

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2020

Time is flying by!

Where have the past two weeks gone since we returned to school following the half term break? Time is zooming by! We hope that you all had a very enjoyable and restful February holiday. As usual this half term is extremely busy with lots of exciting events planned in the run up to Easter.

National Storytelling Week

We planned a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school during the week beginning the 3rd February. The week began with a visit from the author, Steve Webb, where we all clapped our way through the rhythmic story 'Tanka Tanka Skunk' and listened to him read some more stories he had written.

The children in Reception loved working with Freshwater Theatre, where they were able to leap into a world of amazing stories and be whisked away on their very own storybook adventure. The session really captured the children's imaginations!

Our Year 1 children had a fabulous time at Sale Library, where they found out lots of information

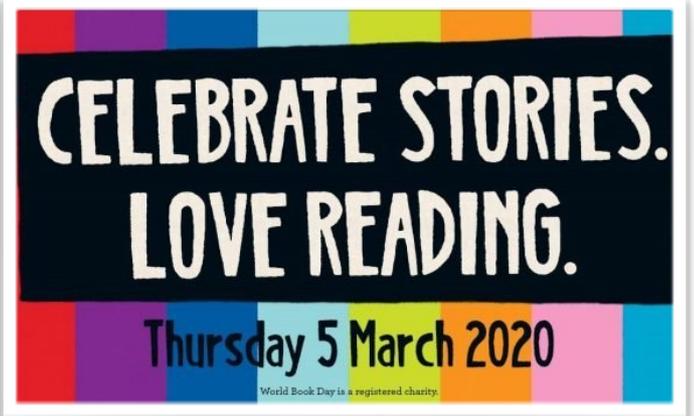


about how the library works. They particularly enjoyed being able to choose a favourite book to read, as well as listening to a few stories!

We also had a visit from some of the children in Year 5 and 6 from Moorlands Junior School who came to read stories to the children. Our children really enjoyed working with the Key Stage Two children.

We were also very lucky to have a number of parents and carers who came in to school to read their own favourite stories to the children. Thank you for giving up your time. It is these experiences which really enable us to build up our children's love of reading.





Egg-citing News!

There was great excitement last week in Nursery when some eggs arrived! Debs from 'Eggucation' came and delivered the eggs in the incubator and she brought with her some hens. She talked to the children about the hens, about how they are all different breeds, where they live and what they eat. Debs has a small holdings and once our chicks have hatched and grown a little, Debs will come and collect them and take them to the holding where they will have a happy and free range life. The children have really enjoyed watching the eggs and noticing any changes, listening for little cheeps inside the eggs and watching some chicks hatch before their very eyes! We can't quite believe how big the chicks have grown already!

Keeping Safe in the Car Park

Can we please remind you all to make sure that your children DO NOT scoot or cycle across the school car park.

May we also kindly ask you not to allow children to walk behind the pedestrian railing to pet/stroke or collect dogs (even if it is their own dog). There has been a gradual increase in the number of children who do this. Dogs are very welcome if they are tied up outside of the school playground, and can be trusted to be left on their own. It is great to see that dog owners abide by this rule... thank you! However, there is increased vehicular activity at the start and end of the school day, making the car park unsafe for pedestrians.

World Book Day

Don't forget that this coming Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Our theme for World Book Day is bedtime stories. We would like all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and to bring a favourite bedtime book. There will be lots of exciting book themed activities taking place in school. Further information about World Book Day can be found at: www.worldbookday.com

Lost Property

We have rather a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school from hats, gloves and scarves to even coats and a shoe! Please make sure your children's belongings are named - it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school please encourage them to look for it.





Safer Internet Day 2020

Recent research has revealed that one in three children aged 5 and upwards now own their own tablet computer, with four in ten children aged 5+ going online. At Templemoor we strongly believe in educating our children from an early age on 'how to stay safe online' and we have established half termly e-safety lessons within school. This year we celebrated Safer Internet Day on 18th February. The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 attended an informative e-safety assembly and every class had a special e-safety lesson about using the computer safely to access the internet. We have an e-safety section on our website where you can find the latest advice on how you can educate your child to keep safe online as well as other useful e-safety information and resources.

