

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019



Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter of this academic year! It has been lovely to meet everyone again after the long summer break. I do hope that you all had a glorious holiday 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. We hope that you already feel very much part of the Templemoor community and we look forward to working in partnership with you. 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. Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also settled quickly into their new classes and are looking forward to an action packed Autumn Term, full of enjoyable, challenging learning activities. We have 219 children on roll and everyone is so excited to be back at school!

Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Friday 11th October** at 9am for our first Year 2 Assembly of the new academic year.



Muck, Mess and Mixtures

This half term our Year 2 topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' where, you've guessed it, the children get to make lots of mess! Class 1 and 2 had a fantastic launch day where they had fun experimenting with a variety of weird and wonderful mixtures. The children made their very own disgusting sandwich, just like in the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. Well done to our Year 2 teachers and teaching assistants for making this a fantastic experience for the children.

"The oozy grey bubbles were squishy, slimy, runny and wet. They felt strange!" *Max W*

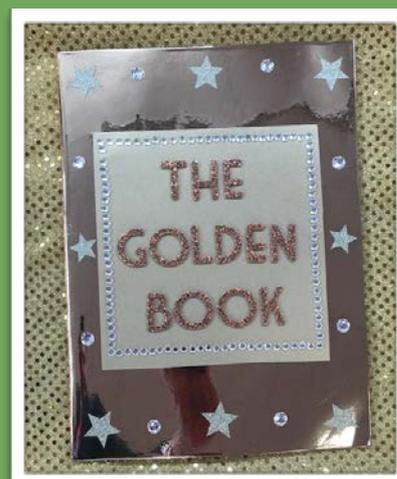
"I loved the smelly green goop!" *Lydia H*

"The day was so messy! The slippery, gooey slime was the best!" *Samuel K*



The Golden Book

Every Friday each Year 1 and 2 teacher choose two children in their class who have demonstrated exceptional effort, achievement, kindness etc. to be entered into the Golden Book. A special sparkling 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 will attend the Golden Book Assembly in the Spring Term.



Year 1 Cake Sale

Our first cake sale will take place on **Friday 4th October** when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

School Fund

We are so 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, books, small games equipment, supplies for cooking 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.

Harvest

In celebration of Harvest we have once again decided to collect gifts for our local food bank. Harvest gifts can be sent into school from now until Thursday 17th October. The Food Bank are desperate for juice (cartons and cordials), tinned pasta, tinned tomatoes, long life milk and sponge puddings. Toiletries are also always gratefully received. We hope that you will support our collection and talk to your children about the need to help people in our local community who will benefit from our support. Thank you.

Individual Photographs

On **Tuesday 15th 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 from 8:15am.

Family Fun Night

The Friends of Templemoor are busy planning our ever popular Family Fun Night which will take place on **Saturday 2nd November 2019**. Follow the Friends of Templemoor via their Facebook page.

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Thursday 17th October** at 9am for our first Year 1 Assembly of the new academic year.



Celebration Assembly

On a Monday we have a Celebration Assembly to celebrate the great work that goes on outside of School. It is a lovely opportunity for children in Year 1 and Year 2 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!

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 an exciting mission to catch the villainous Professor Slime. He left trails of slime around the school, which the children had to find. POW! KAPOW! ZAP! This is what some of our Year 1 children thought about the day...



"Professor Slime left slime everywhere! He even left his trail of slime in the classroom and in the playground!" *Stanley CC*

"I was Spider Girl. I enjoyed doing the Superhero obstacle course. You had to crawl under laser ropes and lift strength boulders! It was easy for me" *Annie T*

"We did find lots of slime clues, but no Professor Slime. I think that the superhero children scared him off!" *Elliott B*

Punctuality and Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer, Mr Woods. We are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. 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 an email to the school office. For further information, our Attendance and Punctuality Policy can be found on our website.



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 this monthly newsletter which is uploaded to the website and is emailed to all parents.

