



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 15TH JUNE 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Despite a rather cold and rainy week, life at Templemoor continues to be filled with excitement. It's been another busy week continuing to prepare for our Reception children coming back to school, to join the Key Worker children in more newly created 'bubbles.' It will mean that from today we will have 6 'bubbles' of children across the school. We cannot wait for our Reception children to return to school! I have a feeling that it's going to be quite an emotional week.

Many of you will have heard the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, that the government has dropped its plans for all primary aged children to return to school for a month ahead of the summer holidays. Whilst I know that for many of you this will be a disappointment, the reality is that this was never a practical proposition under the current class size restrictions of a maximum of 15 that the government has imposed. As you already know, we are bound by a maximum class size of 11, so this would have been impossible for us to achieve.

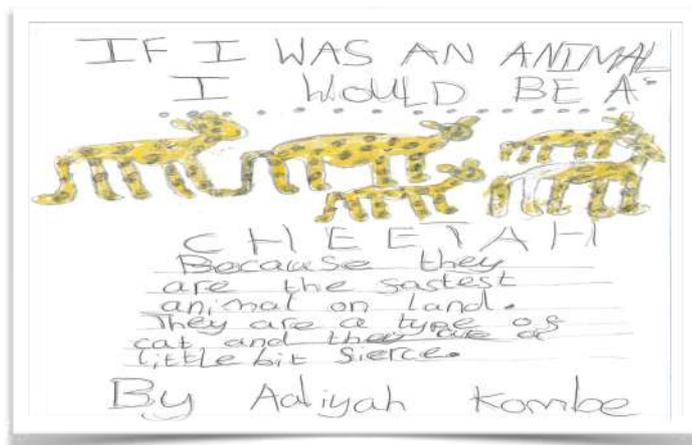


The government has indicated that this week it will release more details on its plans for schools going forward and as soon as I have more detail I will share this with you.

I would once again like to thank the staff, pupils, parents and carers of Templemoor for enabling us to have another successful week under very trying circumstances.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school up to further year groups, or when we will be able to open fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected, and will keep you informed every step of the way.

With my very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





Families Under Pressure

'Families Under Pressure' is a series of twelve short films offering parenting tips featuring the recognisable voices of a host of well-known parents including Olivia Colman, Rob Brydon, Holly Willoughby and Sandi Toksvig. The tips are based on decades of research from the UK's leading experts and rooted in the experience of NHS teams working with families and feedback from parents, and are available free on a dedicated website, along with informative resources, to provide parents and carers with tips on how to respond when children are struggling. The films offer parenting tips and advice on topics including:

- keeping positive and motivated;
- building your child's self-confidence and trust in you;
- promoting better behaviour;
- how to limit conflict;
- and using sanctions carefully

Covid Testing

If you are concerned and suspect your child has Covid symptoms, use the **111 online coronavirus service** if your child is 5 or over. Call 111 if they're under 5. The testing centre for children under 12 years of age is at the Etihad Campus.



Nursery and Reception Induction

We are aiming to send out a wide range of induction materials to our new Nursery and Reception parents by the end of this week, so do keep a look out for this in your inbox!

A message from Mrs Berry



Hello to all the Templemoor children and their families. It's Mrs Berry here. I do hope you are all well. I'm really missing you all, waving to you as you go across the playground in the morning

and when you are on the field. I'm so missing my lovely Nursery children. I miss seeing their faces, talking to them, teaching them, singing with them, reading stories to them, learning in the different areas with them and just all being together in Nursery. I miss seeing the parents at school too.

I know you will be missing friends and grown-ups too. Seeing your photos and work on the videos, newsletters and home learning emails really helps me to feel happier. I hope we will see each other soon.

It has been quite a while since I saw you all last, I'm sure you will have all grown! I know my two children Darcy and Ted have! Ted has definitely been having a growth spurt. Usually he comes into the kitchen saying "I'm hungry, can I have a snack please. What can I have?" I'm sure I'm not the only parent who has heard this from their children!

In between me working from home, doing home learning with my children and doing the food shopping for our family and my Mum and Dad, we have been keeping busy and active in many ways. We have enjoyed a weekly quiz over the phone with my parents. They create the questions and then Mr Berry, Darcy, Ted and I sit round the kitchen table and split into 2 teams and we try our best to answer them! Darcy and Ted love being creative, we have done painting, Decopatch, playdough creations and hama beads to name just a few! We have also enjoyed doing some Cosmic Yoga too!



(The photograph above: Social distancing in my parents garden with Darcy and Ted).

On Thursday nights we had been clapping for the NHS. Well Mr Berry and I clapped, Darcy played her trumpet and Ted banged a pan lid with a wooden spoon. We lost a couple of wooden spoons over the weeks due to enthusiastic pan lid banging!

