

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017



Happy Half Term!

Our first half term has gone by already! And once again a very busy time has been had by all. Exciting things have been happening in all of the classrooms throughout this half term and the children have again achieved so much throughout the school. Well done to all of our children, and the staff for working so hard! On behalf of the staff, children and Governors at Templemoor, I wish you all a very relaxing and happy half term! We look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 31st October 2017.**

Year 1 Fire Fighter and Police Visits

As part of their topic about 'Superheroes', the children in Year 1 were lucky enough to receive

Year 2 Assessment Information Evening

On Thursday 2nd November at 6pm we will be holding a Year 2 Assessment Information Evening for parents of children who are currently in Year 2. The session aims to inform parents about the end of Year 2 testing arrangements as well as the ways in which you can support learning at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

three visits - one from Bob the Lollypop Man, one from the Police and another from the Fire Brigade. The children enjoyed finding out about the different ways police officers can help us. They loved learning about some of the equipment they use and dressing up in their uniform! The fire fighter gave us a talk on fire prevention and what to do in case of an emergency. We explored the fire engine and had a go at trying on their helmets and using the hose, which was great fun! Bob the Lollypop Man taught us how to keep safe when crossing the road. A huge thank you to Bob, Mr Ree and Mr Latham for giving up their precious time to come and talk to the children. You are all real-life superheroes!





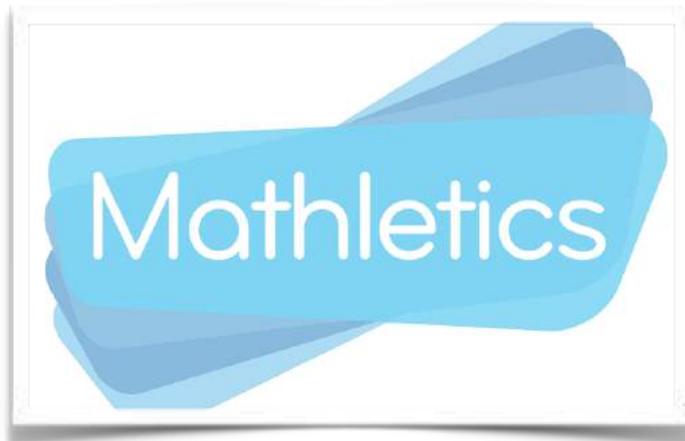
Sale Food Bank

On Thursday we had a special visitor who came to school. Joan Tanner from the Trafford Food Bank spoke to the children about the vital work that the Food Bank volunteers do to help families in the local community. She was over whelmed by your generosity of food donations which will make a huge difference to the lives of so many families during the half term holiday. Well done everyone!

Flu Vaccination

All children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are now offered flu vaccination as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme. It's quick and painless and will mean your child is less likely to become ill if they come into contact with the flu virus. The vaccine, which is in the form of a nasal spray, will be administered to children whose parents have signed the consent form, on

Thursday 16th November 2017.



Mathletics

Our school has subscribed to an exciting online learning platform for Mathematics called 'Mathletics'. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will shortly be bringing home login details which will allow access to the site. Mathletics can be used on iPads, tablets, laptops and home computers. Maths activities can be set by your child's classroom teacher and aimed directly at their level. The Mathletics resource is a fun and interactive way for children to practice their Mathematics skills at home. Look out for further details after the half term holiday.

September 2018 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at www.trafford.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2018. Further information can be found on our school website under the tab 'Our School' and 'Admissions'.

Family Fun Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our frightfully fun Family Night. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by parents and children alike. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous team at the Friends of Templemoor who organised the evening and of course to the one and only Mr Tinsel who entertained and amazed the children with his wonderfully spooky tricks and ghoulish games. He even managed to magically saw Mr Hodgson in half! We will let you know how much we have raised shortly.





