



Templewood Times



Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

20th December 2018

Parking

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff only. It is essential for parents and pupils to be able to access the school office without the risk of additional cars.

It is also important to be courteous to our community. Please do not park on double yellow lines, pathways or block driveways. Thank you.

Merry Christmas!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Somehow the end of term is here and Christmas is all around us. The KS1 production of *A Little Bird Told Me* was an absolute delight, and as I write, we still have the Foundation Stage Nativity to look forward to. There can be no better place to be than a primary school at Christmas!

I'm also pleased to confirm that the Governors at Templewood and Aboyne Lodge have agreed that I can stay on as interim head at Templewood. I am really enjoying myself and can feel both schools benefitting from the collaboration, so I am delighted to be part of such a great team.

With best wishes for a happy and restful holiday,

Amanda Abley

Productions

KS1 completed a fantastic performance of *A Little Bird Told Me*. Well done to all pupils and staff involved. The TSA will be in touch to arrange purchasing a hard copy DVD of the recording of one of the performances. Also a big well done to Reception and Nursery on their Christmas nativity performance.

We look forward to finding out what production Years 3 and 4 will be performing at Easter!

Lateness and absences

We have had a recent influx in pupils who are turning up late to school. Please ensure all KS1 pupils are in school by 8.55am and KS2 pupils by 8.50am. Nursery pupils start at 9am.

Sickness – please note it is a 48 hour policy before returning to school after the last bout of sickness. It is imperative for all pupils' well-being that we adhere to this health advice.



Christmas Parties

All the children had their Christmas parties this week. The adjoining classes came together to play games, eat party food and dance! Thank you to the teachers for organising such fun activities and to the TSA for providing all the prizes.

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Staffing

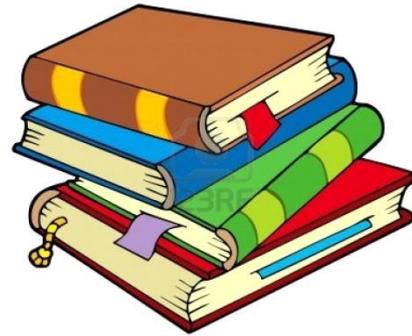
Sadly we are saying goodbye to Miss Winn who has been working in Reception this term. We wish her all the best as she focuses on her next career move. Thank you also to Mrs Worsley who has been supporting in Years 5 and 6 this term.

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Berry in Year 4 who will be job sharing with Mrs Pettigrew in January. Mrs Berry will be working Wednesday to Friday. We would also like to welcome Miss Ellis who will be working in Reception.

Librarians

After the success of last year's Reading Challenge, our faithful librarians have revamped the tasks and the new Reading Challenge has begun! Further information about the types of challenges for this year can be found on our website.

Thank you to all the librarians who volunteer to run our school library.



Gaming workshop

On Thursday 6th December, a drama workshop focussing on the safety of gaming called Game Over, was delivered to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was very interesting for all staff to see how crucial it is to keep our pupils safe with online gaming. Please do talk to your children about this workshop as many items came up during the workshop which would be very useful for parent/child discussion.

Jack and Jake in Year 6 said 'It was fun and active. We learned how to be safe online and not to talk to strangers when gaming.'

Templewood Tones



Our choir recently sang at St John's Church for their annual Christmas performance with other local schools. It was a great success and we would like to say thank you to all those who were able to share in the experience. A very big thank you also goes to Mrs Wiley who volunteers each week to run the Templewood Tones who are going from strength to strength.

Decorations Day

Our Decorations Day was thoroughly enjoyed as we baked cakes for a local nursing home, created Christmas cards, paper chain trees, a giant advent calendar and tree decorations. We would like to thank Mrs O'Sullivan for organising and to those Governors who attended this very festive day at Templewood.

Forest School

Mrs Marshall has been working hard so far this term with running Forest School for Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. The children are having a fabulous time outside making fires, learning about the trees in our Forest School and much more.

"I've enjoyed looking at all the nature in the forest and painting leaves to decorate the wood for Christmas!" - Annabel

"I've enjoyed building a hammock by tying it to some trees!" – Sophie

"I enjoyed drinking hot chocolate and decorating the Christmas tree!" – Dilun

"I enjoyed building a den and also drinking hot chocolate!" - Meer

Parent Forum

We would like to welcome you all to our first Parent Forum meeting on January 15th at 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to have a voice with regards to the school and the curriculum. At the first meeting we will need to vote for a Chair, Secretary and parent representatives. Please see our website in the News section for more information.



