

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JULY NEWSLETTER 2017

## What an amazing year at Templemoor!

It's very hard to believe that we have already come to the end of yet another academic year. It has been a great school year with so many successes and achievements and we would like to thank parents and carers for their fantastic support over the last year. This support makes a real difference to the school and our community. We would also like to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children. They have been amazing - each and every one of them! We wish our Year 2 all the best as they embark on their new chapter in life and eagerly await our new recruits in Nursery and Reception. All that is left to say is that we hope you all manage to have a restful holiday. School starts bright and breezy on Tuesday 5th September and we look forward to seeing everyone then.



## Year 2 Leavers Assembly and Disco

What a wonderful end of term our Year 2 children have had at Templemoor. The end of year leavers' assembly this morning was a really lovely celebration of our Year 2 children's time at our school. I can tell you that tears were shed by our teaching and support staff who have known the children from nursery right through to Year 2. The children all received a certificate and a leaving gift, which was provided by the Friends of Templemoor, to remind them of their time with us. Last night the

children had a great disco and boogied the night away with DJ Scotson who kept them brilliantly entertained. Well done Year 2!



## The Coin Trail

Can you remember the Coin Trail? It seems a long time ago now, but lots of our children brought in pennies and filled their class penny banks! We decided to hold a competition to see which class could make the longest penny line with the coins that they had collected. The children worked splendidly as a team to line their coins up and the results were as follows...

**Reception Ladybirds** 88 metres

**Reception Bees** 82 metres

**Class 2** 75.5 metres

**Class 1** 24 metres

**Class 4** 15 metres

**Class 3** 4.5 metres

Well done to the Reception Ladybirds who had the longest line. They won the much sought after Templemoor Coin Trail Trophy. Thank you also to

our fantastic treasurer Carol Severn who took all of the coins to the bank. We managed to raise an amazing £338.40 Well done everyone!

## The Templemoor Election 2017



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

All of our children could vote for one of four parties, each one represented by two members of our school council. Each party had to try to persuade us to vote for a piece of equipment that they wanted school to purchase.

The Orange Party wanted us to vote for an exciting music resource to be enjoyed by all.

The Yellow Party wanted us to vote for a camouflage den for bird watching at playtime.

The Purple Party wanted us to vote for extra equipment for outdoors to keep the children active.

The Pink Party wanted us to vote for an observation pack to view bugs and insects close up.

The four parties delivered impassioned speeches to all of the classes in an attempt to drum up

support. On Friday 30th June all of our children had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot.

The results were as follows...

The Purple Party – 28 votes.

The Orange Party – 30 votes.

The Pink Party – 34 votes.

The Yellow Party – 91 votes.

Well done to all the parties, particularly to the 'Yellow Party'. We have ordered the camouflage den so look out for it in our outdoor area very soon! A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Campbell who organised the Election and made it into a huge success. What an exciting time for politics!

## Change 4 Life Activity Passport

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will have been given a fun 'Change 4 Life' activity passport. During the summer holidays they can discover fun games and activities (online at Change 4 Life) which they will enjoy and at the same time keep them healthy and active too. Every time they play a new game for 10 minutes they earn a Disney stamp for their passport. Grown-ups can join in too. Have fun!



## Summer Term Attendance

The whole school attendance for the Summer term is 97.7%. Well done everyone!

## So Long, Farewell...

Mrs Saint, who is currently teaching one day in Year 1 will be leaving Templemoor at the end of this academic year. I would like to thank Mrs Saint for her support and hard work during the past 12 months. We will also say goodbye to a dear friend and colleague, Mrs Thorpe. We would like to thank Mrs Thorpe for her hard work, dedication and total commitment to the children and our school during the past 16 years. We will all miss her dearly. Good bye and good luck Mrs Saint and Mrs Thorpe.

