

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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It's all go at Templemoor!

Welcome to the latest Templemoor Newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already into the last half term of this academic year, and what a busy half term it has been so far.

After managing to continue to have no cases of Covid in school since March 2020, the Delta variant had other ideas, and sadly we had to close our Reception bubble, a circumstance which as you will know is out of our control and in line with Public Health England advice. Thank you to all of our Reception families who have shown understanding and support to the school and for the many kind words we have received recently. The Reception children have had to adapt once again to many changes and indeed challenges, to which they have responded with resilience - they are absolute stars!

As you will no doubt have seen on the news, Greater Manchester is experiencing an outbreak of the Covid delta variant. So, whilst restrictions are relaxed outside school, we continue to follow the existing guidance closely, remaining vigilant and aware of staying as Covid secure as possible whilst looking forward with positivity and purpose. Talking of which, after the rather challenging year

we have had, it's been really refreshing to celebrate and have some opportunities to enjoy our curriculum beyond the classroom. Our recent Euro event and sponsored skipathon were a huge success and you can read more about these in this newsletter. Although we might not have our 'normal' end of term days and leavers' assemblies, we are still making things extra special for the children in safe and manageable ways and we really feel their curriculum is being enriched right to the last day of term and these memories will last a life time.

Throughout this newsletter you will find a selection of photographs of Templemoor from the 70s and 80s! After all, we are celebrating 50 years of Templemoor! I hope you enjoy them!

Keep smiling and stay positive. Mr Hodgson



Term Dates for 2021/ 2022

Next year marks the Queen's 70th Anniversary as monarch with an extra Bank Holiday planned in June 2022. As the extra day falls in our normal half term break, Trafford Local Authority have decided that the school year will finish a day earlier. For our school this means that the final day of term for the next academic year will be Thursday 21st July 2022. Our website will be updated to reflect this change.



Suncream, Hats and Water Bottles

It would be wonderful if the hot and sunny weather lasts until the end of term. Please ensure that suncream is applied before coming to school. Children can bring their own sun lotion into school as long as it has their name on it and they understand that they cannot share it with other children. Children are also encouraged to wear sun hats when outside for break or PE lessons. Click [here](#) for further sun safety information from the NHS. Please can we also ask that all children bring a water bottle to school every day - staying hydrated is even more important in warmer temperatures. Please make sure they are filled with water only, no fizzy drinks or juice.

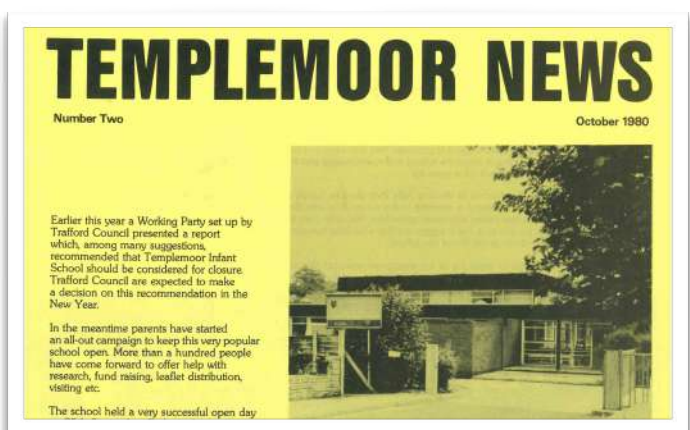
Back to the 1970s

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating 50 years of Templemoor on Tuesday 6th July. We will be learning all about life in the 70s and will be having a traditional 70s outdoor street party! If possible we would like the children to come to school dressed in 70s style clothing. (This does not have to be a full 70s outfit and could just be something like a 70s style t-shirt, skirt or a simple

accessory!) We are very excited for a day of 70s music, fashion, fun....and birthday cake!

As part of the celebrations we will be sending a message to the future with the burial of a time capsule in the school grounds. If you have any suggestions of what we could put in the capsule then please do get in touch! We actually have a time capsule from the year 1990 buried somewhere on the field, so if any parent has any ideas as to how we can locate it then we would love to hear from you!

Did you know that in 1980 Templemoor was actually going to close? Luckily, due to parent





pressure the local authority decided to keep the school open... and here we... still standing strong at 50!

