



# Templewood Times



Autumn Term Newsletter 7

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## ART CLUB

Art Club worked hard on their entry for the Christmas tree festival at St Francis and, as some of you may know, we won our category!! Please could we say a huge thank-you to those of you who voted for our tree. Your support is much appreciated.

Places are still available for next term's art club. Please contact me at Julie@stedham.net and I can forward a form to you. Happy Christmas from Art Club

## Templewood Tones

Please join me in saying a huge well done to the Templewood Tones for their contribution in the Community Concert, led by Monks Walk on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It was lovely to watch our choir perform along with other local primary schools. It was a moment to see that Templewood had the largest primary school choir- for this we owe our thanks to Mrs Wiley; who is undoubtedly committed to supporting the delivery of music at Templewood. It was also a lovely chance to see previous Templewood pupils performing in the Monks Walk choir and sharing their instrumental talents.

### Reception Stay and Play.

Our Decorations making sessions was enjoyed by all. The children (aided by their grown ups) made a topper for their Christmas cakes, painted a salt dough decorations, weaved ribbon around a star shape, threaded popcorn, and made a penguin from a pine cone.

## Healthy Schools

We are pleased to announce that Templewood has been awarded The Healthy School mark. We had previously received the award in 2003. Over the last year the SLT and relevant subject leaders have reviewed and improved such curriculum areas as; PE, Science, SRE, Healthy eating, PSHE and wellbeing- all that support the growth and knowledge of health young adults. We have been assessed against a rigorous criteria and received the following feedback:

*"Many congratulations to you and your whole school community. You clearly embody the healthy schools ethos and fully deserve the award! The key strengths that our team would particularly like to commend your school community for are:*

- *It is heartening to see a more coordinated approach to your PSHE provision with the introduction of the PSHE medium term plans.*
- *There has clearly been a great deal of policy re-drafting and ensuring that the practice in the school is reflected in your range of wellbeing related policies. Well done for pulling this all together.*
- *The exciting work undertaken to create, develop and enhance your nurture provision for the school's most vulnerable children.*

### **The Nativity**

A big thank you to all of KS1 and Reception for the lovely performances of Lights, Camel Action! Also, a special thank you to Mrs Stedham and Mrs Wood for the beautiful props, Mrs Wiley for helping us with our singing, Mrs Harnell for the making the wonderful cloaks and all the parents who helped us to get into our amazing costumes.  
**THANK YOU!**

*•The activities on offer are bringing to life the healthy eating area of the programme and pupils are clearly able to experience an enjoyable, balanced lunchtime experience too.”  
(Jayne Wright, Consultant for Herts For Learning)*

### **Nursery Christmas production**

This morning, amongst the water shortage at Templewood, Nursery parents and siblings were lucky enough to still enjoy the Christmas celebration that Hawthorn class had worked so hard to prepare over the coming weeks. After having had to postpone the performance last Tuesday we didn't want to cancel the show all together; we would like to thank all the parents and siblings who stayed for the production this morning. We would also like to thank all parents and the staff involved in the organisation- the children were so confident with their speaking lines and sang many songs beautifully. Lastly, we would like to thank the following Year 6 pupils for staying to help support their younger peers: Maya, Teddy, Willow and Ruby.

### **Christmas at the Cinema'**

'Christmas at the Cinema' (KS2 concert) was a great success (or should we say 'absolutely fabulous'). All of the children's hard work paid off as they sang like angels in both performances. A special thank you to Mrs Wiley, for opening the proceedings with the spellbinding 'Templewood Tones'. The children are very proud of themselves and we would like to thank you all for participating in the traditional final song of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'.

**From all the staff at Templewood, we would like to say well done to all the pupils for their consistent hard work this term and we would like to wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We hope you enjoy the festivities and the chance to spend time with your loved ones.**

**Krista Toal**

## Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Gold Book

Hawthorn: Asher and Harry  
 Willow: Lisa and Ava  
 Elder: Francis and Sophia  
 Birch: Holly Co and George  
 Elm: Ruby and Oshari  
 Maple: Tommy and Oliver P  
 Larch: Bobby and Glenn  
 Oak: Rithvik and Aidan D

### Smile Award



Presented to  
**Oliver D**

for  
 showing amazing progress in his  
 handwriting, and persevering  
 with his presentation skills

## Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Gold Book

Hawthorn: The whole class  
 Willow: Julio and Aishwarya  
 Elder: Eleanor and Catherine  
 Birch: Santino and Holly  
 Elm: George and Maggie  
 Maple: Anabel and Samika  
 Larch: Flo and Micah  
 Oak: Willow and Edith

### Smile Award



Presented to  
**Maggie H**

for  
 being a kind and  
 helpful friend

### Super Brain Award



Presented to  
**Nathan E**

for  
 His fantastic adaption of  
 the Three Little Pigs – The  
 Three Little Sharks

## The next two weeks at Templewood

| Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> January |   |
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| <b>Thursday</b>                        | INSET Day   |
| <b>Friday</b>                          | Spring Term begins<br>Pantomime visits Templewood |
| Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> January |   |
| <b>Monday</b>                          | Year 3 Kings and Queens Day                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                         | Primary Admissions Tour 9.30am                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                       |   |
| <b>Thursday</b>                        |   |
| <b>Friday</b>                          | Year 2 Great Fire of London                       |

For a full list of dates, please see the interactive calendar on our website which is updated on a regular basis.

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Yours sincerely  
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