

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020



## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The second half of the Autumn term is always one of the busiest and one of the most exciting with lots of things happening in school as we lead up to Christmas, 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 totally fabulous learning going on! We have a busy last two weeks ahead, as we approach Christmas - our 'sparkly' season in school! The Christmas tree is up and twinkling brightly. We have every intention of ensuring the children have a memorable lead up to the festivities. Further details of our Christmas plans can be found later in this newsletter. As usual, this newsletter is packed with lots of very useful information from exciting Friends of Templemoor events and a parent survey to delicious fajitas and hooting owls, so please do take the time to read it fully. Thank you once again for your continued support, kindness and positivity. It really does keep us all going!

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher



## Fabulous Fajitas!

Last week at lunchtime we were transported all the way to marvellous Mexico! There was an inflatable cactus, some sunny sombreros and of course lots of delicious food to eat. Our talented catering team worked so hard to create a lunchtime like no other, to celebrate the addition of Eloise's Chicken Fajitas to the menu. The children absolutely loved the food, as did Eloise herself, who was also awarded with a gift voucher from Mellors for her amazing efforts in designing the dish. Well done Eloise and thank you to our brilliant catering team! We are now looking forward to our Christmas dinner, which will take place on 16th December. Yum!





**Twit Two!**

The children in Reception have been having a very exciting time learning about Autumn. Not only has the Reception 'Look Out' changed to Percy the Park Keeper's hut, but the children were also lucky enough to have a socially distanced visit from three wise owls. Ian, from Lower Moss Wood Education Nature Reserve and Wildlife Hospital in Knutsford, came to talk to the children about owls. He introduced a beautiful barn owl called Shimba, an African spotted owl called Caru, and an Eagle owl called Chocolate. Ian answered questions that the children themselves had thought of and was thrilled with how interested they all were in these fabulous birds. Here is what some of the Reception children thought about the visit:

"I liked Chocolate the best! He was very big. He had little eyes and pointy ears. He also had massive wings!" *Jack.*

"The owls were great. I felt nervous because Chocolate had big wings, but he was gentle and sat nicely. My favourite owl was Caru because he had a funny name!" *Lily.*



**September 2021 Reception Intake**

Trafford's on-line application system is 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.

**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 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. Thank you for your continued support.





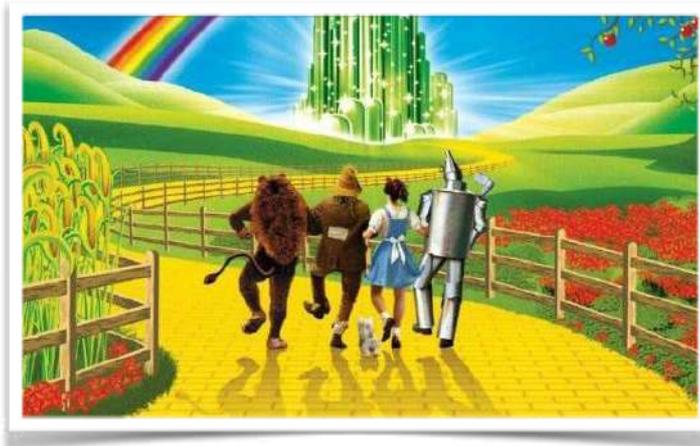
### Christmas has arrived at Templemoor!

As we head towards Christmas, our Templemoor Christmas will be slightly different than usual, just like everyone's at home. However, it will still be just as magical! The Templemoor team have let it be known that they are really going to town this year! Decorations have started going up in school, including an amazing 10 foot Christmas tree! The tree is standing tall in the corridor for all of the children to see, and is that high that it almost goes through the skylight in the ceiling! Look out for more decorations popping up around school next week.

The children will be taking part in lots of Christmas activities too!

We are busy making plans for how we can make Christmas Dinner day as festive as possible. This will take place on Wednesday 16th December and we would really like it if the children came to school wearing a festive hat on this day.

Whilst we are disappointed not to be sharing Christmas performances this year, we have booked



an exciting pantomime for the children to watch in year group bubbles. 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' promises us boos, cheers, 'he's behind you', 'oh no he isn't!' and all the classic panto antics that we love! We cannot wait for the children to watch it!

On the last day of term, the 18th December, children are invited to wear party clothes to school as there will be Christmas activities and celebrations taking place in each class bubble. Children do not need to bring their school bag or anything extra on this day, just themselves and their water bottles. Please ensure the party clothes are warm or send extra layers to put on top and make sure the children's footwear is suitable for school. We do ask that you make a small donation to the Friends of Templemoor on this day. The money we raise will help to fund special things that will enrich the Templemoor experience for every child, such as the pantomime. Our last non uniform day in October raised a staggering £658.78. Further details to follow.

