Safer Internet Day 2017

As a school we work regularly with the children to ensure that they are using the internet as safely as possible. On Tuesday 7th February 2017 we will be joining hundreds of other schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day with the theme 'Be the change: Unite 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. Further information will be sent home next term. Our 'e-safety policy' can also be found on our website.

Topics for next half term

Our exciting topics for next half term are:

Nursery - Where does snow go?

Reception - Can you read me a story?

Year 1 - Rio De Vida (Brazil)

Year 2 - Land Ahoy! (Pirates)

September 2017 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system for places is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk. The closing date for admissions is the **15th January 2017**.

Parents Evening Dates 2017

Parents Evenings for all children will be held again next term on two evenings - Tuesday 21st March and Tuesday 28th March. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 1 Brazilian Carnival Assembly

As part of their Spring topic, Rio De Vida, the Year 1 children would like to invite their parents and carers to a special Brazilian assembly on **Monday 9th January 2017 at 2:45pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Some Exciting News...



I am delighted to announce that Mrs Leigh will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 16th January 2016. She will teach in Class 4 for four days each week with Mrs Saint teaching the remaining day. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mrs Leigh back to school in the new year.

Music in School

Next term, our children in Reception will be taught by a music specialist, Mrs Shepherd. 'Little Voices' will take place each Monday in the Spring term, finishing with a special concert in the school hall for parents and carers of Reception children on Monday 20th March 2017 at 2:30pm.



Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 20th February 2017 for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.



Key Stage One Christmas Performance

Wow! Our Key Stage One children put on an 'Out of this World' performance for this year's Christmas Show. The learning that took place throughout the course of 'Christmas with the Aliens' was amazing. From developing confidence and self-esteem to learning how to take turns, working as a team and developing listening skills.

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, including an email from one of our Grandparents...

'What a wonderful play - what a treat to watch. Everyone was so good. The children worked so hard to produce such an excellent performance. Well done everybody! Watching the show made my Christmas'. (Year 2 Grandparent)



Thank you to everyone who donated money to Francis House and The Wood Street Mission at both our EYFS and KS1 shows. The School Council helped to raise a staggering **£476**.

And finally... Merry Xmas from the Governing Body

The Governors at Templemoor would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, staff and children for their hard work, support and enthusiasm over the past year. Everyone's contribution really does make an enormous difference to the success of our school.

We wish you and your families a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Judith Davenport - Chair of Governors



Christmas Fair Prizes

I would like to say a huge thank you to the following for their generosity in donating prizes for the Christmas Fair...

Children's football party kindly donated by the Soccerdome

£50 voucher kindly donated by Boden

Free interim service kindly donated by Walkers Garage

Free MOT test kindly donated by Walkers Garage

Handmade child's armchair kindly made by NSF upholstery

Electric toothbrush kindly donated by Tesco

6 free pilates sessions kindly donated by Physiolytes

Barcelona adults shirt kindly donated by Co-op Electrical

£30 voucher kindly donated by Vao

Pamper party kindly donated by Pamper Party for Girls

Family ticket kindly donated by Tatton Park

8 Photoshoots, makeover, 4 prints kindly donated by Benchmark Photography (8)

Fitness voucher kindly donated by This Mum Can Fitness

Christmas wreath kindly donated by Diddibox Flowers

Museum & Tour ticket kindly donated by Manchester United

2 tickets kindly donated by Odeon Cinemas

Family Ticket for the Skyride at New Bailey kindly donated by This Solid Ground

3 Pilates Classes kindly donated by Runway Pilates

2 theatre tickets kindly donated by the Waterside Arts Centre

£10 voucher to paint a pot kindly donated by Bean & Brush

Gingerbread chalet kindly donated by Greenhalgh's

Food goodies kindly donated by My Secret Kitchen

Christmas set kindly donated by Mintique at Traders Outlet

Christmas wreath kindly donated by Fleur de Vie

Blow wave voucher kindly donated by Steele & Co

Fruit or veg box voucher kindly donated by Orchard Greenery

Father and son haircuts kindly donated by Barnetts Barbers

£10 discount voucher kindly donated by Hesketh & Clair

Voucher kindly donated by Sale Dry Cleaners

Guess the weight of the cake kindly donated by Jo Renfrew

Dates for the Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January 2017	Start of the Spring Term
Friday 6th January 2017	Reception Cake Sale
Monday 9th January 2017	Reception Music Sessions start with Mrs Shepherd Year 1 Brazilian Samba Concert at 2:45pm
Saturday 28th January 2017	Friends of Templemoor Burns Night
Friday 3rd February 2017	Year 1 Cake Sale
Tuesday 7th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9th February 2017	Reception Assembly at 9:05am
Friday 10th February 2017	School Breaks up for the half term holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 21st February 2017	Back to school!
Friday 24th February 2017	Friends of Templemoor Wine Tasting
Wednesday 1st March 2017	Year 1 Assembly at 9:05am
Thursday 2nd March 2017	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March 2017	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 14th March 2017	Year 2 Assembly at 9:05am
Sunday 19th March 2017	Friends of Templemoor Family Spring Trail
Monday 20th March 2017	Reception Singing Concert at 2:30pm
Tuesday 21st March 2017	Parents Evening
Friday 24th March 2017	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28th March 2017	Parents Evening
Wednesday 29th March 2017	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm
Tuesday 18th April 2017	Back to school for the Summer Term!

Spring Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Closes	Friday 10th February 2017
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2017
Closes	Wednesday 29th March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 18th April 2017
School Closed - Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 1st May 2017
Closes	Friday 26th May 2017
Opens	Monday 12th June 2017
Closes	Friday 28th July 2017

Staff Training Days – School will be closed to children

Thursday 22nd December 2016
Friday 23rd December 2016
Monday 20th February 2017