**New
APP
coming
soon!!**

SEND Coffee and Chat

An opportunity for those parents and carers with children with SEND needs, and anyone else that wished to join us, to discuss current practice, information on EHCPs, visits from local agencies and more. Our first session is on Monday 21st January at 9am.

Sports

This term we have had the great opportunity to work with Alvin Brown who is leading on PE sessions across the school over the year. He has been working on football skills with Year 2 and tag rugby in Year 5. Over the next two terms Alvin will work in the remaining classrooms teaching a number of areas of the PE curriculum.

Mr Williams from Monks Walk has also been in this term. He has completed Indoor Athletics with Years 4, 5 and 6. In addition, he organised an afternoon of Boccia games with Year 3. We really value our links with local schools and are very grateful to work alongside Mr Williams and his team.

TSA

We would just like to say a huge thank you to the TSA for funding such invaluable resources for us as a school so far this year. The staff are looking forward to using the maths resource boxes and all the pupils are very keen to use the Philosophy 4 Children questions and lessons as this is something they have been enjoying for the past couple of years.

Class News

Nursery

We have had a very busy term learning all about the different Winter Festivals. The children enjoyed creating their own fireworks pictures to celebrate Bonfire Night, constructing and collaging Diva lamps and Rangoli patterns. To finish the term we have been leaning all about Christmas and to support our learning our role play area has been turned into Father Christmas' Workshop. We would like to thank Ms Nichols for creating the most amazing front to our role play. The children have loved playing in there.



Reception

This half term, we have been learning about Winter Festivals. The children were fascinated by the Hanukkah Menorah that had in class. They also enjoyed roleplaying the story of Rama and Sita when we were learning about Diwali. We were also very lucky to be paid a visit by Max J's Dad, who is a real life postman! He told us all about working for the Post Office and even showed us a picture of his own black and white cat!

Very soon, we will be posting our own Christmas cards to our houses, so look out for them arriving through your letter box.

After Christmas, we will be encouraging the children to become more independent by saying goodbye to their parents at the Reception gate. Please feel free, however, to come in once a week where possible to check the Parents' Notice Board and to see if the learning has been updated on the Incredible Learning wall.

Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been focusing on Light and Dark this term. They enjoyed investigating different sources of light, learning about Guy Fawkes, and making their own firework pictures with pastels. In addition to this, they also had the opportunity to explore the woodlands in Forest School by building dens and discovering where animals live. The children had a great time making nests with twigs, leaves and feathers. Furthermore, they have worked hard preparing and performing in the class assembly and the Christmas play. They all did really well!

Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed wrapping up warm to learn ball skills with Alvin this half term. He has taught us drag back flicks, step overs and knee ups; all of us have really improved our ball control (even Mrs Wadley!)

Our trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park was enjoyed by all and lead to some fantastic cross curricular work. We wrote recounts, thank you letters and a non-fiction report on one of our favourite animals, as well as making our own animal hand puppets out of felt.

The highlight of our half term has to be our amazing nativity play. The children all performed fantastically and the staff are all really proud of them.

Year 3

Year 3 had a very enjoyable Roman Day this term where they created some amazing crafts and re-enacted being part of a Roman Army. They have worked extremely hard in English and Maths and have produced some excellent writing. Year 3 really enjoyed sharing what they had learnt with you in our Sharing Assembly a few weeks ago.

Year 4

Elm class have been working hard on their netball skills and put them to good use in our mini tournament which was won by the green team!

We have built circuits in Science and drawn treasure maps in Geography. The highlight of the term was our Anglo-Saxon workshop. We did some amazing crafts and went hunting for deer and rabbits in the woods around the school site.

Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the story of 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare in Literacy. The children had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, to help them understand this difficult play. This consisted of drama performances, individual writing, text interpretation and an understanding of the language used. The highlight of this topic was certainly the crime scene that the children investigated regarding the unfortunate King Duncan.



Year 6

A few weeks ago, we were lucky enough to have a Victorian workshop. The aim of this workshop was to show us what life would have been like in a Victorian classroom. The children experienced how school would have been, including the strict rules of no talking; boys and girls being separated and being asked to do different lessons based on what they would need for their 'jobs'. The children had to write on slates or use ink and learnt just how tricky it was.

