

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2020

Welcome to the Spring Term

Although very belated I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff and Governors at Templemoor, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas. As always, thank you for your continued support throughout 2019 and into 2020. Here's to another great term at Templemoor - it will be Easter before we know it! Read all about what has happened in the term so far and the exciting events still to come...

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

What a magical start to the New Year as the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful performance of Sleeping Beauty by M&M Productions on Tuesday 7th January. It was amazing for the children to experience a truly professional pantomime, with lots of singing, dancing, scenery changes and subdued lighting, that contributed to the whole ambience! It certainly was a very lively, energetic and interactive performance by the actors! Children loved seeing a story brought to life in our school hall. We were singing, dancing and laughing! And even Miss MacIntyre and Mrs Marson danced on stage to



'Baby Shark!' 'Oh Yes they did!' We are already looking forward to next year's show, which has something to do with a certain wooden puppet with a rather long nose...

Snow Closure

Let's hope that the weather does not result in any school closure this year. Snow at weekends only please! If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the school's text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances. Fingers crossed that the snow storms will keep away!





Nursery Places

We still have limited spaces available in our outstanding Nursery in the afternoons for September 2020. To apply for a Nursery place or to find out more information, contact the school office. Nursery offers for September will be sent out to parents on Friday 7th February 2020.

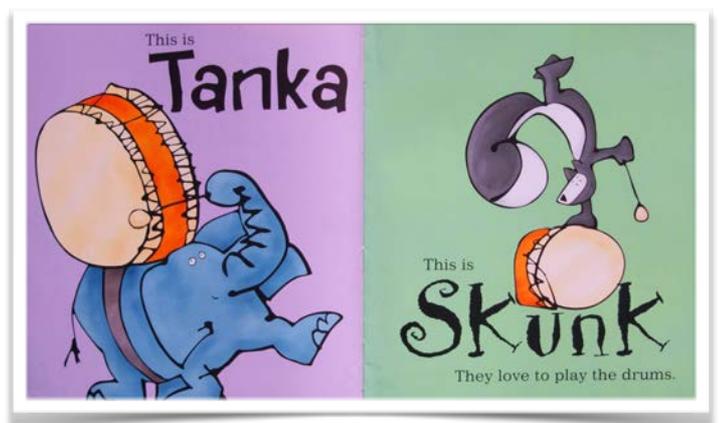
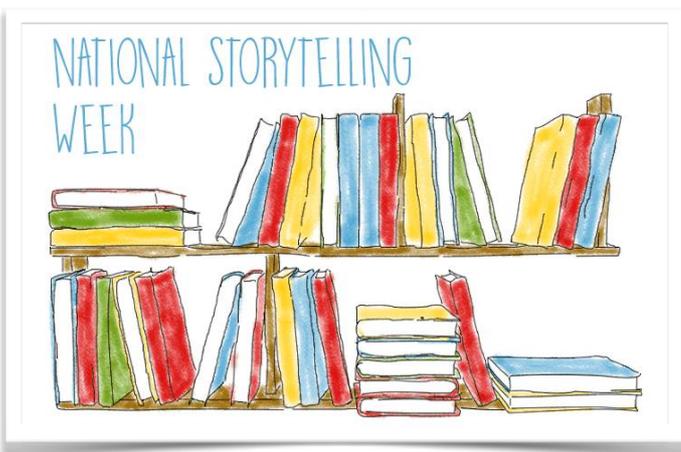
Autumn Term Attendance

As you all know, it is very important that children attend school at all times. The Government considers 95% attendance to be satisfactory but it is important that we aim to make it the best we can. Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was an amazing 98%. Well done on ensuring that your children maintain excellent attendance.

National Storytelling Week 2020

We are planning a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school next week. During the week we will be reading lots of stories and talking about our

favourite authors. Pupils from Moorlands Junior school will be coming to Templemoor to read us their favourite stories. On Tuesday 4th February, award-winning author, Steve Webb, will be visiting our school to read 'Tanka Tanka Skunk' as well as his new book 'Cows go BOO!'. He will work with all of the children throughout the day. Children in Reception will also have a visit from the Freshwater Drama Company on Wednesday 5th February. Children will be taken on an exciting journey with characters from traditional stories. Children in Year One will be visiting Sale Library. There, the children will listen to stories and have a look around our local library. We would also like to invite parents and grandparents (especially dads and granddads!) into school to read a story to the children. This can be one that you have chosen or one from our class library, and can either be to a small group of children or to the whole class. If you are interested please contact your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time in the next few weeks. These experiences will really help to build up our children's love of literacy and reading. Thank you for your support in making this a truly fantastic experience for the children.



Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on **Thursday 6th February 2020** at 3:15pm. School and Holiday Club will be closed on **Friday 7th February 2020** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. School will reopen for us all on Monday 17th February after the half term break.



Learning themes for next half term

Our exciting curriculum themes continue next half term:

Nursery	Are eggs alive?
Reception	Do cows drink milk?
Year 1	Manchester on the move!
Year 2	Marvellous Mancunians!

Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings - Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 24th March from 2:30pm to 6pm. All appointment times will be 10 minutes. Information about how to use our online booking system for appointments will follow after the February half term holiday.

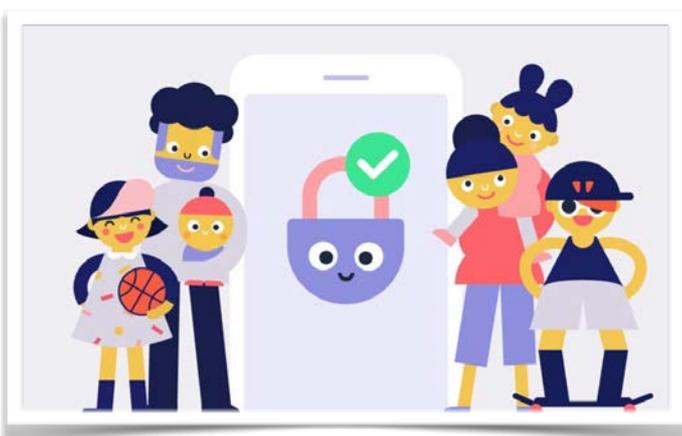
Safer Internet Day 2020

On Tuesday 18th February we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. To celebrate the day we will be raising the profile of the safe and responsible use of the internet at school and at home. A letter will be sent out after the half term holiday to give parents advice on keeping children safe online at home, as well as some useful e-safety websites. In the meantime, further details about Safer Internet Day can be found at:

We also have a dedicated page for e-safety on our school website which gives guidance to parents on a range of internet related matters as well as links to useful resources and videos. You can find the page under 'Parents' and the tab 'e-safety'.

E-safety Parent Workshop

As part of our commitment to safeguarding our pupils and working with you, we have organised an e-safety workshop for parents of both Templemoor and Moorlands on Tuesday 18th February at 6pm. The session will last until 7:30pm. This workshop will give an insight about issues children can face when using the internet and ideas on how families can work together to combat any problems which arise. Further details will be sent out shortly.



Children's Parties

The school hall is available to hire at weekends for children's parties. If you are interested please contact the school office.

A message from the Governors

Happy New Year! It was a pleasure to meet Mrs Handford earlier this month and discuss the school's continuing journey in educating our children about sustainability and environmental impact.



The school has already come a long way in the last year in raising awareness in both the children and their carers. Many of the children are very passionate about the subject and regularly remind their parents to make eco-friendly choices! Your children could probably tell you all about recycling as each classroom has a recycling station where they are responsible for recycling pens, pritt sticks, card, paper and food waste.

I'm sure you are all aware of the exciting eco-brick project too. Plans are underway to build a bench and planters in the playground. Please continue to send in more bricks particularly 2l (4 pint) milk bottles.

The school is reducing its use of single-use plastic- this includes: banning glitter and plastic straws. The Rights Respecting team meet regularly to discuss future plans to campaign to use glass milk bottles and to consider reducing plastic during lunchtimes. The aim is to reduce most single-use plastic by the end of the year.

At the Summer and Christmas fairs, I hope you visited Mrs Handford and Mrs Brown's eco stalls which demonstrated reusable craft ideas.

Templemoor are setting an excellent example and are encouraging a life-long passion for the planet as it is our children who will make a difference for the future. If any parents have an interest in this or links with work, please don't hesitate to contact the office as they are always looking for new ideas.

