



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 6TH JULY 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What another exciting week it has been at Templemoor! Last week we welcomed back children from Year 1, Class 3. It has been lovely to see lots of excited faces in the morning and I know that the Year 1 teachers have been thrilled to have the children back at school. We very much look forward to welcoming back the Year 1 children from Class 4 this week.

I am certain you will be aware that government guidance has now been issued for schools to fully reopen in September. This is great news, as we all want to have our children back at school. There are significant benefits for the children in returning to school, including rebuilding friendships, establishing social engagement and boosting physical and mental wellbeing. However, we must continue to remember that we are still in a pandemic; necessary and appropriate protective measures will need to be put in place to ensure that this can happen safely.

We will now be spending the next few weeks dissecting the guidance and firming up plans so



that we can fully reopen for all children in September. Once we have more information, we will communicate this with you, but it is clear that although bubble sizes will be increasing to full classes, we will need to continue to operate in much the same way as we have done this half term with staggered drop off and collection arrangements and separate break and lunchtimes.

I would like to reassure you that we are taking every possible step in line with the government guidance to minimise the possibility of cross-contamination and will continue to risk assess our provision. We will send more detailed correspondence in due course to let you know what we have put in place ready for September.

Your support during this time has been immense and we are so grateful that we have been able to pull together as a community during such a challenging time. Thank you.

With very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson.





Templemoor Story Time

We hope that you are continuing to enjoy our Templemoor Story Times. This week Mrs Berry is reading 'Oi Frog!' By Kes Gray and Jim Field, and Mrs Leigh is reading 'My Light House' by Rend Collective. You can find these stories on our school website. Just follow the Home Learning Tab, and then 'Templemoor Story Time'. Stay tuned for more teachers reading their favourite books next week. Nursery and Reception children can also find further stories read by the Early years Team on our transition pages on the school website.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week its Article 23 - *'A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity, and as far as possible, independence, and to play an active part in their community'*. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.

Activities/discussion

Article 23 says that children have the right to live a 'full and decent life with dignity'. Do you know what dignity is? Ask someone what they think it means or look it up and talk to someone about it.

How would you feel if you couldn't join in with games in the playground? What should a playground that can be used by everyone look like? Perhaps you could design a playground and send us a picture of your design.

What do you know about the Paralympics? [Watch this short film](#) highlighting the importance of change and acceptance. Perhaps you could do some research about a Paralympic sport or sportsperson.

Covid-19 has been very difficult for every child and adult and something we have all faced together. Children with a disability can be vulnerable and need extra care and protection. Can you think of any ideas of how we can support each other?

Do you know of anyone with a disability who you admire? This could be a celebrity, a sports star or perhaps someone in your community. Find out their story, their history, what their strengths and skills are. Maybe you could design a poster about the person and their strengths and abilities.

You could discuss any of these ideas as a family or send any of your work or pictures into us, we would love to see it.

A message from Mrs Jeng



Hi children. I would like to say a great big hello to you and all your lovely families.

It has been fantastic to see all your amazing work and photographs you have been sending in. They have really cheered me up and made me smile.

Like a lot of you I have had a birthday recently and celebrated it with a BBQ with my family. When I am

not in school, I have been busy at home doing lots of jobs around the house, trying new recipes, reading and gardening!



As part of my daily exercise I have been going for walks around Priory woods and Sale Water Park with my daughter Keeley. We saw a swan with 7 babies! They were very cute. We have also noticed lots of blue dragon flies and if I have been extra lucky I have seen some children from Templemoor.

I am in school working with some of the Key Worker children which is great. I have also been able to get into Nursery to tidy and clean, getting it ready for when we can all see each other again where we can share stories, play games and spend time outside on the bikes.

I can't wait to see your smiling faces, till then stay safe, keep washing your hands, be kind and have lots of fun and cuddles.

Love and best wishes, Mrs Jeng.

A message from Mrs Marson



Hello wonderful children of Templemoor, I hope you are all well and staying safe. Thanks to all the glorious sunshine and rain we've had, the Year 1 potatoes are growing really well at the allotment. Fingers crossed, they will be ready for harvesting by the middle of July. Take care everyone!