And finally... if we close our eyes and wish hard enough, there may even be an appearance from Father Christmas himself! Ho, ho, ho!





### Online Christmas Party

You are invited to the Friends of Templemoor online Christmas party on Saturday 12th December at 3:15pm! Zoom from your living room and join Freddie Fantastic and your school friends for 45 minutes of Christmas party fun - games, dancing, magic and lots more! Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

### Templemoor Parent Survey

Although 2020 has been a challenging year for us in school, 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 a few minutes to fill in a survey that will be sent out electronically on Friday 4th December. The survey asks for your views on a wide range of areas from transition into school and school meals to remote learning and our Covid response so far. We are also keen to hear your views on what we are doing well and your suggestions for improvements. The survey will close on Friday 18th December. Thank you in advance for your time.



### Reindeer Hunt

Oh no! Santa's reindeer have escaped and are hiding in Sale Moor! Help us to find Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph by joining the 'Reindeer Hunt'. The Friends of Templemoor Reindeer Hunt launches from 7th to the 30th December. Buy your map [here](#) for £1.50.

### Virtual Parent Consultations

You should have received details about our virtual system of meeting with you. Parent consultations will take place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December (or Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December for Ladybirds class). If you have not yet booked a meeting you have until noon on Thursday 3rd December to do so. If you have any questions or queries please email [admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk). This is our very first time of running these meetings and fingers crossed that they all run smoothly! We are not expecting any technical issues to arise, but we do ask for your patience and understanding in advance just in case there are any tiny hiccups!





### Anti-Bullying Week

The 16th November to 20th November 2020 was Anti-Bullying Week and the main focus this year was 'united against bullying.' Here at Templemoor we are always proud to support Anti-Bullying Week. On Monday 16th November it was lovely to see the children (and 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 many of which can still be accessed on our **Templemoor Story Time** channel. The week was a wonderful 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 is mean and unkind. It can really hurt peoples feelings". *Beatrice.*



"Bullying makes you feel upset and very sad. If someone is bullying you, you must tell a teacher or a grown up straight away". *Elliott.*

"Bullying is wrong and can make you feel sad and uncomfortable and can really hurt your heart". *Eric.*

### Christmas Cards and Gifts

To ensure we keep the risk of Covid transmission to a minimum we will not be sharing Christmas cards this year and politely request that children do not bring any cards to school. We know that some will be disappointed about this but there are others who have told us that it is a relief not to worry about cards coming home. We would also ask that children don't bring in gifts for the staff for the same reasons.

We are always amazed at the generosity of our parents, and our staff are so grateful for the support from you all, but this pandemic has clearly brought with it increased difficulty and uncertainty for many people in every community. We are also well aware that we haven't had the opportunities this year to support our local charities. As you know we would normally have Toast Tuesdays, Wednesday Warmers, Food Bank collections, donations at our Christmas performances etc. Our staff feel it wouldn't be appropriate for us to accept gifts at this time when so many are struggling.

However, If parents would like to donate to a local food bank, a favourite charity, or to our chosen charity, 'Crisis at Christmas' ([crisis.org.uk](https://www.crisis.org.uk)), we would very much appreciate it and it would really



make us all smile. If you do decide to make a donation, please do let us know. Thanks again for your understanding and generosity.

### World Children's Day

On Friday 20th November we took part in UNICEF's Universal Children's Day. Established by the United Nations in 1954, Children's Day is marked on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. The UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child on 20th November, 1959, and then 30 years later it adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child on that same day. The convention, which is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty, lays out a number of children's rights including the "right to life, to health, to education and to play, as well as the right to family life, to be protected from violence, to not be discriminated against, and to have their views heard". All of our children from Nursery through to Year 2 wore blue and took part in a range of exciting activities in class to mark this important day.

### COVID Secure Procedures

As the government have now placed Trafford back into Tier 3, the 'very high alert' category we thought it would be useful to issue a few gentle reminders.

- Please stick to your pick up and drop off time.
- Only **ONE** adult per family must drop off and collect. This is so that we reduce the number of people on the school site.
- When entering the school gates please ensure that you social distance between your family bubble and the next family bubble.
- It is important that your children are supervised and remain with you at all times.
- When dropping or collecting your children we ask that parents leave promptly to reduce congestion.
- If you or a member of your household have Covid symptoms, you **must all** isolate, whilst they get tested, and let us know at the earliest possible point of the result (even during the weekend), so we can minimise the impact on anyone else in school.
- In addition we all need to remember to wash our hands regularly.

