

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Newsletter 2023

Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome you all back to school and thank you all for your support during this very busy half term. I really have appreciated it. I would like to give an extra special welcome to the many new children and families that have joined us this year. We hope that you already feel very much a part of the Templemoor community and we look forward to working in partnership with you in the year ahead.

We are absolutely thrilled with our new Early Years Building and our newly refurbished Year 1 classrooms. Many thanks to all our fabulous staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the classrooms were all set up and ready to go! Children are especially excited to have their playground back with lots more space to play. We look forward to developing the playground further in the coming months.

I think that everyone is ready for a rest now at the end of a very successful half term, staff included! I hope that you and your families have a lovely half term break, and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Brown

Acting Headteacher

We are Adventurers (WAA)



Our Year 1 and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their weekly outdoor learning session with "We Are Adventurers." The sessions develop a wide range of skills such as team building, taking risks and problem solving.

Children in Year 1 have made clay faces, sculptures and made some delicious food using sticks, leaves, stones and mud. Luke the Lion, our forest school leader from WAA, taught the children about how to respect nature, stay safe and develop team working skills outside.

In Year 2 children have been learning how to explain their opinions and develop friendships. Children have created 'friends' using natural materials, completed a guided assault course and created their own art work out of natural materials. All the sessions ended with a celebratory toasted marshmallow!

We have been delighted to be able to offer these forest school style sessions as part of our exciting curriculum at Templemoor.



Sale Food Bank

I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food - **Article 24 UNICEF**

As part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Work, we once again decided to collect gifts for our local food bank. Children in Year 1 and 2 had a visit from local food bank representatives who talked about the work they do and how we as a school family can help. Many thanks for all of the wonderful donations that have been sent into school. Our children are learning that 'together we can make a difference'.



Ocarina

Children in Year 1 are loving learning how to play the ocarina. Mr Robinson, our teacher from Trafford Music Service, has been very impressed with how musical the children are! Many thanks to the Friends of Templemoor for funding this opportunity for all of our children.

We would like to invite parents of Year One children to the Ocarina Concert on Monday 27th November at 2:30pm.



New Staff

We are delighted to welcome three new staff members to the Templemoor team. Miss Bamforth, our new Reception class teacher, Miss Williams, our new teaching assistant in Reception and Miss Butler, our new teaching assistant in Key Stage One and Early Years. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new staff and wishing them all the best for their future at Templemoor.

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Senior Leadership Team on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents and staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
Mrs Judith Davenport Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
Dr Nigel Jones Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Shirley Brown	Acting Headteacher
Mrs Maureen Haddock	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Alison Tariq	Parent Governor
Mrs Jennifer Moore	Parent Governor
Mrs Marsha Stevens	Staff Governor
Mrs Siobhain Easter	Co-opted Governor
Councillor Liz Patel	Local Authority Governor

A Message from the Chair of Governors

Welcome back to Templemoor and the new academic year. If you are new to our school, we send you a very warm welcome to our school community!



The last few months have seen an amazing transformation take place as work has been ongoing to expand, refresh and repurpose so many areas of our school. I hope you will agree that the end result is that we have a bright, modern and exciting environment in which our children can learn and flourish.

It has been such a busy time for staff and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them for the hard work they have put into the project and for making sure that everything was in place for the start of the new term – it was no mean feat! We now have 3 classes in Year 2 and other year groups will expand in the future as our numbers grow.

As Governors, we work very closely with Mrs Brown and her staff to make Templemoor the best school it can be in terms of the quality of educational provision but also in our support for our pupils, our families and the wider community. We are really grateful for the contribution our families make to the life of our school whether that is supporting school events, becoming involved with the PTA or volunteering in the classroom. Opportunities to join the Governing Board as a Parent Governor will arise throughout the year and if that is something that you are interested in or you simply want to understand more

about what it entails, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

With best wishes from the Governing Board.

Judith Davenport

Chair of Governors

Friends of Templemoor

A huge thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for their efforts last year in raising much needed funds for school. The Friends of Templemoor have lots of exciting events planned this year. The recent Lego Workshop Afternoon was a great success, children had really lovely time playing with their friends, and it was a chance for a catch up for the grown-ups! Remember to put the 2nd December in your diary for our school Christmas Fair!

Gentle reminders

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds or left unsupervised or tied to the school gates.

Smoking is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.

Please do not allow your child to scoot, cycle or walk into the carpark

We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bikes or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the

playground at the beginning or end of the day.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings at school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school day begins at **8:50am** and ends at **3:20pm**.

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer. We are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better. In line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time **will not** be granted. If your child is absent from school, please let the office know before 8:45am via a telephone call or an email to the school office.

Enchanted Autumn

We are excited for our holiday club. The theme this time is Enchanted Autumn. The children will be able to take part in activities around both the topics of Halloween and Autumn. These include, pumpkin carving, witches hat crafts, autumn hunts, puddle painting, biscuit decorating and paper origami to name a few.

Please remember holiday club opening times are 8am – 5.30pm.

Please send a packed lunch with your child. Sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks and any nut products are not permitted.



Keeping Children Safe in School

The safety and well-being of children is paramount to all that we do at Templemoor. School policies and procedures are in place to ensure that all members of the school community can work together in a way that supports safeguarding for all. There is key member of staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in school. All concerns are reported to the designated Safeguarding lead, Mrs Brown (or Mrs Cundick in her absence). All school staff have a duty to report any concerns that they have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the community. The school also have a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport who comes into school regularly to ensure that safeguarding policies and procedures are reviewed and updated. All staff have safeguarding training each year, including Prevent training and online safety training. Please remember any member of the public can make a referral to Trafford Children's Response on 0161 912 5125. If a child is at immediate risk of harm call the police on 999.

Dates for the Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Back to school!
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	Year 2 Library Visit
Monday 6 th November - Wednesday 8 th November 2023	Book fair in the school hall
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	School Photographer
Wednesday 8 th November 2023	Author visit
Monday 13 th November 2023	Odd Socks Day Antibullying Week
Week beginning Monday 20 th November 2023	Road Safety Week
Monday 20 th November 2023	Unicef World Children's Day (Wear Blue)
Monday 27 th November 2023 2:30pm	Year 1 Ocarina Concert
Saturday 2 nd December 2023	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December 2023 9:00am	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long
Wednesday 6 th December 2023 9:00am	Reception Christmas Show (for children in Ladybirds)
Thursday 7 th December 2023 9:00am	Reception Christmas Show (for children in Bees)
Tuesday 12 th December 2023 9:00am	Year 1 Sing-a-long
Thursday 14 th December 2023 9:00am	Year 2 Christmas Show
Friday 15 th December 2023 9:00am	Year 2 Christmas Show
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Break up for Christmas
Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to school for the Spring term