Rights Respecting Article 24: Every child has the right to a clean environment

Rights Respecting Article 29: Education should teach children to respect the environment.

Stephanie McIntee - Parent Governor



Water Bottles

Research tells us that many children do not drink enough water during the school day and that drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health, contribute to well-being and improve concentration and learning. To further promote the regular drinking of water and UNICEF Article 24, that 'Every child has the right to access clean water', children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottles each day. Please note that **ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES** and that it is the children's responsibility to take their water bottles home each day to be refilled. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation in managing the practicalities of, and supporting, this healthy initiative.





World Book Day 2020

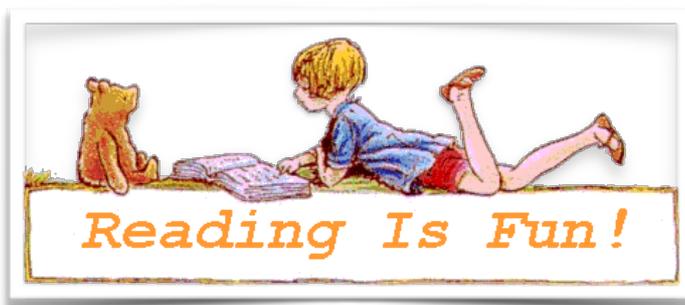
Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories, completing a wide range of exciting activities to help your children foster a love of books and reading. We ask that children (and staff!) swap their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event! We are already looking forward to a really exciting day!

Year 1 Assembly

Well done to our fabulous Year One children who performed brilliantly in their second class assembly. The children made us all feel very proud.

Allergy Forms

There are increasing numbers of children presenting with allergies and intolerances in school and we appreciate how worrying this is for their families. We are keen to work with parents and carers to ensure that we have the best practice and procedures in place in case of an emergency and also so that all children are able to fully participate in school life. If your child does have an allergy then please ensure that you complete the 'Notification of Allergies' form that was sent home via email this week. Please can I also remind parents that we are a nut free school. Thank you for your continued support.



Reading Records

We value your support with reading. Reading books are sent home when children are beginning to blend and are closely matched to children's developing phonic knowledge. We ask that children read for 10 to 15 minutes each day and that you sign their reading record. Reading records need to be in school each day, so it is good practise to always keep it in their book bag. Thank you.

Friends of Templemoor Movie Afternoon

Thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for organising our second 'Sunday Movie Afternoon' of the year. The children loved watching Toy Story 4 whilst relaxing on cushions and beanbags and munching on snacks with their friends! It was a great success.



Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 9am for our first Reception Assembly of the year.

Dates for the Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 4th February 2020	Steve Webb Author Visit
Wednesday 5th February 2020	Reception Storytelling Workshop Nursery Tea Party Year 1 visit to Sale Library
Thursday 6th February 2020	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 17th February 2020	Back to school!
Tuesday 18th February 2020	Safer Internet Day E-safety Parent Workshop at 6pm
Wednesday 26th February 2020	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:30pm
Wednesday 4th March 2020	Reception Assembly at 9am
Thursday 5th March 2020	World Book Day
Friday 6th March 2020	Year 1 Cake Sale
Week Beginning Monday 9th March 2020	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Tuesday 17th March 2020	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm
Friday 20th March 2020	Year 2 Assembly at 9am Mother's Day Gift Shop
Tuesday 24th March 2020	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm
Wednesday 25th March 2020	Reception Music Concert at 10:30am
Friday 27th March 2020	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter Holiday
Tuesday 14th April 2020	Back to school for the Summer Term!

Spring Term 2020

Opens	Monday 6th January 2020
Closes	Thursday 6th February 2020
Opens	Monday 17th February 2020
Closes	Friday 27th March 2020

Summer Term 2020

Opens	Tuesday 14th April 2020
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Friday 8th May 2020*
Closes	Friday 22nd May 2020
Opens	Monday 8th June 2020
Closes	Friday 24th July 2020

* The early May Bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed. The date has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May**. This change has been made to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Friday 7th February 2020
Monday 27th July 2020
Tuesday 28th July 2020