## The Summer Fair 2017

Congratulations to the Friends of Templemoor! What a spectacular, sunny, sensational and super Summer Fair it was! Thank you to everyone who came along, volunteered, had a stall and produced or donated items for our Summer Fair. We had a record number of people attending this year and raised the phenomenal sum of **£2914 and 16p!** We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of the Friends of Templemoor and their

committee for all of the excellent fundraising this year. We appreciate their efforts and we have enjoyed some amazing events from Mr Tinsel's Family Fun Nights and The Christmas Fair to Swishing and Wine Tasting. Well done!



## Topics for September

Our exciting topic titles for September are...

<b>Nursery</b>	How many colours in the rainbow?
<b>Reception</b>	Do you want to be friends?
<b>Year 1</b>	Superheroes
<b>Year 2</b>	Muck, Mess and Mixtures

Further information about what your child will be learning from September will be sent out in the weekly home-links. There is also a 'Meet the Teacher' session planned for September.

## Parent Workshops with Sharon Amesu

We are delighted to announce that next term we will be working with an inspiring consultant, Sharon Amesu. Sharon will be delivering three after school sessions for parents which will equip you in your role as co-educators. We will introduce parents to the key concepts of Growth Mindset, explore the importance of parental engagement within the education system and highlight the significance of the part that you can play in developing your child's learning at home. These sessions have proved very popular with parents in other local schools and we are very excited to have the opportunity to share Sharon's expertise with you. Dates and times of the workshops can be found at the end of this newsletter and further information about the workshops will be sent out in September.





### Staff Training Day

Monday 4th September will be our staff training day. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will return to School on Tuesday 5th September. New Nursery and Reception children have been sent their own individual start dates.

### The Templemoor Art Exhibition

Last week parents and carers were invited into the Main Hall to see our Art Exhibition. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come and celebrate all of the incredible art work here at our school! Every child in the school had their work displayed. The Moorlands Orchestra provided a wonderful musical backdrop, and it was so rewarding to see so many parents and carers listening to the orchestra, surrounded by a dazzling display of whole school art work. We have a hot bed of Artistic talent here at Templemoor! A huge thank you to all our parents and friends who



came along to view and buy the paintings. The children loved showing you their work and seeing other art that has been done in the school. Thank you also to the Friends of Templemoor who served refreshments, and to Mrs Ree who organised this truly spectacular event.

Here is a selection of fantastic comments from parents and carers:

'A really beautiful way to showcase the children's artwork. My child can't wait to bring their artwork home'.

'All the pictures are fantastic works of art. What very talented children'.

'A fantastic idea. Thank you for valuing the children's creativity'.

'Great artwork. Let's hope one of them becomes the next Picasso'.



### Our Wonderful Staff

We would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the staff at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School for all of their hard work this year. Without them our children would not enjoy such a positive learning environment, make the great progress they do and achieve such excellent results. It has been another successful year and this is testament to the dedication and commitment of a very hardworking team! Thank you and we wish them an enjoyable and restful holiday.





## Holiday Postcards

Whether you are staying near or travelling far this summer, please encourage your child to send a postcard to school telling us their news. Happy holidays!

## Summer Reading Challenge

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the summer holiday. The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year more than 800,000 children around the country took part. Every year the Challenge has a new theme, and this year's Challenge is called 'Animal Agents', illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross. The aim of the challenge is to get children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays. To get started, go to your local library during the summer holidays - the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give

## Dates for the Autumn Term

A full list of events for the Autumn Term can be found at the end of this newsletter along with the term dates for this academic year.

them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge. We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements at the start of the next academic year. Good luck, and happy reading!

Further information about the Summer Reading Challenge can be found at:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



## Year 2 Recorder Concert

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers. The children performed brilliantly! Thank you also to Moorland's recorder group who amazed us with their magnificent recorder playing too.



## Sale Foodbank Collection

Last week we had a special visitor who came to school. Joan Tanner from the Trafford Food Bank spoke to the children about the vital work that they do to help families in the local community. She was over whelmed by your generosity of food donations which will make a huge difference to the lives of so many families during the Summer months.





