

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The second half of the Autumn term is always one of the busiest and this year is no exception. Walking through school it is wonderful to see the children focused and settled. They continue to impress us with their amazing curiosity and uniqueness. The classrooms are buzzing and there really is a great deal of learning going on! We have a very busy last two weeks 'and a bit' ahead, as we approach Christmas - our 'sparkly' season in school! The Christmas tree is about to be decorated! The rehearsals for the Christmas shows are in full swing. They promise to be full of fun! We also look forward to our Christmas Fair this weekend and of course our annual Christmas party, not to mention a Christmas pantomime that we have sneaked in for some extra fun! We certainly have every intention of ensuring the children have a memorable lead up to the festivities. Further details of our Christmas plans can be found in this newsletter. Thank you once again for your continued support, kindness and positivity. It really does help to keep us all going!

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher



The Templemoor Mile

You may have heard your children talking about completing 'The Templemoor Mile' and wondered what it is! Well, 'The Templemoor Mile' is a social activity where the children run, jog or walk at their own pace around the all-weather running track which hugs the perimeter of the school field. It is a fully-inclusive and simple initiative which has proven to improve the physical and mental health of children. The Daily Mile now takes place in over 3600 primary schools and in over 35 countries around the world and the children (and staff!) really do love it! You can also complete the Daily Mile at home too, simply click on this [link](#) to discover how you can take part. Let us know how you get on! #DailyMileAtHome

The Christmas Fair 2021

Preparations are well underway for this year's Christmas Fair, the first since December 2019! The Fair will be held mainly outdoors this year. We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 4th December from 1pm until 3pm. It promises to be a great afternoon, come rain or come shine!



Templemoor Remembrance Day Poppy Field

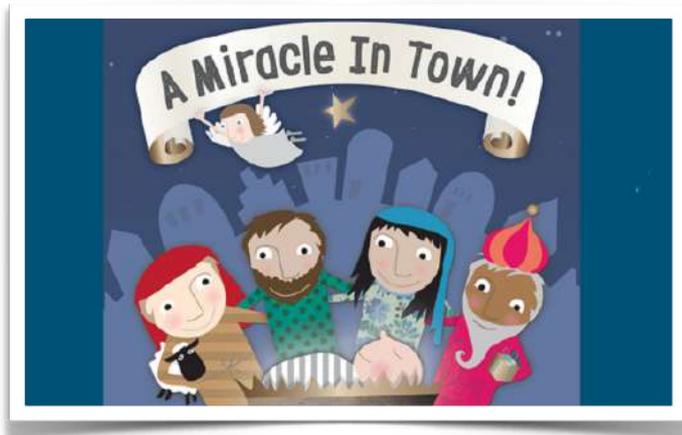
On Thursday 11th November, the school held a two minute silence to mark our respect for past and present soldiers and their families. The children in school learned all about Remembrance Day, and why it is an important national event. Lots of children also made poppies out of recycled bottles for our Remembrance Day poppy field. Thank you children, parents and carers for making your wonderful poppies. The poppy field looked stunning!

Easyfundraising

With Christmas just around the corner, did you know that you could shop at over 2000 different online retailers and help raise money for the school at the same time? The Friends of Templemoor is registered with:



It's a really easy way to raise funds - all you do is register with the site and choose 'Friends of Templemoor' as your chosen charity. Then the next time you shop online, enter the Easyfundraising site and shop as normal. There is even a tool bar strip that pops up each time you visit a retailer involved to remind you to use Easyfundraising. You don't pay us anything - it's the retailers who give us a percentage of their sales so please help us to raise vital funds!



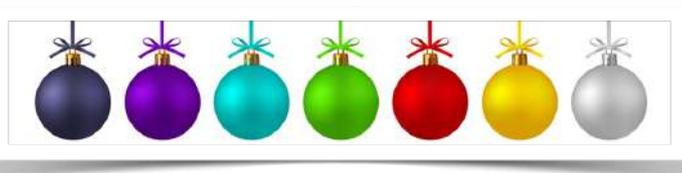
Reception Christmas Performance

Walking through school, it is just wonderful to hear the sound of singing coming from the hall and classrooms as the Reception children continue to rehearse for their Christmas Performance of 'A Miracle in Town'.

At this time, we are still aiming to invite an audience into the hall, and further details will follow in a separate letter. We will only be permitting 2 adults per family to watch the children perform. We would ask all adults attending to take a lateral flow test prior to arriving at school and to wear face masks during the performance. Parents in the Bees class will be invited to watch the show on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30am, and parents in the Ladybirds class will be invited to watch the show on Wednesday 8th December at 9:30am.