Parent Workshops with Sharon Amesu

We are so very excited to be hosting 'The 'Positive Plenary Programme' which will be delivered by Sharon Amesu, a personal development consultant and director of 'Life in Colour Coaching Ltd'. Sharon is a mother of three and was a Barrister with 16 years experience of practice at the Criminal Bar prior to becoming a consultant. She has successfully delivered this programme to schools with very positive results. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to:

- reflect on their role as co-educators
- consider the key concepts of developing a 'growth mindset' within the home
- reflect on the importance of parental engagement within school
- consider the part parents can play in developing their child's education at home

The workshops will take place on Wednesday 8th and 22nd November and Wednesday 6th December. You do not have to attend all three sessions, but those parents that have absolutely loved them! Please email the school office to book your place today!

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 is published on our website.

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Tuesday 7th November 2017** at **9am** for our Year 1 Assembly.

Lost Property

We have a continuous problem with lost property ranging from school shirts and jumpers to gloves and even coats. Items are difficult to reunite with their owners, as unfortunately most of them are not named. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. This will help us return the items to their rightful owners. If your child has lost a coat or any other items of clothing then please contact the school office to reclaim. We hope that some of the lost property will find its way back home to its rightful owners!



Topics for next half term

Our exciting themes for next half term are:

Nursery - Is it Shiny?

Reception - Why do squirrels hide their nuts?

Year 1 - Bright Lights, Big City (London)

Year 2 - Moon Zoom (a new topic for us here at Templemoor!)

Further details about the topics, including ways in which you can help at home, will be included in the weekly home links.

Reception Literacy Workshop

We enjoyed sharing how we teach phonics, reading and writing with our Reception parents and carers in the Literacy workshop. The workshop was well supported and we received very positive feedback:

"I loved the session. It was very informative, fun and delivered by passionate teachers'.

"What a useful session, very informative and reassuring".

"The workshop reminds me of what a lovely, caring school this is".

For those of you who could not attend we will upload the workshop materials on to our school website under the tab 'Learning' and 'Reception'.



School Menus

Templemoor offers a delicious school dinner menu, which can now be found on our school website. Our talented cook Mrs Rucki operates on a four week basis and therefore there are four different menus. These menus have been developed by Trafford Catering Service. Our school dinners are that popular, even the teachers have them daily!



Parent Partnership Award

Here at Templemoor we believe that we have strong and positive relationships with our families and wider community. We pride ourselves on our close working partnership that we have with our parents. We have therefore decided to take the first step in working towards achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award. The LPPA was established in 2003 and has rapidly become a well-known national quality mark. The process usually takes between 12-15 months and we therefore look to be assessed in Autumn 2018. One of the main elements of working towards the quality mark is creating a parent working party in order to gain the valuable views and opinions of parents. Further information about how you can join this working party will be sent out after half term. We will be using our monthly newsletter to share with you our progress towards achieving the LPPA so watch this space!

SEND Link Newsletter

Trafford's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Link Newsletter for the Autumn Term can now be downloaded from our school website, under 'Our School' and 'Special Educational Needs'. Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter directly at www.trafford.gov.uk/thelink.

Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will soon be time to get out the hats, scarfs and gloves again! Please can you also ensure that all articles of clothing are labelled. Thank you!

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our second cake sale of this academic year will take place on **Friday 3rd November 2017** when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

A Message from our Parent Governor



Well I can't quite believe it is the end of the first half term already, time is racing by again this year. As a parent it's been a busy time in our house, settling our 3 year old son into the school nursery

and our eldest adjusting to life in Year 2. The staff over in the nursery have done a fabulous job of making the younger one feel welcome - he's really enjoying it, as I hope your preschoolers are too!

As a parent governor at Templemoor Nursery and Infants School I've also had a busy half term at school! I've been attending governors sub committee meetings; the Extended Services committee where we look at the Nursery and X-club provision and at the Resources and Safety committee where as always we have been reading and agreeing a lot of policies!

As part of my governors role on the Extended Services committee I will also be visiting the X-club breakfast and after school clubs before the half term is out. Governor's visits to school are a really valuable tool for the governing board as they let us see first hand the fantastic work being done by all the staff in the school and Nursery. The visits help bring to life all the reports and updates we receive in meetings and are vital to ensure we can give well informed opinions and challenge within our meetings.