### Multi Skills Fun Day

At the beginning of July, the PE Sports Hub, who work with us to deliver outstanding PE provision to all of our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, ran a multi skills competition. The aim of the multi skills event was to support the children in developing their core skills of running, jumping, throwing, balance and coordination and of course to experience competition and to have fun! The children had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



### Den Building Day

The children (and the adults!) had a magnificent day with 'We are Adventurers' building dens in our amazing outdoor area. The children in Year 2 even lit a fire pit and toasted marshmallows! Thank you to all of our parents who made a donation to Save the Children. We will announce the total amount raised shortly. As we mentioned in last months newsletter, we will be working with 'We are Adventurers' next year to deliver a term of outdoor lessons to all of our children in Years 1 and 2.





### Year 1 Ocarina Concert

This term all of the children in Year 1 have been learning how to play the ocarina. The children have learnt how to look after their instruments as well as how to play simple notes. 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 Mr Parker from Trafford Music Service who taught the children, and to our Year 1 children for being so sensible, for listening so carefully and for learning so much.

Keep working hard, be responsible and trustworthy, look after each other in the Juniors, be proud of your achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. But most importantly remember to believe in yourself and follow your dreams... 'The Sky's the Limit!' Well done Year 2.

**From Mr Hodgson**



### A message to our Year 2 children...

Goodbye Year 2 and Good Luck! How can it be that time of year already where we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children in Year 2? The year has flown by and it is amazing how much you have all grown since you came through the Templemoor Infant School doors for the first time as tiny Reception children in September 2014! That was the year that I joined our school too! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into the fabulously unique, independent and confident children that you are today. We hope that you look back on your time at Templemoor with happy memories that will bring a smile to your face. Will you remember the Superhero Day chasing after Professor Slime, or the day that the Queen visited our school? Will you remember your visit to Chirk Castle and Blackpool Zoo and the day the giant left his huge trousers in a tree!? Well we certainly hope that you do and that you will come back and see us from time to time. Remember we are very proud of you all and will miss you very much.

### ... and finally

**Happy holidays!** Yet again all of our staff have been completely overwhelmed with the kind gifts and cards that they have received from our children and parents. The messages of thanks have been very touching and have been very much appreciated at the end of a very busy year. Thank you! On behalf of the staff and governors, we wish all our children, parents and their extended families a wonderful and relaxing sunny summer!





## Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September 2017	School closed - Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th September 2017	School opens to Year 1 and Year 2 children. Nursery and Reception children have been given their own individual start dates.
Monday 11th September 2017	Year 2 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm
Tuesday 12th September 2017	Year 1 Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm
Tuesday 19th September 2017	Friends of Templemoor AGM at 7pm
Monday 25th September 2017	Reception Meet the Teacher at 2:45pm
Thursday 5th October 2017	Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 6th October 2017	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 12th October 2017	Parents Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Saturday 14th October 2017	Family Fun Night at 5pm
Tuesday 17th October 2017	Parents Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Friday 20th October 2017	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Thursday 2nd November 2017	Year 2 Assessment Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 3rd November 2017	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 7th November 2017	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Wednesday 8th November 2017	Parent Workshop 1 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Wednesday 22nd November 2017	Parent Workshop 2 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 30th November 2017	Keeping our Children Safe Online Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 1st December 2017	Own Clothes Day/ Nursery Cake Bake
Saturday 2nd December 2017	The Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 2:30pm (For parents of children in Afternoon Nursery and Reception Bees)
Wednesday 6th December 2017	Parent Workshop 3 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 7th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Morning Nursery and Reception Ladybirds)
Wednesday 13th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Thursday 14th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21st December 2017	Christmas Party Day



## Autumn Term 2017

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 5th September 2017
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 20th October 2017
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 31st October 2017
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 21st December 2017

## Spring Term 2018

<b>Opens</b>	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 9th February 2018
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 20th February 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 28th March 2018

## Summer Term 2018

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 16th April 2018
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 7th May 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 25th May 2018
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 11th June 2018
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 26th July 2018

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

Monday 4th September 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Friday 22nd December 2017
Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Monday 19th February 2018