

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Welcome to the Spring Term

Although very belated I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Templemoor team, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas, managed to relax and that you enjoyed time with friends and family. As always, thank you for your continued support throughout 2021 and into 2022. 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.

Safer Internet Day 2022

On Tuesday 8th February we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day, with the theme 'All Fun and Games'. 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 to give parents advice on keeping children safe online at home, as well as some useful online safety websites. In the meantime, further details about Safer Internet Day can be found by clicking on this [link](#). We also have a dedicated page for online safety on our school website which gives guidance to parents on a range of internet related matters as well as links to

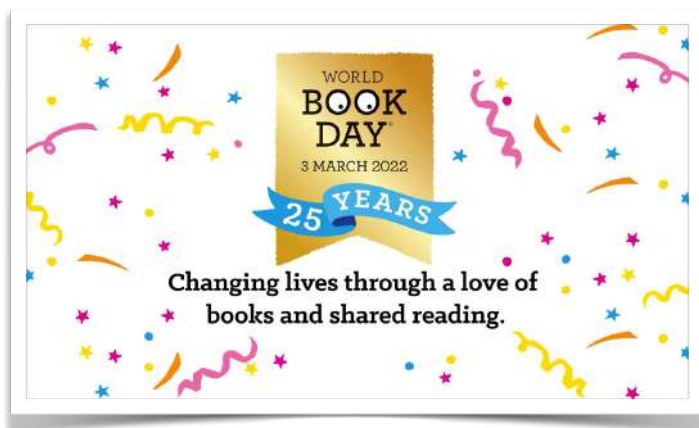


useful resources and videos. You can find the page [here](#).

Love Templemoor, Wear Red

The Friends of Templemoor have been busy making lots of fantastic fundraising plans, including a movie afternoon, break the rules day, Mothers Day and Fathers Day gift shops, the Penny Drive to name just a few. We are very hopeful that the Summer Fair will be back this year on Saturday 25th June - watch this space! Our next fundraising event will be an own clothes day - 'Love Templemoor, Wear Red', on Friday 11th February, where children can come dressed in red! Thank you for all you do in supporting the wonderful PTA in raising much needed funds for school.



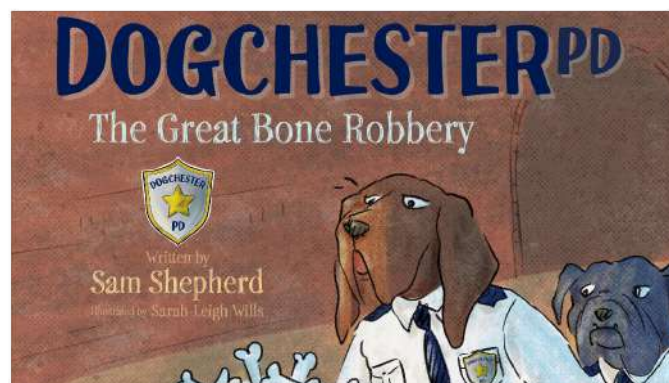


World Book Day 2022

In 2022, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day - with the message for all children 'you are a reader'! Thursday 3rd March is officially World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories, completing a wide range of exciting activities to help your children foster a love of books and reading. We ask that children (and staff!) swap their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event. We are already looking forward to a really exciting day!

The Masked Reader Challenge

You've all heard of 'The Masked Singer', the surreal and surprising singing show that asks: "Who's that behind the mask?" Well now we have our very own 'Masked Reader' challenge! Children (and teachers) can disguise themselves with a mask and can then take a photograph of themselves wearing the mask and reading their favourite book. Will we guess who these mysterious masked readers are? Further details will follow next week!



A Visit from an Author

We are delighted that the author Sam Shephard will be joining us on World Book Day. Sam is a local first-time author from Stockport, having recently published 'Dogchester PD: The Great Bone Robbery'. Sam will tell the children some stories from his days as a police officer and then read his book finishing with a Q & A session, which will no doubt be packed with lots of questions! Sam will also be selling and signing copies of his book on the day. Further details will follow after the half term holiday.

The Princess and the Pea

On World Book Day, children in Reception will take part in an online musical performance of 'The Princess and the Pea' which has been organised by the Greater Manchester Music Hub. How exciting!

Nursery Place Allocations

Nursery offers for September will be sent out to parents by Friday 11th February 2022. Not long to wait!



Half Term Reminder

School closes for the half term holiday on **Friday 11th February 2022** at 3:15pm. School will reopen for us all on Monday 21st February after the half term break.