If Covid rates rise in the school, or if guidance from Trafford Public Health or the Department for Education suddenly changes, then we will have to change these plans, potentially at the last minute. In the event that a live show cannot go ahead, then we will aim to record the performance instead.

Parents in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 will also receive a separate letter next week detailing plans for their performances/assemblies. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.





September 2021 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online [here](#). An information booklet, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2021' is available to view on the Trafford Council website and on our own school website under 'Our School', and 'Admissions'. The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2021.

Templemoor Reading Competition

During October half term we ran a reading competition, where the children were able to get creative and share their favourite book with us in a variety of different ways. We had so many entries, including amazing book reviews, wonderful models, and marvellous illustrations that it was very difficult to choose winners. Mrs Davenport, our Chair of Governors, made the very difficult decision of choosing a winning entry from each class, with winners receiving a £10 book voucher. Thank you so much for all of your fabulous reading competition entries. They were an absolute joy to read and look at. We have displayed the entries in our school corridor for all to see!



Christmas Pantomime in School

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, we have booked an exciting pantomime for the children to watch on the last day of term. 'Aladdin' (not Snow White as previously advertised!) promises us boos, cheers, 'he's behind you', 'oh no he isn't!' and all the classic panto antics that we love! We do ask for a contribution of £7.50 to watch the show, and further details will be sent out next week. We cannot wait for the children to watch it!

Thank You Friends of Templemoor

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Templemoor who work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for school. Their dedication and commitment to the school is just simply amazing. So far this term the Friends of Templemoor have organised a design a Christmas card, held a Halloween Competition and are now putting all of their energy into organising the Christmas Fair. The Friends of Templemoor have raised money to purchase new reading books along with a range of PSHE books that promote diversity. They have also purchased phonic cards for all of our Reception children. Well done and keep going! You are all fantastic!

Non Uniform Day

Friday 3rd December is non uniform day, where children are asked to bring donations of cakes, chocolates, decorated jam jars and bottles for the Christmas Fair. We are also desperately in need of gazebos, particularly in the event of poor weather. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Wrapping up Warm

In line with government guidelines, we must have windows open to maintain airflow throughout the day. This means that, despite the heating, it can be slightly colder in class. We do not want your child to be cold so please ensure that they have a t-shirt or vest under their shirt, and a jumper with them every day. They must have a coat, even if the day seems mild as this can change by playtime and lunchtime. If your child tells you that they are cold, they are able to wear layers. We will not be asking children to wear coats in school as they need another layer to wear outside and often coats are wet from their journey to school and from playtime and lunchtime. We do have CO2 monitors in each class to monitor air flow and ventilation, and I am pleased to tell you that the air flow throughout every area of school is very good. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Cards

Children love to be able to send Christmas cards to each other, so if your child would like to write and send some cards then please send these into school via your child's classroom. Please ensure the envelope has the full name and class of the recipient before handing them in to school!

Christmas Dinner Day

We are busy making plans for our Christmas Dinner day, which is taking place on **Monday 20th December 2021**. To make it extra special, we would really like it if the children came to school wearing a festive hat on this day!



Templemoor Parent Survey

Although 2021 has continued to be a rather challenging year for us all, we are constantly striving to improve the quality of provision that we offer for our children and with this in mind I would ask all parents to take the time to fill in a survey that will be sent out electronically on Monday 6th December. The survey asks for your views on a wide range of areas from transition into school and school meals to the school curriculum and communication with parents. We are also keen to hear your views on what we are doing well and your suggestions for improvements. The survey will close on Tuesday 21st December 2021. Thank you in advance for your time.

Calendar dates for 2022/23

Calendar dates for the Spring and Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the academic year 2022 to 2023 are available from our school website, under 'Parents' and 'Term Dates' (so that you can plan those well deserved holidays during the school holidays well in advance!). They are also included at the end of this newsletter so that you can refer to them throughout the year.

Christmas Party Day

Our Christmas Party will take place on the last day of term, **Tuesday 21st December 2021**. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We are looking forward to having lots of fun!



Golden Table

You may have heard the children in Years 1 and 2 talking about a 'Golden Table'. This is a really exciting reward initiative that we have just started to reintroduce here at Templemoor. Four children are chosen every Friday by our midday assistants to eat lunch at the 'Golden Table' with Mr Hodgson, in recognition of their good manners and outstanding behaviour in the dining hall and playground during the week. They have the privilege of a golden tablecloth, special trays and glasses, as well as decorations. The children chosen so far have thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and have felt very special.



Singing Club

We are delighted to announce the long awaited return of the fabulous Mrs Peacock and her amazing Singing Club in the new year. The Club will take place every Tuesday (starting on 11th January 2022) after school from 3:15pm to 4:30pm and will involve the children taking part in a range of musical activities and singing a range of songs. A letter will be sent out to all Year 1 and Year 2 parents next week with further details. The children in Year 1 and 2 will also be taking part in a special singing assembly on Monday 6th December 2021, where Mrs Peacock will showcase some of the activities that will be taking place at the Club.