The Penny Drive

We are continuing to collect small change for the Penny Drive. Please drop off any pennies or loose change in jars that will be outside the classrooms. There will be a competition to see which class has the heaviest jar full of pennies. All money raised will be used to buy new books to enhance our new PSHE programme. Good luck!

Sponsored 60 minute Jump

We all had a fabulous time on Thursday 24th June during our 60 minute jumping and skipping event. We are extremely proud of our wonderful children, who worked so hard, cheered each other on and had lots of fun. All the staff have commented on how well the children persevered and improved their skipping skills. It really was a superb event, enjoyed by everyone, and the rain held off! Despite our Reception Bubble closure, the



children were still able to join in with the sponsored skipathon when they returned to school on Tuesday! This was a truly enjoyable and fun way to welcome our children back to school. Thank you to those families who have already sent in sponsorship money. Please send money in an envelope and hand it in at the classroom door or place in the box outside the front office by Monday 5th July. Proceeds from the 60 Minute Jump will be spent on new updated Read, Write, Inc. Phonics books for use in school and at home.





Staffing Updates

There will be some staffing changes in September.

It leaves me with a heavy heart to have to tell you that Miss Salisbury will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She will be taking up a new teaching post in Manchester. Miss Salisbury began her teaching career at Templemoor as a newly qualified teacher in 2017. We have loved every minute of her wonderful teaching and her care for the children she has taught, and will greatly miss her when she leaves us. Miss Salisbury has given her absolute all to Templemoor and inspired so many children to achieve and live their dreams.

We are also very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Beck, our School Business Manager, who for the past six years has not only successfully managed the school's budget, but has also supported our pupils, families and staff with tremendous care and compassion.

Mrs Butler has decided to retire and spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Our best wishes and gratitude goes to Mrs Butler for her dedication, loyalty and service to the school over the past 21 years and we wish her all the very best for a well-earned, long and happy retirement.

We are always sorry to see members of staff move on to pastures new and losing three fantastic members of team Templemoor is a significant loss to the school. However, I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Salisbury, Mrs Beck and Mrs Butler



the very best of luck for the future and their new adventures.

School Organisation for September 2021

From September, the year group organisation for the school will be as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Leigh & Mrs Rowland
Reception Bees	Mrs Berry & Mrs Ree
Reception Ladybirds	Mrs Cundick
Year 1 Class 4	Mrs Campbell
Year 1 Class 3	Mrs Drinkwater & Mrs Brown
Year 2 Class 2	Mrs Wynne & Mrs Brown
Year 2 Class 1	Miss MacIntyre

New Classes

We have pencilled in 2 sessions for children in Reception and Year 1 to meet their new class teacher. We are aiming for these sessions to take place on Tuesday 13th July and Tuesday 20th July. The children will bring home a letter on the 13th telling you who their new teacher and class will be for next year. Not long to wait!

End of Year Reports

Our teachers are very busy writing your child's annual report as a summary of their progress and achievements this year, with a look at the next steps they will need to take in their learning

journey. We look forward to sharing these with you on or just after 16th July. The Year 2 Phonics Screening Check Results that the Year 2 children completed in December 2020 will also be sent out with the reports. Please remember that there are no statutory tests (SATs) this year for Year 2, and no Phonics Screening Check for Year 1. I have started to read some of the reports and it is such a pleasure to read such lovely comments about our wonderful children.

Summer Holiday Club 2021

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for this year's Summer Holiday Club. A detailed timetable of events will be sent out very shortly. This year our holiday club will be running from Monday 26th July until Thursday 26th August. If you are interested in booking a place for your child please use the X Club Booking system or to find out further information contact the X Club at: xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk

Reception Hearing Tests

Due to the recent Reception Bubble closure we had to postpone the Reception hearing tests. The School Nurse will now be in school on Thursday 8th July to complete the tests.

Scooters and Bikes

It is fantastic that so many children choose to ride a bike or scooter to school. However, please can we ensure that scooters/bikes are not ridden on school grounds. There have been several 'near miss' accidents on the playground. Thank you for your support.



Covid Updates

Unfortunately, the virus is still with us and our region is experiencing a rise in Covid infections. We are trying to do everything we can to ensure the school and bubbles remain open and that the risk of infection is reduced within the school. We continue to follow Government guidelines and the protocols we have in place across the school.