You are all doing a tremendous job. Please keep going - It really is thanks to your vigilance and our enhanced protective measures in school, that we've managed to have twelve full weeks back with no disruption. Well done!



### Keeping in Touch

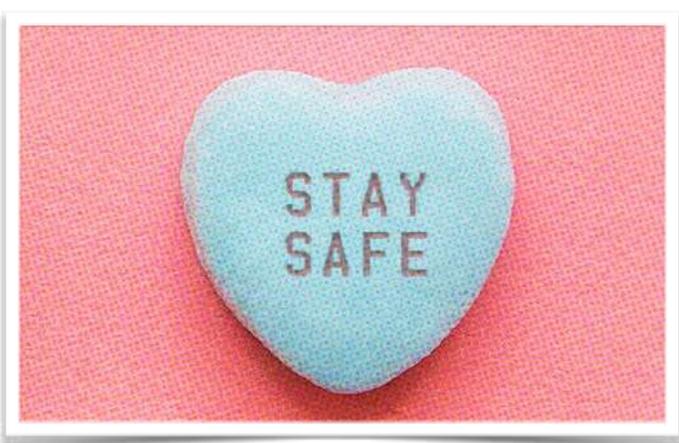
If you have a query about the school or simply need to ask us something, please email [admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Senior leaders are also available in the playground at the beginning and end of the school day too to answer any quick query that you may have.

### Start Times and End Times

A reminder of start times and finish times as some children are arriving late or being picked up late from school.

	Drop Off	Pick Up
Nursery	8:30 to 9:05am	2:55 to 3:20pm
Reception Ladybirds	8:55 to 9:05am	3:10 to 3:20pm
Reception Bees	8:45 to 8:55am	2:55 to 3:05pm
Year 1, Class 3	8:45 to 8:55am	2:55 to 3:05pm
Year 1, Class 4	8:55 to 9:05am	3:10 to 3:20pm
Year 2, Class 1	8:45 to 8:55am	2:55 to 3:05pm
Year 2, Class 2	8:55 to 9:05am	3:10 to 3:20pm

Please note that from Monday 7th December, the gates will be closed promptly at the earlier time of **9:05am**. We would ask that you kindly adhere to the times above, as it is really important for us to keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy.



### 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:

**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**

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 use a percentage of their sales so please help us to raise vital funds!

### Covid Risk Assessment

Due to the current national situation, school will continue to run in the same way after Christmas, in terms of staggered starts and bubbles. Our whole school Covid Risk Assessment is updated regularly, and can be found on our school website.

### Calendar Dates for 2021/22

Calendar dates for the Spring and Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the academic year 2021 to 2022 are available from our school website by clicking [here](#). You can now begin to plan those well-deserved and much needed holidays that we are all excited to go on during the school holidays well in advance!

### End of Term

Please don't forget that school closes on **Friday 18th December 2020** at 3:20pm for the Christmas Holidays.

And finally...

Once again we want to thank parents for your continued support during these rather challenging times. I would like to to end this newsletter with a few photographs of some of the creative art work that our Year 2 children have produced outdoors, using natural objects. Their work is truly stunning!

Best wishes,

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



**Final dates for the Autumn Term 2020**

Monday 7th and 8th December 2020	Parent Consultations
Saturday 12th December 2020	Friends of Templemoor Virtual Christmas Party
Monday 14th and 15th December 2020	Ladybird Parent Consultations
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Dinner Day (Please wear a festive hat!)
Friday 18th December 2020	Non-Uniform Day, Christmas Party Day and Christmas Pantomime! School breaks up at 3:20pm for the Christmas holiday
Monday 4th January 2021	Back to school for the Spring Term

### Autumn Term 2020

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 18th December 2020

### Spring Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th January 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 12th February 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 22nd February 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 1st April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 3rd May 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 28th May 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 14th June 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 23rd July 2021

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## TERM DATES 2021 to 2022

### Autumn Term 2021

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 6th September 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd October 2021
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 1st November 2021
<b>Closes</b>	Tuesday 21st December 2021

### Spring Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 4th January 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 11th February 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 21st February 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 8th April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 25th April 2022
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 2nd May 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 27th May 2022
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 13th June 2022
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd July 2022

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Wednesday 22nd December 2021
Friday 10th June 2022
Monday 25th July 2022