I have discovered a new hobby of gardening. To be honest I've never really known what are weeds



and what are plants! Before I tackled an overgrown flower bed I face timed my Mum so she could tell me what were plants and what were weeds! I've worked very hard weeding, planting, watering and painting trellis. I'm pleased with my work and now enjoy sitting in the garden reading my book.

Well I'd better go now, it's nearly lunchtime and everyone needs feeding (again!), mealtimes sure do come round quickly!

Please do keep emailing me at the Nursery home learning email address. Stay safe, be happy, keep learning and having fun!

Love from Mrs Berry x

Templemoor Story Time

From Monday 15th June, we are excited to launch our very own 'Templemoor Story Time'. Each week, two teachers will be reading one of their favourite books just for you. This week Mr Hodgson will be reading 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson, and Mrs Brown will be reading 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker. You can find these stories on our school website. Just follow the Home Learning Tab, and then 'Templemoor Story Time'. We hope that you enjoy listening to some of our favourite books.



Pupil Wellbeing Telephone Calls

Over the next two weeks, class teachers will be making telephone calls to every child in their class. The calls are designed to provide a morale boost to your child as they get a chance to chat to their teacher and be congratulated on their efforts so

far. It really is just a 'how's it going' catch up. Therefore, please expect a call at some point between Monday 15th and Friday 26th June. The caller ID will not be shown on your telephone, so please do try and answer the call! Please note, that if your child is attending school then telephone calls will not take place at the moment.

A message from Miss Little



Hello Everyone!

I have been lucky enough to see some of you already on my daily walk with Millie. I do hope that you are all having lots of fun at home and are staying safe and keeping washing those hands.

We have been very busy in the Little house and garden and filling our days with some home learning and more importantly having fun and special time together. We have been looking after our beautiful flowers we have planted and going on lots of beautiful walks. Some of you know I like to climb really big hills and mountains and Millie has managed to join in with me too which has been so lovely! We have been enjoying cooking together and Millie has organised her books, toys and clothes ready to recycle when we can.

I have really enjoyed spending lots of special time with Millie but I am missing you all very much too. I am super excited for when we can all be back together again and have lots of fun learning new and exciting things together at school. I feel so



privileged and proud to be part of the Templemoor family and the amazing community that we have. And mostly super proud of all of you children for being so amazing and brave in this really challenging time.

I hope to see all of you very soon! Stay safe and more importantly have lots and lots of fun at home and keep being super sensible for your lovely grown ups.

Miss Little

End of Year Reports

Class teachers are beginning to write end of year reports for the children in their class. Due to current circumstances, the reports will look different to previous years. Sending out the end of year reports this year is going to be more complicated than usual. We intend to email the reports to parents towards the end of this academic year. If your email address has changed, please let us know. Further details to follow.

A message from Mrs Frost



Hello to all you lovely Templemoor girls, boys and your families!

Well, I think that these last few weeks of not seeing you have gone so fast, but then other times I feel like its been such a long time since I've seen you all, and I miss your faces so very much (and your chatter too!). What do you think? Has it gone fast or slow?

I hope that you've all been keeping busy, well, in fact, I know that you have from seeing some of the work you've been sending in to your teachers. Well done to you all - you should be very proud of yourselves. Keep it up!

I hope you've all been having lots of fun too - I cant wait to hear what you've been doing.



Life in the Frost household has been very different, as I'm sure it has for you all as well, there's been lots of good bits, but also some harder bits too! We've all tried to stay positive though and cheer each other on when we've needed it.

I have been reading lots of books, which I have really enjoyed doing and we have all been enjoying the sunshine a lot and getting out in the garden and going for walks. My youngest son, Ethan (9) has been really impressing us with his new found basketball skills! Have you learnt any new skills?

I've been using Zoom quite a lot on my laptop to do quizzes, chat to friends, meet up with groups that I usually would in person and I have even been able to do my exercise classes on it too! Amazing! I am very grateful for being able to use it. Its been brilliant!

I have really been enjoying the days that I have been in school with the key-worker children, its been a real pleasure to be there for them whilst they've needed us.



My two sons are working hard doing their school work. I must admit that sometimes I have found some of it quite tricky to help them with! We've managed to do everything though, and I have definitely learnt lots - I hope they have too!

I will say goodbye for now, I need to go and make dinner. We are going to have a lovely vegetable risotto tonight, a new recipe for me, I hope it turns out ok! I've really been enjoying making lots of food for us all.

Right, now, I really must go! Stay well everyone, keep those faces smiling, take care of each other, and... keep washing your hands! I can't wait to see you all soon.

Sent with love and very best wishes, Mrs Frost

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week it's *Article 2 - (non-discrimination)*. The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

This article is hugely important, especially right now. It's fundamental that every child is entitled to all rights to grow up happy, healthy, safe and secure.