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 very first Reception assembly of the year.

Year 2 Recorder Concert

The Year 2 children, who currently play the recorder, performed in a special concert for parents and carers this week. The children performed brilliantly. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Smith who teaches the children every Wednesday lunchtime, and of course to our marvellous recorder playing Year 2 children. Well done everyone!

Nursery Tea Party

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Nursery tea party Wednesday 5th February. Thank you to our parents and carers for coming and taking time out of your day and rearranging work schedules. It was very much appreciated and I know the children absolutely loved having you there. It was so nice watching the children with their parents/grown ups, showing them round their Nursery with pride, playing and talking together and looking at their baby things together!

Healthy Minds and Bodies Week 2020

The week beginning 9th March is Templemoor's third 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' week when we will be devoting the whole week to an exciting range of activities that promote health and well-being.

We will be promoting exercise, healthy eating, mindfulness, the importance of sleep and how to stay positive and solve problems in our everyday lives. An action-packed programme of events will be happening including children's Zumba and yoga sessions, making a healthy snack as well as lots of other exciting activities. In addition to all of this, we will be having the Paralympic Fencer and Cyclist Craig McCann leading us in a sponsored fitness circuit. The money raised will be split between buying new sports equipment for our school, and aiding the charity "Sports for Schools". The aim of this event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, and also to encourage them to discover and pursue their passion and dreams. A letter home explaining the week will be sent out shortly.



Governor Vacancies

The term of office for two of our serving parent governors expires shortly and there will be two positions available to serve on the Governing Body at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School.

Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. Effective governors do not need educational expertise but do need to be committed to their school, willing to ask questions and offer appropriate challenge and support.

They also need to be able to work as an enthusiastic member of the governing body team with the aim of raising and maintaining high educational standards for all children. Governors are asked to act with integrity, honesty and objectivity and act at all times in the best interests of the school.

The prime focus of the Governing Body is to develop the strategic direction of the school, be accountable to stakeholders and to ensure that financial resources are spent appropriately.

Governors also have a number of opportunities to access training or development to enhance their knowledge and skills.

If you would like to be nominated as a parent governor, please complete the paperwork that was sent out to all parents via email, or can be accessed by clicking the following [LINK](#).

All nominations must be returned to the school by 12 p.m. on Monday 2nd March 2020 (either by email to admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk, or by hand). Good luck in the process!

Year 2 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 20th March 2020 at 9am for our Year 2 assembly.

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. Our online booking system is now open. If you need any help with logging on to the booking system then please contact the office. Thank you.

Templemoor Learning Powers

You may have heard your children talking about Tough Tortoise or Respectful Raccoon and wondered what they were talking about! Well, our school super learners help children when thinking about the qualities of a good person and being a good learner and they link very closely with the school Rights Respecting and Growth Mindset ethos. The learning powers are:

Tough Tortoise - who helps us to persevere and to keep going.

Resourceful Squirrel - who helps us to try to find things out for ourselves and makes good use of the resources around us to support our learning.

Safe Spike - who helps us to know how to keep ourselves safe.



Reception Music Concert

Reception parents and carers are invited to a special Reception Concert in the school hall on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 10:30am where the children will showcase the magnificent work that they have been doing with their music teacher Mrs Harwood.



Healthy Henry - who helps us make the right choices with our food and exercise and NOT forgetting our mental state of mind.

Wise Owl - who helps us to think carefully about how to overcome obstacles in our learning.

Respectful Racoon - who helps us with being respectful towards others at all times.

You may also have noticed your children wearing badges. These badges are very special, and are earned by the children when they show these learning powers in their very own actions. So far we have been focussing on being respectful, safe and persevering even if the going gets tough. We will shortly be moving on to keeping healthy to link with our 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies week'.

Curriculum Displays

If you have visited school recently you may have noticed the wide range of displays that we have in the corridors and hall. These displays really do

help to showcase the rich, broad and balanced curriculum that we offer here at Templemoor. A huge thank you to all the staff for working so hard to create these wonderful displays of your children's work.



And finally... Year 1 Cake Sale
 Our next delicious cake sale will be on Friday 6th March 2020, when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some tasty cakes.

Dates for the Spring Term 2020

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.