Year 2 Return to School

From Monday 20th July until Thursday 23rd July 2020 we will be welcoming our Year 2 children back to school. We want to do a goodbye send off for them as they haven't had the normal end of year events that we would normally do. More details will be sent to all Year 2 parents shortly.

Coronavirus Updates and Testing

Please continue to follow the government advice in terms of restrictions that are in place. The main websites to keep checking for advice are: [Government Information](#) and [NHS Information](#). Testing is available to anyone with symptoms of coronavirus. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste can book a test. A coronavirus test can be booked **[here](#)**. If you cannot access the internet and need to speak with the NHS Coronavirus testing service, dial 119 from any phone.

The NSPCC has produced some excellent resources for parents, including online safety, returning to school and taking care of mental health. These resources can be accessed **[here](#)**.



Book Return

Please could you help us by returning your child’s school reading books, so that we can clean and sort them ready for September. We have left a box by the front office for you to put them in. If you could put a note inside the book saying which child has returned the book and which class, that will really help us! Please remember to socially distance when on site. Thank you in advance.

End of Year Reports

Before the end of term, you will be receiving your child’s annual report. This report is slightly different to the usual. We will sending the reports out via email, so please can you make sure we have your correct email address. Alternatively, you will be able to collect a paper copy of your child’s report from school.

Bertie’s Mindfulness Task of the Week

Bertie’s mindfulness task for this week is called ‘Finger Fiddle’.

1. Stand or sit tall. Take three soft, slow, mindful breaths.
2. Keep your fingertips touching, and tap your thumbs together five times. Say ‘Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap’.
3. Now tap your pointer fingers together five times. Keep the other fingers still. Say ‘Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap’.
4. Tap your middle fingers, then your ring fingers, then your pinky fingers.

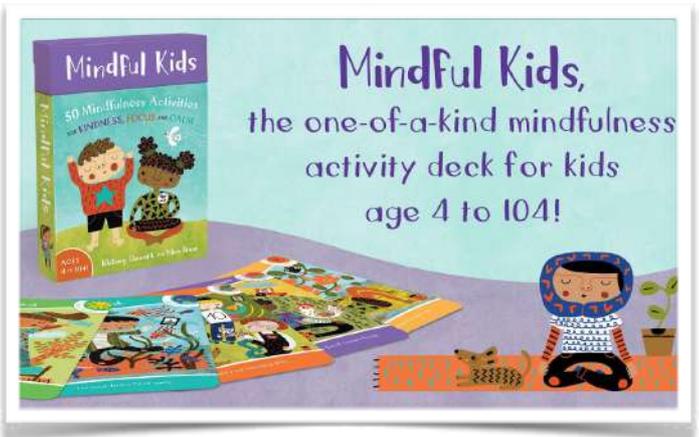
Say ‘Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap’ each time.

5. Now start with the pinky fingers and go back the other way to your thumbs.

6. Shake out your hands and wiggle your fingers when you’re done.

Your brain is connected to the muscles in your fingers. When you exercise your fingers, you exercise your brain too, which helps you to focus!

From ‘Mindful Minds’ by Whitney Stewart and Mina Braun.



And finally...

While we are all looking forward to the easing of the lockdown rules in the coming weeks ahead, the news from Leicester has served as a reminder that the virus is still very much with us. All of us have been impacted by Covid-19, whether it be through the loss of loved ones or friends, missed opportunities or the struggle to put on a brave face and deal with everything that the day brings.

Please remember that as parents you are doing a fantastic job for your children right now. Please do not lose hope and be reassured that we are doing everything we can to resume normal school life for your children in September.

Keep in touch and stay well.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

Learning at Home

It has been wonderful looking at the fantastic range of learning activities that you have all been doing at home. Here is just a few of the things that you have been getting up to this week!



Learning at the beach, making a bug house in a mug and making your very own Metrolink.



Learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly, planting an apple seed and making a cardboard ice cream!



Drawing a dog called Rusty, making your own soap and completing a science experiment.