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. All policies relating to safeguarding are available on the school website. Hard copies of policies are kept in school and can be seen on request.

There are key members of staff who have responsibility for all safeguarding issues in the school. All concerns are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Hodgson, (or Mrs Brown or Mrs Cundick in his absence) who has the responsibility of making sure that proper procedures are followed to address the concerns raised. However, all school staff do have a duty to report any concerns that they may have or anything brought to their attention by a child or another member of the school community. The School also has a safeguarding governor, Mrs Davenport, who comes into school regularly to ensure that all safeguarding policies, procedures and action plans are reviewed and updated. All staff have Safeguarding Training every year, as well as Prevent Training which deals with safeguarding against extremism and radicalisation. If you have any questions or comments to make about any aspect of safeguarding we are more than happy to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office.





Anti-Bullying Week

Here at Templemoor we are always proud to support Anti-Bullying Week, which took place this year in the week beginning 15th November. On Monday 15th November it was great to see the children (and some parents!) showing their commitment in wearing their odd socks to school to show their individuality and uniqueness. During the week the children participated in a range of activities to raise awareness of bullying. They also listened to a range of anti-bullying stories. The week was the perfect opportunity for the children to discuss their feelings and to offer support to one another. It was also important to recap the messages around bullying; to make sure that all of our children understand how to keep themselves safe, what to do if they are worried and how we will respond if they are ever worried or upset.

Here are some of our Year 2 children’s views on bullying...

“Bullying can hurt your feelings. If your friends are being bullied you need to stand up for them”. *Eloise*

“Bullying is really bad because it’s mean and wrong. I would tell a grown up to make things better”. *Ella*

“We listened and chatted about stories about bullying, and talked to our teachers about what to do if we are being bullied”. *Alfie*

“Bullying is not very nice and you must always tell a grown up if you are worried about anything at all”. *Alex*

Proposed Templemoor Expansion

Templemoor has recently been approached by the Local Authority as a preferred site for expansion from a two form to a three form entry infant school. With the proposed increase in children from 2023/2024 would come additional capital investment, with much needed improvements and exciting new facilities to further enhance the learning experience for our children now and those that follow in the future. I need to stress to you that the proposal is very much in its infancy, and will involve a long and rigorous process of consultation, including parent and resident consultation. Further details, once available, will be sent out in the new year with the whole school community being kept informed at every stage of the consultation process.



Children in Need

Thank you for donating money for the Pudsey Bear teddies. You managed to raise a staggering £285 for Children in Need!

End of Term

Please don’t forget that school closes on **Tuesday 21st December 2021** at 3:15pm for the Christmas Holidays.

Final dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Friday 3rd December 2021	Non Uniform Day - Please bring donations for the Fair
Saturday 4th December 2021	The Christmas Fair from 1pm to 3pm
Monday 6th December 2021	Year 1 and Year 2 Singing Club Assembly
Tuesday 7th December 2021	Reception Christmas Show at 9:30am* (Parents of Bees only)
Wednesday 8th December 2021	Reception Christmas Show at 9:30am* (Parents of Ladybirds only)
Monday 13th December 2021	Nursery Singalong at 2:45pm*
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:30am* (Class 1 Parents only)
Wednesday 15th December 2021	Year 2 Christmas Show at 9:30am* (Class 2 Parents Only)
Thursday 16th December 2021	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am* (Class 3 Parents Only)
Friday 17th December 2021	Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 9:15am* (Class 4 Parents Only)
Monday 20th December 2021	Christmas Dinner Day - Wear a festive hat
Tuesday 21st December 2021	Christmas Party Day - Wear party clothes! 'Aladdin' Pantomime for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Back to school for the Spring Term

*Please note that although we are aiming to invite an audience to these events, this will be subject to guidance from Trafford Public Health and current Covid rates within school. We may have to limit audience numbers, or cancel at the very last minute. In the event that we are unable to invite an audience, the shows will be recorded and shared with parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Autumn Term 2021

Closes	Tuesday 21st December 2021
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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)

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

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TERM DATES 2022 to 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Opens	Monday 5th September 2022
Closes	Friday 21st October 2022
Opens	Monday 31st October 2022
Closes	Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Opens	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Closes	Friday 10th February 2023
Opens	Tuesday 21st February 2023
Closes	Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Opens	Monday 17th April 2023
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 1st May 2023
Closes	Friday 26th May 2023
Opens	Monday 12th June 2023
Closes	Wednesday 26th July 2023

Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023
Thursday 27th July 2023
Friday 28th July 2023