

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017



Welcome Back to School!

Hooray! We're back and up and running and it has been lovely to get back into the usual routine and meet everyone again after the long summer break. I do hope that you all had a glorious summer and enjoyed some special times with your children. A very warm welcome to all our new families that have joined us for the first time, and to our two new teachers Miss MacIntyre and Miss Salisbury. We hope you will soon feel very much part of the Templemoor community. We are thrilled with how well the children in Nursery and Reception have settled in and are enjoying their new environment both outside and in. Key Stage One children have settled quickly into their new classes too and are looking forward to the Autumn Term ahead, full of enjoyable, challenging learning activities! We have 232 children on roll and everyone seems so excited to be back at school!

Year 1 Superhero Day

The children in Year 1 had a 'super' start to their new topic this term. They all became real life superheroes! The children came to school dressed as their ultimate superhero and then set off on a

mission to catch the villainous Professor Slime. He left trails of slime around the school, which the children had to find. He even left his initials on the playground! POW! KAPOW! ZAP!



Individual Photographs

On Wednesday 18th October, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and sibling photos. Please do not bring siblings from other schools without the permission of their Headteacher. Children who are not on our school roll may be brought to have photographs taken at 8:30am.

Assemblies

On a Monday we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the good work that goes on outside of School. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year One and Year Two to bring in certificates or trophies from any out of School activities to share in this assembly. We look forward to seeing what the children have been up to!



School Fund

We are grateful to the many parents who contribute to the school fund, some via the classrooms, Billy Bank and some by Standing Order. These funds are used for many purposes including, but not limited to, consumables for classrooms such as salt, compost, sand, touch screen computers for the Reception class, small games equipment, supplies for gardening etc. A growing number of parents donate by Standing Order, if you would like to donate to school in this way please collect a form from the office.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all our parents and carers that attended our meet the teacher sessions. We do understand that not all parents were able to make these sessions so we are currently in the process of uploading all the information from the meetings onto our school website.

Volunteers in School

We are always grateful to parents/grandparents who offer help on a regular basis. If you would like to help in school please let the school office know. If the company you work for have any resources, schemes or projects which you think would benefit our school please get us involved!

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed Trafford Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge, 'Animal Agents'. If your child has not yet brought his or her reading certificate into school to show us, please send it into school on Monday ready for the Celebration Assembly.

Postcards

We have all enjoyed reading the many postcards that were sent to school over the Summer holidays. Thank you for taking the time to write and post them. It sounds as though you all had a fabulous time!

Parent Workshops with Sharon Amesu

This term we are working with an inspiring consultant, Sharon Amesu. Sharon will be delivering three after school sessions for parents which will equip you in your role as co-educators. We will introduce parents to the key concepts of Growth Mindset, explore the importance of parental engagement within the education system and highlight the significance of the part that you can play in developing your child's learning at home. Dates and times of the workshops can be found at the end of this newsletter and further information about the workshops will be sent out very shortly.





Harvest

In celebration of Harvest we have once again decided to collect gifts for a local food bank. Harvest gifts can be sent into school from Monday 2nd October until Thursday 19th October. The Food Bank are desperate for custard, coffee, instant mash, treats, juice, tinned spaghetti, tomatoes, pasta sauce, rice pudding, sponge puddings, biscuits and jam. We hope that you will support our collection and talk to your children about the need to help people who will benefit from our support. Thank you.

Reception Information Evening

We will be holding an Information Evening at school on Thursday 5th October at 6pm for parents of children in Reception. During this evening you will find out about:

- our handwriting scheme
- how we teach phonics
- ways in which you can support your child at home with reading and writing

This session will last for approximately one hour. We very much hope you will attend and look forward to seeing you on the night.

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 30th October** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. A full list of term dates and holidays is published on our website and at the end of this newsletter.

Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Friday 20th October** at **9am** for our Year 2 Assembly.

The Golden Book

Every Friday each Year 1 and 2 teacher chooses two children in their class who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, kindness etc. to be entered into the Golden Book. A special certificate is presented to the children whose names are put in the book. The children then have a delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows with Mr Hodgson. The Golden Book is kept in the school foyer. Take a look in the book the next time that you are in school to see just how hard all of our children have worked and how sensible and kind the children at Templemoor are. Children in Reception attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Summer Term.



Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to all our Parents and Carers who took the time to complete our Annual Parent Survey in July. We are very grateful for the very positive comments received and for some great recommendations for how we could be even better. Results of the survey will be sent out to all parents by the end of next week.

Coop Local Cause

We are continuing to fundraise to purchase a much needed whiteboard for the school hall. With the right computing equipment, the potential is immense to provide the children with enhanced assemblies, PE lessons and performances. We need your help! Please become a Co-op member, if you aren't already. This can be done online at www.coop.co.uk/membership or in store. Once you have done this, then log in to your Co-op member account and choose 'Friends of Templemoor' as your local cause. So far we have managed to raise £1016.33, but we are aiming to raise £3000 before the end of October. Thank you for your support.



Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, templemoorinfants.co.uk. We tweet, through our Twitter feed @TemplemoorINS. We also text/email and send letters home in book bags and we produce our monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.



Punctuality and Attendance

As ever, we are keeping a careful eye on attendance at school and working closely with our Education Welfare Officer. While we are pleased that our attendance rate is above the national expectations we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. Please note that, in line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time will not be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school please let the office know before 9:30am and provide a written explanation on their return either in letter form or via email tadmin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website.