Outdoor Learning Environment and Gardening Club:

Following the revamp of our outdoor environment and the launch of our Gardening club, there have been lots of improvements being made (even in the cold weather!). The children, alongside Mrs Bishop, Mrs Wood and Mrs Moore have created a number of new items. They have been planting new bulbs, seeds in the wildflower area, a recycled robot buddy, some fantastic Mad Hatter pots and much more.

Reception class had a lovely time measuring using different tools, making music in time with syllables from Thanksgiving words and exploring the area.



Gold Book

Oak

Bobbie, Alex, Molly, Lucia, Thomas, Briar, Joshua, Jack Bu, Caitlin, Jack Bi, Lydia, Theo, Belle, Poppy, Emile, Jack, Idhaant, Charlotte, Michael, Rudie, Eliza, Isla, All the class,

Hawthorn

Walter, Ewan, Sebastian, Emily, Arthur, Roman, Tomas, Freya, Savannah, Oliwia, Darcy, Harry, Max J, Edward, Kaito, Didem, Noah,

Willow

Zara, Joel, Sienna, Max, Rachel, Blake, Sianna, Kenzie, Hollie, Nico, Fletcher, Ava, Lillie, Connor, Zeynep, Julio, Jack, Freya, All the class,

Elder

Emily, Stella, Frederick, Sammie, Elliot, Callum, Enzo, Jasmine, Catherine, Ethan, Lily H, Lily F, Molly, Isabella, Anutra, Adam, Amber

Birch

Sophie, Tatum, Miah, Isaac, Ava, Anugraha, Santino, Amy P, Serena, Sebastian, Dilun, Rhys, Mark, Grace, Dara, Dimitra, George, Santino, Holly Cl, Daisy

Elm

Libby, Hannah, Isaac, Esme, Jo, Avin, Louie, Charlie, Oliver, Rio, Katie, Henry, Callum, Alfie S, Richa, Freya, Ahinav, Barney, Oshari, Isabella,

Maple

Emma, Eddie, Ollie, Charlotte, George C, Lola, Joel, Annabel, Saffron, Daisy, Ilayna, Lenny, George D-S, Louis M, George T, Melanie, Aleshia, Chloe,

Larch

Eleanor, Rose, Harry, Jack, Millie, Temi, Oliver, Riley, Anna Sta, Flo, Erin, Glenn, Lola, Izzy, Micah, Feyi, Hannah, Alex, Bobby, Jake,

Golden Diners

Noah B, Avin, Olivia R, Flo, Jo, Lillie J, Lola H, Erin, Lucia, Amelia H, Kaito,

House Point Reward

Well done to Blue Jays for winning this term. Hey enjoyed watch Get Santa with popcorn and sweets this week.

Super Brain Award



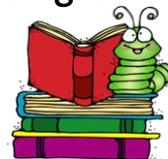
Presented to
Lola G, Lorna, Joe, Tuvi,
Esme, Sonny,
Edgar, Santino,
Freya N, Dimitra,
Jasmine F, Evie L, Miah M,

Smile Award



Presented to
Dilun, Krishay, Harry L, Stella,
Sebastian K,
Chloe G, Emily,
Freddie O, Lola H,
Robin, Year 5,
Eve-Marie, Louis M,
Templewood Tones,

Reading Challenge



Bronze Award

Eddie V, Bobby D, Rio F,
Libby B and Katie L

Please note Parent Surgeries will be at 2.45 on Tuesday's from Spring Term.

The next half-term at Templewood	
Week beginning 7 th January 2019	
Monday	INSET Day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday	Start of Spring Term
Wednesday	
Thursday	Primary Admissions 2019/20 Parent Tour
Friday	
Week beginning 14 th January 2019	
Monday	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday	7pm Parent Forum
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Week beginning 21 st January 2019	
Monday	9am SEND Coffee and Chat
Tuesday	9.30am Nursery Admissions 2019/20 Parent Tour 7pm TSA meeting- everyone welcome
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Week beginning 28 th January 2019	
Monday	
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Friday	
Saturday	
Week beginning 4 th February 2019	
Monday	
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Week beginning 11 th February 2019	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	9.30am Nursery Admissions 2019/20 Parent Tour
Friday	

For a full list of dates, please see the interactive calendar on our website which is updated on a regular basis.

Templewood School Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term

Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Friday 5th April 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February 2019 - Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term

Thursday 25th April 2019 – Wednesday 24th July 2019

Bank holiday – Monday 6th May 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019

Occasional Day

Monday 24th June 2019

INSET Days

Monday 7th January 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Wednesday 24th April 2019