We can still function effectively within the bubbles created for each year group and we aim to give all the children the best possible end to the term, and for our Year 2 children the best end to their time at Templemoor. I have to keep reminding myself that we are in a better position than we were this time last year.

Public Health England has said that it is crucial that everyone continues to follow the Hands, Face, Space rules and that all adults are vaccinated as soon as possible. This is the best chance we have to returning to normal school life in September. I urge you to be extremely vigilant and cautious - make sure while on the school grounds you do not gather in groups, maintain social distancing and adhere to the one-way system, with only 1 adult to drop off/pick up at school. If you have anyone at home that is unwell, please book a PCR test for them immediately. If an adult or other member of the household is going for a Covid test **you must not** send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.





I am continuing to follow national and local developments closely in terms of Covid cases, and we are adapting our decisions and protocols accordingly. The safety and welfare of staff, children and families will always be paramount in all that we do, and so as a result this may lead to late changes to events etc. We will keep you as updated as possible. I am sure that you all agree it would be better to be cautious at this time rather than incur another national lockdown or tougher restrictions later in the year. We really cannot wait for restrictions to be fully lifted so that we can invite our families into school again! So keep going, we are nearly there!

Year 2 Leavers' Assembly

We are really hoping that the Year 2 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Thursday 22nd July. We are planning to hold the assembly outside, weather permitting. The assembly will need to keep within the Covid guidelines where no more than 30 can gather together. For this reason only 1 parent per family can attend the assembly. We will put 30 chairs out which will be socially distanced. Parents are permitted to record the assembly and take photographs however this must not be shared on social media or WhatsApp. The assembly will take place at 10am for parents of children in Class 1 and at 11am for parents of children in Class 2. If it is raining, we will record the assembly and make it available to you shortly afterwards.



Euro Event 2021

On Thursday 17th June, all of the children participated in football activities to celebrate the Euros. The children from Reception, Year One and Year Two were placed in teams. Each team was named after a nation competing in the Euros, and the children made flags representing their assigned country.

There were a range of amazing football activities, which were organised by Miss Salisbury and Mrs Brown, with support from Mr Bates, our P.E. Coach from the P.E. Sports Hub, including five-a-side football tournaments, penalty shoot-outs, dribbling games and lots more! All of the children demonstrated great football skills and superb 'sportsmanship'. Well done to Miss Salisbury, Mrs Brown and Mr Bates for organising this brilliant event, and to our wonderful children who gave their ultimate best!



Year 2 Disco

Our Year 2 Leavers' Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd July at 5pm until 7pm. Children can come to the disco dressed in their party clothes and dance the evening away!

And finally...

As things have begun to return to a more recognised way of life, it is important to acknowledge that this has, and continues to be, a very challenging year for children and their families and the school. I want to say a huge well done to our children and families for the positivity, commitment and 'can do' attitude that you have all demonstrated throughout.

I also want to place on record my heartfelt thanks to all of the staff at Templemoor. The measures we have had to implement to keep everybody as safe as possible have put an incredible strain on all the staff. But we all keep on going, supporting each other and ever more so determined to ensure that your children have the best possible education.

Whilst we remain optimistic about the country's recovery and moving beyond Covid, by maintaining this positivity and whole school togetherness, you have undeniably made the best of a difficult situation - sincerely, thank you.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



Dates for the Summer Term 2021

Thursday 1st July 2021	Sports Day
Tuesday 6th July 2021	Back to the 70s - Templemoor at 50 New Nursery Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 7th July 2021	Moorlands - Year 2 Parents Meeting at 6:30pm
Thursday 8th July 2021	Reception Hearing Tests
Monday 12th July 2021	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 13th July 2021	New Year 1 and Year 2s to meet their new teacher
Wednesday 14th July 2021	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 20th July 2021	New Year 1 and Year 2's to meet their new teacher
Thursday 22nd July 2021	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly Year 2 Disco at 5pm
Friday 23rd July 2021	School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm

Autumn Term 2021

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

Spring Term 2022

Opens	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Closes	Friday 11th February 2022
Opens	Monday 21st February 2022
Closes	Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

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

Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

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