New Windows

I'm certain that you will have noticed that during the Summer holidays, Templemoor was fitted with new windows and doors, including a brand new door leading in to Class 1, Mrs Campbell's class, from the playground. The benefits of having new windows are endless including improved security and ventilation as well as a reduction in the heating bills! I'm sure you will agree that the new windows look amazing and really help to modernise the school. We are hoping to get the hall windows replaced in the Summer of 2020.



Music Mark Award

Some exciting news... in recognition of our school's commitment to providing high quality music education for all children at Templemoor we have gained the Music Mark Award for the second time. Well done to everyone for achieving yet another outstanding award!

Flu Vaccination

All children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 are now offered the 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 online consent form, on Wednesday 9th October 2019.

The 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 be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again!

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 28th October 2019** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. A full list of term dates and holidays are published on our website.

Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

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
Prof. Ben Ambridge	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
Mrs Liz Patel	Local Authority Governor

Welcome to the New Academic Year at Templemoor



For those of you who are returning, welcome back and for those families who are new to our school, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body to wish you a very warm welcome to our school community. I hope you will find Templemoor a caring, friendly and vibrant place to be.

It's great to see that long awaited improvements have been made to the school building over the summer break with the installation of our new windows and doors. They should make us warmer in winter and cooler in summer as well as adding a fresh feel to the building!

As the Governing Body, we really appreciate your support for the school in all its forms, whether that be supporting our school events, volunteering, helping your child with home learning or ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day.

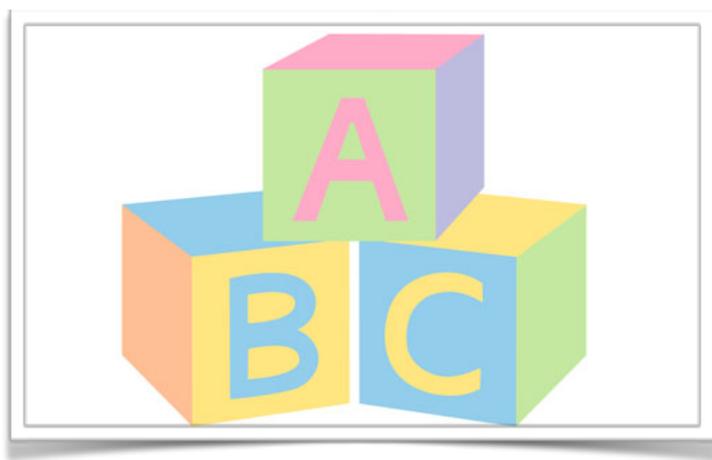
We always welcome your comments and firmly believe that your involvement and feedback is a key feature of Templemoor's culture and success.

With best wishes,

Judith Davenport - *Chair of Governors*

Goodbye (for now!) Mrs Leigh

I'm sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Leigh all the very best as she leaves us to go on maternity. Mrs Leigh has been an inspiration over the last few months, working with as much energy and enthusiasm for the school as she always does, and in spite of the fact that her baby is actually due very shortly! Mrs Marson will be teaching throughout school on Monday and Tuesday and will teach in Class 3 every Wednesday. Mrs Marson and Mrs Leigh have had a very lengthy handover, and we look forward to Mrs Marson joining the Templemoor team. Goodbye and good luck Mrs Leigh!





The Templemoor Mile

We continue to run The Templemoor Mile. It's a social activity where the children run, jog or walk at their own pace, for 15 minutes in the playground in their normal school clothes and shoes. It is a fully-inclusive and simple initiative which has proven to improve the physical and mental health of children. The Daily Mile now takes place in over 3600 primary schools and in over 35 countries around the world and the children (and staff!) really do love it! To further improve the children's running experience and safety, we are planning to install an all-weather running track around the perimeter of the school field. As you can imagine, this is a rather expensive project, and so the Friends of Templemoor are asking for volunteers to join the Manchester Half Marathon marshalling team, and/or donate to the project by sponsoring parents who are taking part in the run itself on Sunday 13th October 2019. To donate, please follow the link - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/templemoor-running-track>. Good luck to everyone taking part in the run, and thank you in advance for all of your wonderful and generous donations!