A message from the Governors



Happy New Year! It's been a very long time since I've written an article for the Templemoor newsletter so I thought I'd start off by re-introducing myself. For those of you who don't know me, I'm

Alison, I've been a parent governor for about the past 6 years since my eldest was in Reception (I think!) now my youngest son, Isa is in the Reception Ladybirds class. Being a parent governor is a really rewarding role and there is always so much going on at Templemoor to get involved with. So I'm really looking forward to being able to return to in-school visits and meet the other governors 'in real life' as we get back to a form of post Covid normality.

This month I wanted to give special recognition to the X Club team, led by Miss McCartney. They have done an amazing job juggling to keep both the Breakfast Club, After School Club and Holiday Club operating during all the various restrictions.

On a personal level my children have always really enjoyed attending Club and it has been invaluable for us as a family to have access to high quality wrap around care for them. Even with changes in working patterns it's been great to know they are being looked after by such a fantastic team of caring individuals. It's also really helped with the return to longer school days knowing that they continue to be cared for by staff who they already know and are familiar with. And whilst I'm still working from home I feel happy knowing that they are playing at After School Club with their friends,

socialising and running around outside. As the evenings start to get longer I'm sure they'll be able to enjoy the fabulous Templemoor outdoor space even more at After School Club.

The Templemoor Holiday Club is also fantastic and the team work really hard each holiday to plan an exciting range of activities to suit children of all ages - this February's holiday club is themed around 'Wellness retreat' so here's hoping it's relaxing for all!

I'd encourage you to consider using either Breakfast, After School or Holiday Club when you need to, it really is a fabulous additional provision to the school.

Alison Tariq - Parent Governor

Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March (a couple of weeks earlier than previously advertised). All appointment times will be 10 minutes. These consultations will continue to 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.

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.





Snow Closure

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 school's 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. Fingers crossed that the snow storms will keep away!

Templemoor Election

We are very proud to be a Rights Respecting Silver school, where children are beginning to see themselves as rights respecting global citizens and advocates for fairness and children's rights, both locally and globally. We are currently teaching the children in class and in assembly about democracy. As part of this learning we are organising our very own 'Templemoor Election'. Our aim is to teach the children to understand about voting and the democratic process that



takes place. Children will get the opportunity to vote for one of four parties, led by our Rights Respecting Leaders. These are:

The Read More Party - who are campaigning to get more exciting books into each classroom.

The Arty Party - who want to get more art resources for each classroom.

The Happy Minds Party - who want to set up a calm corner where friends can chill, chat and where we can regulate our thoughts and feelings.

The Playground Party who would like to get more equipment for everyone at playtime!

The Rights Respecting Leaders will campaign in each class for votes. The Templemoor Election will take place on Wednesday 9th February and the results will be announced via our school Twitter feed and in the next monthly Newsletter.

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.

Parent Working Party

We will shortly be reviewing our school's Anti-Bullying Policy. If you would like to be a part of the parent working party who will help to review the policy, then please contact the school office.



Covid Update

Covid is certainly something that we are continuing to have to live with and I honestly cannot thank you enough for taking on board the advice that we continue to send out. Please always ask if you are ever unsure about the rules that continue to change. As always, the more we all do our bit, the better we keep each other safe. We certainly continue to do all we can in school to not only keep the school running efficiently and effectively but also to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. As you know, your children learn best when they are in school and I have to say that, without exception, you have shown so much trust in us throughout. As usual I will keep you informed if there are any changes in procedures, but for now let's keep on going, we are all in this together after all!

Autumn Term Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 96.4%. This is compared to 90% nationally. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain excellent attendance, despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Respecting the Local Community

Our Templemoor community is very dear to us and it goes wider than just our school gates. The neighbours that live near us are very accommodating, but please can we ask that you



are all respectful in return. We have had a few complaints recently about cars blocking driveways and pavements. For safety reasons, parents **should not park on Nursery Close**. We do not want to affect our positive reputation with local residents and I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Learning themes for next half term

Our exciting curriculum themes continue next half term:

Nursery	Are eggs alive?
Reception	Do cows drink milk?
Year 1	Manchester on the move
Year 2	Amazing Activists

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We could not be more proud of our wonderful school community. Enjoy the well deserved break!



Dates for the Spring Term 2022

Week beginning 7th February 2022	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th February 2022	The Templemoor Election
Friday 11th February 2022	Love Templemoor, Wear Red! School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 21st February 2022	Back to school
Tuesday 1st March 2022	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 2nd March 2022	Parent Consultations
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day Author visit/ Princess and the Pea
Sunday 6th March 2022	Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon
Week beginning 14th March 2022	British Science Week
Tuesday 22nd March 2022	World Water Day
Friday 25th March 2022	Mothers Day Gift Stall
Thursday 7th April 2022	World Health Day
Friday 8th April 2022	Break the Rules Day School finishes for the Easter Holiday

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 to children)

Friday 10th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022