This means that:

Every young person and child should know that their race, gender, ability, nationality (or other characteristic or identities) should not stop them enjoying all their rights.

Nobody should feel that they are treated differently because of who they are.

All people should accept, respect and value others for who they are.

All schools should teach and practise and actively celebrate respect for all.

Learning should include opportunities to empathise with those who are discriminated against.

Government decisions and the law should show the way against all forms of discrimination.

Everyone should be open to the fact that we all have prejudices and be ready to challenge them.

People challenge and speak up about any discrimination they experience or see.

Newspapers and other information sources should promote and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Activities/discussion

Imagine that you are treated differently and not allowed to go to school, have friends and play because of the colour of your hair. How would this make you feel? What would you say and do? Why don't you discuss this with the grown-ups at home?

Think of somewhere that you know well. It might be a library, a park or a club. Does it welcome everyone? Can all children take part there equally? Talk to your family about what could make this place better for everyone.

Think about people through history who have campaigned against unfair discrimination Martin Luther King Jnr; Dame Tanni Grey Thompson, Malala Yousufzai. Why don't you find out more about what they campaigned for and share what you have found out with us?

What makes you proud to be you? What could you do or say to other children to help them feel positive about who they are?

What do you think is needed for every child to be able to enjoy all their rights fairly and equally?

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 Miss Ogiliev



Hello children, I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and enjoying your time together at home.

On the days when I have not been in school I have been keeping busy by doing lots of reading, cooking and Zoom quizzes. My favourite dish I have made this week is homemade ravioli which took a lot of perseverance, but just like Tough Tortoise, I didn't give up! I had to make sure I rolled out the pasta thin enough and put enough filling in each one. It was worth all of the hard work for how yummy it was!

It's been very strange not seeing all of your lovely faces every day, but I look forward to when we can all see each other again very soon. For now, keep smiling, having fun and washing those hands!

With lots of love, Miss Ogiliev

And finally...

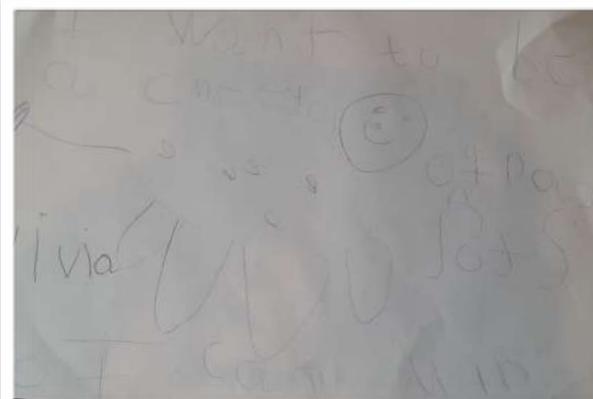
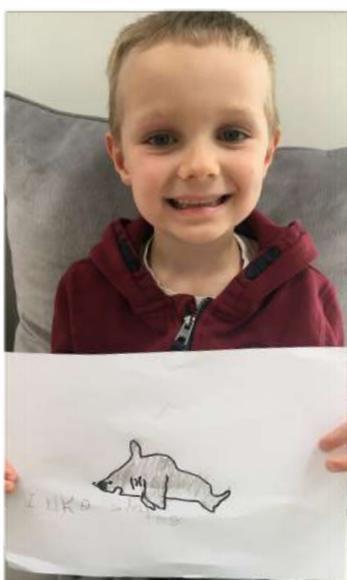
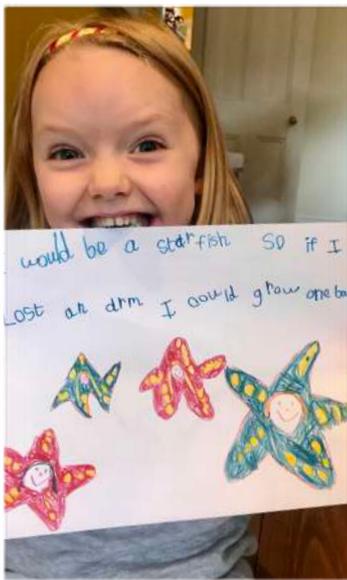
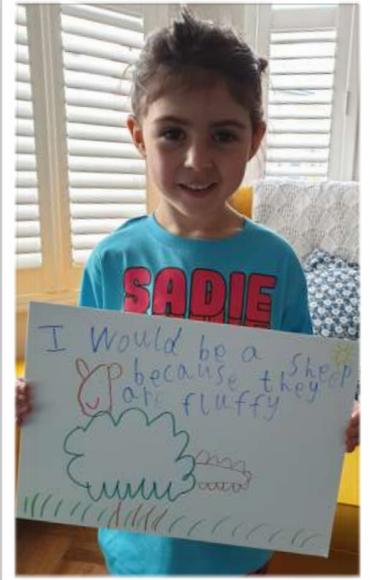
Thank you once again for your support at this difficult time. Your kind emails and messages mean the world to us all. Do keep up all your hard work and know that you're all doing a fantastic job. Rest assured that as soon as we are given the green light to welcome more children back to school we will do so with open arms. We miss you! Until next week, stay safe, stay positive and continue to take care of yourselves and your family.