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term on two evenings - **Thursday 7th November** and **Tuesday 12th November** from 2:30pm to 6pm. Appointment times will be 10 minutes and can be booked using the electronic booking system via the school website from Monday 14th October.



The Golden Table

You may have heard the children in Years 1 and 2 talking about a 'Golden Table'. This is a really exciting reward initiative that we have just started here at Templemoor. Four children are chosen every Friday by our midday assistants to eat lunch at the 'Golden Table' with Mr Hodgson, in recognition of their good manners and outstanding behaviour in the dining hall and playground during the week. They have the privilege of a golden tablecloth, special trays and glasses, as well as decorations. The children chosen so far have thoroughly enjoyed their lunch and have felt very special.

Some gentle reminders for everyone's safety:

- Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Please tie them up at the gate, ensuring that they can be trusted to be left on their own.
- Smoking is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.
- We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the playground at the beginning or end of the day.

- Please do not allow your child to scoot, cycle or walk onto the car park.
- Children are not allowed to use the large climbing frame at the beginning or end of the day. They have plenty of time to use it during breaks and at lunchtimes when they are supervised by a member of staff!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make our school a safe environment for everyone.

Year 1 Parents Moorlands Open Morning

Moorlands Junior School is holding an open morning for our current Year 1 parents on Friday 8th November 2019 at 9.30am-11am.

Reception Literacy Evening

There are still spaces to attend our Reception Literacy Evening at 6pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2019. Please contact the school office to book your place.

Change To May Bank Holiday Date 2020

Please be aware that the early May bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed by the Government. 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.

Nursery Places

We still have limited spaces available in our outstanding Nursery in the afternoons. To apply for a Nursery place or to find out more information, contact the school office. Please spread the word!

Holiday Club October 2019

Miss McCartney and her holiday club team are already busy planning some wonderful and exciting activities for our October Half Term Holiday Club. If you are interested in booking a

place for your child please use the X Club Booking system or to find out further information contact the X Club at: xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk



My Happy Mind

We continue to implement the 'My Happy Mind' programme to all year groups from Nursery through to Year 2. This is a fun, interactive programme designed to give children positive mental well-being habits. Each week the children receive a short lesson delivered by their teacher using the extensive range of online videos and resources provided by the 'My Happy Mind' team. The children are learning the science behind how our brains work and have started to explore how they can manage the times when they may be feeling unhappy or worried, as well as learning some 'Happy Breathing' techniques. 'My Happy Minds' is certainly supporting the children in developing positive skills and habits for life!

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 that you are not sure about, don't hesitate to ask one of us and we will be happy to help.

I am often 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

Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Friday 4th October 2019	Year 1 Cake Sale
Wednesday 9th October 2019	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
Friday 11th October 2019	Year 2 Assembly at 9am
Tuesday 15th October 2019	Individual Photographs
Thursday 17th October 2019	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Friday 18th October 2019	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Tuesday 29th October 2019	Back to school!
Friday 1st November 2019	Reception Cake Sale
Saturday 2nd November 2019	Family Fun Night at 5pm to 7pm
Week beginning Monday 4th November 2019	Book Fair
Thursday 7th November 2019	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Friday 8th November 2019	Year 1 Parents Open Morning at Moorlands at 9:30am to 11am
Week beginning Monday 11th November 2019	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November 2019	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 20th November 2019	UNICEF World Children's Day
Monday 25th November 2019	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm
Wednesday 4th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Ladybirds and Nursery)
Thursday 5th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Bees and Nursery)
Friday 6th December 2019	Nursery Cakes for the Christmas Fair/ Non Uniform Day
Saturday 7th December 2019	The Christmas Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 12th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Friday 13th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Friday 20th December 2019	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday

Autumn Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Closes	Friday 18th October 2019
Opens	Tuesday 29th October 2019
Closes	Friday 20th December 2019

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)

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Friday 7th February 2020
Monday 27th July 2020
Tuesday 28th July 2020