

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2017

## Welcome to the Spring Term

A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a super Christmas and found some time to relax with your family. The spring term has already got off to a flying start, everyone is busy and there is a lot of exciting things going on in school as we lead up to Easter.

## Year 2 Visit Manchester Art Gallery

To begin their topic, 'Land Ahoy', the children in Year 2 visited Manchester Art Gallery. They looked around the art gallery, and used the amazing sea-themed art work on display, and their imaginations to set sail on a breezy boat ride, dive into stormy seas and walk on the beach before heading back to dry land where the children had the opportunity to create a piece of art work using different techniques themselves. Well done children!



## National Storytelling Week

We are planning a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school this week. During the week we will be reading lots of stories and talking about our favourite authors. We are very lucky to be having a visit from the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, who



will be leading fantastic drama sessions for every class. Children from Moorlands Junior School will also be coming to read stories to us which is always a lovely experience for everyone. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents and grandparents (especially dads and grandads!) into school to read a story to the children. This can be one that you have chosen or one from our class library, and can either be to a small group of children or to the whole class. If you are interested please contact your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time in the next few weeks. These experiences will really help to build up our children's love of literacy and reading. Thank you for your support in making this a fantastic experience for the children.

## Year 1 Cake Sale

Our next delicious cake sale will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some scrumptious cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

## Contact Telephone Numbers

Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself recently to a new phone? If so then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents who we try to contact only to find that their details have not been updated. This also includes landline numbers when you move house! Thank you for keeping school informed.

## Safer Internet Day

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. A letter will be sent out shortly from Mrs Berry, our computing lead, to give parents advice on keeping children safe online at home, as well as some useful e-safety websites. In the meantime, further details about Safer Internet Day can be found at [www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017)

## Sainsbury's School Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. These vouchers help us to get a range of new sports equipment for school. Please send in as many as you can. Thank you!



## Hall Display

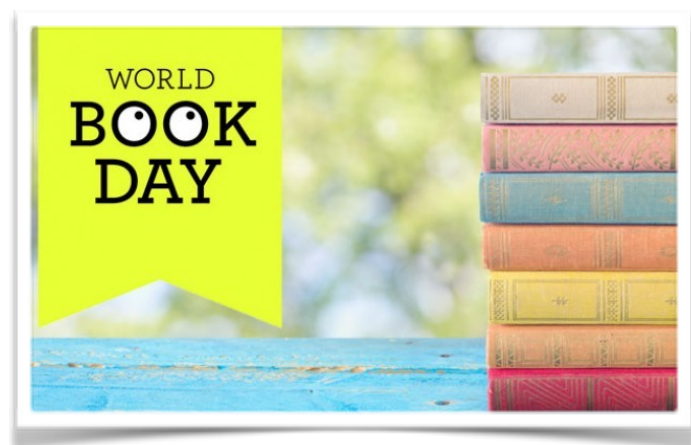
Our new hall display looks stunning! It showcases the magnificent work that the children have been doing this term, and includes fabulous writing from Reception and Year 2, as well as some beautiful art work from Class 1 and 2's visit to Manchester Art Gallery, and carnival masks from Year 1. Do take a look at the display when you are next visiting school. A huge well done and thank you to all of our children, teaching assistants and teachers for creating such a wonderful display. It really has brightened up the whole of the hall!



## Red Nose Day 2017

Red Nose Day this year is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Brand new red noses will be available to purchase from school soon priced at £1 each. Our School Council met last week with Mrs Campbell, and have decided that they would like to raise further funds for Red Nose Day by asking the children to come to school on the day wearing red. Children will also have the opportunity to perform a funny act, dance or joke! All proceeds raised on the day will go to the fantastic charity work that Comic Relief does. Further details will follow soon.





## World Book Day 2017

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories. Everyone in school will be able to dress as a storybook (not cartoon) character of their choice for the day and will enjoy story-based activities. We believe that this will bring the stories to life for the children and help to foster their love of books and reading. We are already looking forward to a really exciting day!

## Children's Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.

## Topics Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes coming up after February half term are:

Nursery - Who loves me?

Reception - Why do ladybirds have spots?

Year 1 - Memory Box

Year 2 - Street Detectives

Further details about each topic, including ways in which you can help at home, are included in our weekly home links, which are posted on our school website.

## Fair Trade Wine Tasting Evening

Please look out for a flyer explaining our wine tasting event which is taking place at school on Friday 24th February from 7:30pm to 10pm.

## Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15pm. School will reopen for us all on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February after the half term break.

This half term we have had a very special visitor in Reception. The giant from Jack and the Beanstalk came down from the beanstalk! The giant left a huge bear, a gigantic egg, some massive trousers, a jumbo peg and a ginormous spoon and dish, much to the children's excitement. Here is what some of our children thought about the visit...

"The trousers are really big. They are the giants. I think he put them there because he wanted to surprise us". Oliver B

"There was a ginormous bear and a humungous egg. The egg may be from the giants' hen, but it's not a golden egg". Daisy M

We all think that the giant has gone back up to the top of his beanstalk now, but do watch out in case you see him!



## Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Thursday 9th February at 9:05am for our first Reception Assembly of the year.



## Year 1 Brazilian Carnival Day

What an exciting start Year 1 had to their new imaginative learning project, 'Rio de Vida'. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 'Bangdrum' came into school to work with the children. Both classes were given the opportunity to take part in a number of fabulous workshops, including drumming, dance and carnival hat making. The children (and staff!) really enjoyed themselves and had great fun. At the end of the day our Year 1 children came together to perform in a carnival, watched by our Year 1 parents and carers and our Year 2 children. What a wonderful, noisy time we all had and what a truly memorable experience it was.



## Happy 2017 from the Governors



With Christmas and the New Year now a dim and distant memory it feels strange to be wishing all children, parents and staff a healthy, happy and successful 2017, but happy New Year nonetheless! More relevant given the time of writing is

Chinese New Year, and I was interested to learn recently that the Year of the Rooster is characterised by hardwork, resourcefulness, confidence and talent; clear parallels with the ethos and spirit of our wonderful school, its staff and our children.

What wonderful experiences await? What new things will the children learn? What new talents and curiosities will be unearthed? What new friendships made? Only time will tell. Personally I love the new year and starting afresh, feeling energised for the year ahead and looking forward to different experiences. And looking at the happy faces of the children to be back at school (not to mention the the even happier looks on parents' faces in the first few days after the break) it's clearly a shared feeling!

In the coming months the cycle of governors meetings will start again and as a governing board we look forward to working closely with the headteacher and staff to implement the school's development plan and continue to ensure that the school provides a truly vibrant and exciting environment in which the children will flourish...

...So, here's to 2017, which I'm sure will be another fantastic year for the school!

*James Leeming - Parent Governor*

## Burns Night 2017

Our annual Friends of Templemoor Burns Night celebrations were another huge success. We all sat down to a hearty meal of haggis, tatties and neeps all washed down with copious amounts of Irn-Bru! The night just wouldn't have been complete without a visit from the magical Mr Tinsel himself, who entertained the children (and grown-ups too!) with music, dancing, party games and magic tricks. A tremendous thank you must also go out to our fabulous Friends of Templemoor who put in so much time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the evening was such a huge success and to the Co-op who contributed to the cost of food and drinks. Thank you for your support in making family events so successful.

## Reception Singing Concert

The children in Reception have just started weekly singing lessons with Jane Shepherd, an Early Years vocal specialist. The sessions are a lot of fun, with music and movement too! Reception parents and carers are invited to a special Reception Concert in the school hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2:30pm where the children will showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing.

## Christmas Performance Photographs

We have some amazing still photographs of some of the children from the Christmas Performances which will be available for £2 for a digital image. Keep an eye on the classroom windows where we will be displaying the photographs. Pop cash or a cheque (payable to Friends of Templemoor) in an envelope for your child's class teacher along with the number on the photograph, how many copies you would like, your child's name and class.



## Bad Weather

Let's hope that the weather does not result in any school closure this year. Snow at weekends only please! If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the schools' text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

## Spring Term Parents' Evening

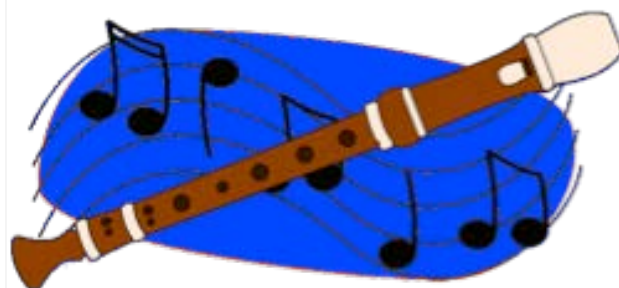
We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3:45pm to 7pm. All appointment times will be 10 minutes. Information about how to use our online booking system for appointments will follow after the February half term holiday.

## School Telephone Line

We apologise for any inconvenience that you may have experienced recently when calling the school. We are excited to announce that we will soon be getting a new school telephone system with a dedicated pupil absence line and voicemail. In the meantime should you wish to contact the school please call 07743 468 842. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Year 2 Recorder Concert

Parents, grandparents and friends of children who are learning to play the recorder are warmly invited to join us for a concert in the school hall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm. We can't wait to hear the children play their instruments!



## Friends of Templemoor Meeting

The next Friends of Templemoor meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm.

## Dates for the Spring Term 2017

Week beginning Monday 30th January 2017	Storytelling Week
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
<b>Tuesday</b> 21st February 2017	Back to school!
Friday 24th February 2017	Friends of Templemoor Wine Tasting at 7:30pm
Wednesday 1st March 2017	Year 1 Assembly at 9:05am Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm
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

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

## Summer Term 2017

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

## Staff Training Days – School will be closed to children

Monday 5th September 2016
Friday 21st October 2016
Thursday 22nd December 2016
Friday 23rd December 2016
Monday 20th February 2017