I'm also looking forward to visiting the nursery when we return in November to see how well the

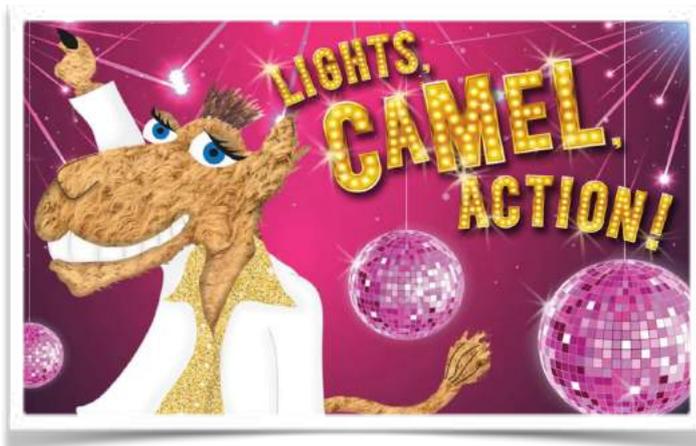
children have settled in and can't wait to see firsthand the enormous range of activities and learning opportunities the nursery staff are providing for the children.

Hopefully you and your children all have a restful half term holiday, whether it is at home or away and your little ones return feeling refreshed and raring to go again next term!

Alison Tariq
Parent Governor

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings this term. As always almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work. We hope you found the sessions informative. I am sure that you were impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that every child has made - the school was certainly full of very proud children the next day!



Exciting 'Christmassy' News Just In...

We are so excited to announce that our children in Nursery and Reception will be performing Wiggly Nativity, and our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing Lights, Camel, Action! Think Strictly meets Nativity! We are hoping once again to film both productions. The dates and times of the performances can be found at the back of this newsletter. Has the countdown to Christmas really begun already!?!

School Outcomes for 2016/17

At the start of our new academic year it is always good to celebrate our children's academic achievements from last year. We now have outcomes from the end of Early Years, the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check and from the end of Year 2. Our performance data is on our website, under the tab 'Our School', 'School Performance'.

As I am sure you will be aware, the national picture for primary schools has changed, and tests and outcomes have significantly raised expectations for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Despite everything being harder, both locally and nationally, our children continue to have excellent outcomes.

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter the full 2017 performance data for Templemoor Infant and Nursery School for the end of Year 2.

School Outcomes for EYFS and Year 1

81.4% of pupils in Reception attained a Good Level of Development against the Early Years framework. The national average is 70.7%, and the Trafford average is 73%. A Good Level of Development is defined as children working at the expected standard or exceeding the expected standard in the key areas of literacy, maths, physical development, communication and language and personal, social and emotional development.

93.3% of children in Year One attained the expected standard in the Phonic Screening test. This is above the national average of 81.2%, and the Trafford average of 83.5%.

Pupil Conferences

This half term every child in Year 1 and Year 2 has had a one-to-one discussion with their class

teacher to discuss progress, attitudes to learning, and to look through their work and to set targets for the next half term. We really do value what your children have to say. They came up with some marvellous suggestions about how they can make their work even better. Well done children. We are so very proud of you!



Dates for the Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 31st October 2017	School opens for Autumn Term 2
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
Thursday 16th November 2017	Flu Vaccination
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

Key Stage One Outcomes for 2017

Expected Standard - Working at the expected standard for a child at the end of Year 2.

Greater Depth - Working at greater depth within the expected standard, with a strong understanding of the curriculum.

End of KS1 Teacher assessment Results 2017	School Performance	Trafford Local Authority Performance	National Performance
Reading - expected standard +	83.1%	80.3%	75.6%
Reading - Greater Depth	55.9%	30.5%	25.2%
Writing - expected standard +	76.3%	72.1%	68.2%
Writing - Greater Depth	16.9%	14.6%	15.6%
Mathematics - expected standard +	78%	79.5%	75.1%
Mathematics - Greater Depth	28.8%	22.8%	20.5%