Parents Evening Dates

We will be holding Parents Evening this term on two evenings - **Thursday 12th October** and **Tuesday 17th October**. Appointment times will be 10 minutes. Please book your appointment by using the electronic booking system via the school website, which will allow you to view available time slots online and securely book appointments.

Gardeners Required

If you would like to give up some of your time to do a bit of pruning, weed pulling or general tidying of the garden areas then please contact the school office. It would be wonderful if we could get a team of volunteers to keep our grounds looking beautiful!

Year 1 Cake Sale

Our very first cake sale of this new academic year will take place on **Friday 6th October** when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

Welcome from the Chair of Governors



On behalf of the governing body, I am delighted to welcome you to the new academic year at Templemoor. For those of you who are new to Templemoor, we extend a

very warm welcome to our school community and hope that your children are settling in well. For those of you who are returning, we hope you are looking forward to another vibrant and exciting year of learning!

Some of you may be unaware of the governing body and the role which we have been elected to carry out so here's a brief explanation. We are a small group of volunteers made up of parents, community members, staff and local authority representatives who have a real interest in helping the school achieve its aims and provide the best education for all our children. We are tasked with ensuring the school has a clear strategic vision, holding the school's leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its staff and making sure that the school's money is well spent. In essence, we are the school's "critical friend". We achieve this through a series of well planned committee meetings and visits to school throughout the year.

You will see us at some of the school assemblies, performances and events throughout the year. This is definitely a favourite part of the role, getting to witness the wonderful talents of Templemoor's children!

From time to time vacancies do arise on the governing body so if you are interested in becoming involved or would like to know more about our work, please contact the school office as we would be more than happy to have a chat in further detail.

Best wishes
Judith Davenport
Chair of Governors

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
Mrs Judith Davenport Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
Dr Nigel Jones Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Maureen Haddock	Co-opted Governor
Mr James Leeming	Parent Governor
Mrs Alison Tariq	Parent Governor
Mrs Stephanie McIntee	Parent Governor
Mr Stuart Hodgson	Headteacher
Mrs Shirley Brown	Staff Governor
Mrs Sue Buckley	Staff Governor
Mr Yemi Joseph Ajayi	Local Authority Governor

Goodbye Miss Eaton

At the end of next week we shall say a very sad farewell to Miss Eaton, who has completed her Apprentice Teaching Assistant Level 3 with us. We wish Miss Eaton the very best of luck for the future and we do hope that she comes back to visit us.

Booking Deadline - Holiday Club

The deadline to book for October holiday club is **Thursday 12th October 2017**. Requests received after this date will only be considered based on staffing ratios.

Some Gentle Reminders

Some gentle reminders for everyone's safety:

- Please do not bring dogs into the school grounds (tie them up at the gate).
- Please do not smoke in the school grounds.
- If your child/ren come to school on bikes/scooters they must dismount at the main gate, and walk the bike/scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the bicycle racks. Children must not scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

Thank you for helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.

And finally...

On the next page you will find some diary dates that we hope will be useful to you as you start the new term. As ever, if there is anything you're not sure about, don't hesitate to ask one of us and we will be happy to help.

I am in the playground in the morning and after school, so do come over and say hello. We look forward to another productive and successful year ahead, working together in partnership.

Very best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher



Muck, Mess and Mixtures

This half term the Year 2 topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' where, you've guessed it, the children get to make LOTS OF MESS!! The children had a fantastic launch day where they had a lot of fun experimenting with a variety of weird and wonderful mixtures. Thank you for your support in making this a fantastic experience for the children. The children also created amazing pieces of environmental art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Well done children!



Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Thursday 5th October 2017	Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 6th October 2017	Year 1 Cake Sale
Thursday 12th October 2017	Parents Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Saturday 14th October 2017	Family Fun Night at 5pm
Tuesday 17th October 2017	Parents Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 18th October 2017	Individual Photographs
Friday 20th October 2017	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Thursday 2nd November 2017	Year 2 Assessment Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 3rd November 2017	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 7th November 2017	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Wednesday 8th November 2017	Parent Workshop 1 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Wednesday 22nd November 2017	Parent Workshop 2 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 30th November 2017	Keeping our Children Safe Online Workshop for Parents at 6pm to 7pm
Friday 1st December 2017	Own Clothes Day/ Nursery Cake Bake
Saturday 2nd December 2017	The Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 2:30pm (For parents of children in Afternoon Nursery and Reception Bees)
Wednesday 6th December 2017	Parent Workshop 3 with Sharon Amesu at 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 7th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Morning Nursery and Reception Ladybirds)
Wednesday 13th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Thursday 14th December 2017	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 21st December 2017	Christmas Party Day School breaks up for the Christmas Holidays

Autumn Term 2017

Opens	Tuesday 5th September 2017
Closes	Friday 20th October 2017
Opens	Tuesday 31st October 2017
Closes	Thursday 21st December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Opens	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Closes	Friday 9th February 2018
Opens	Tuesday 20th February 2018
Closes	Wednesday 28th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Opens	Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 7th May 2018
Closes	Friday 25th May 2018
Opens	Monday 11th June 2018
Closes	Thursday 26th July 2018

Staff Training Days - (School will be closed to children)

Monday 4th September 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Friday 22nd December 2017
Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Monday 19th February 2018