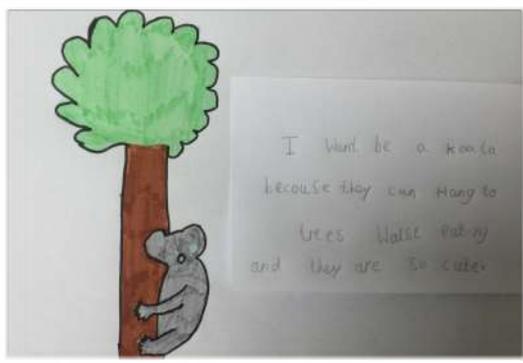
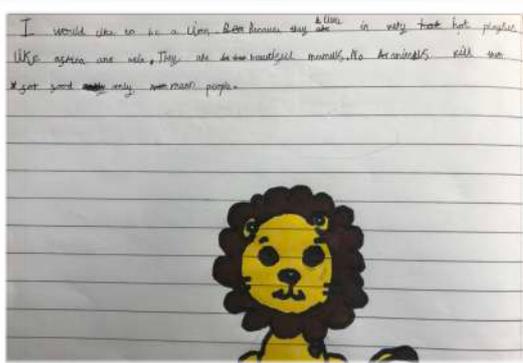
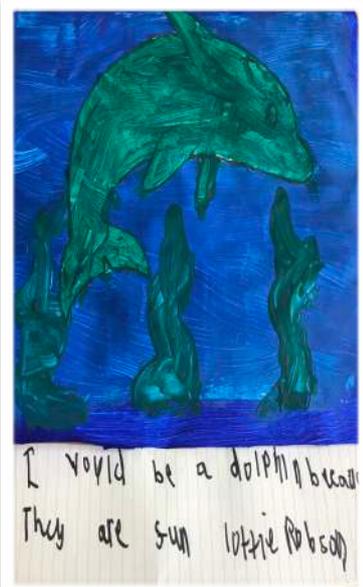
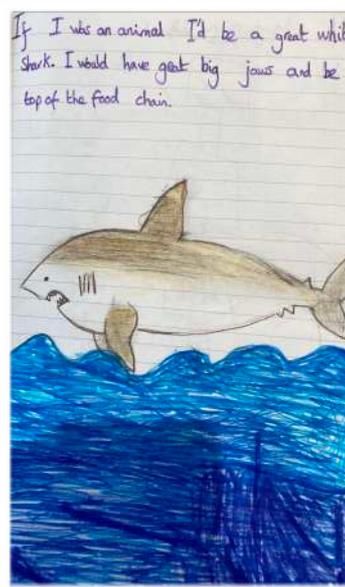
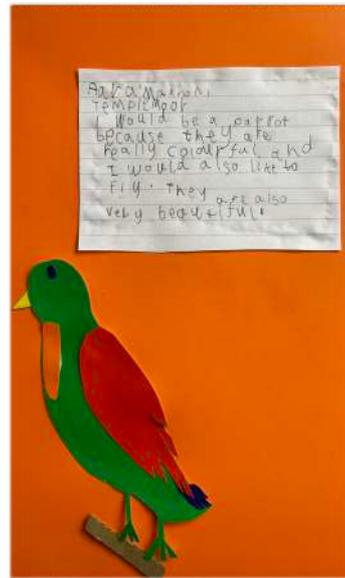
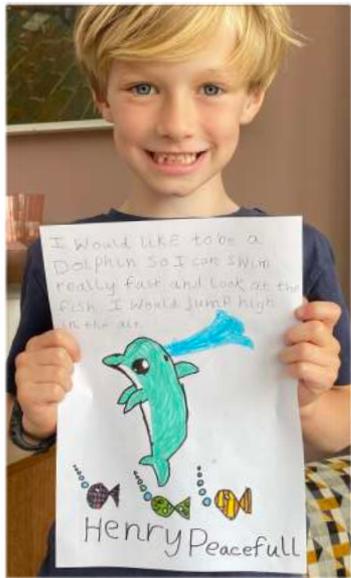
Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



Sofia's Challenge

Last Monday, Sofia in Reception set the children a challenge. The challenge was... if you could be an animal, which one would you be and why? Although there isn't a video message this week, another challenge from Mr Hodgson will be set in next week's newsletter, so stay tuned!





Well done!

What a super effort children! Your drawings are amazing. Well done, and well done to Sofia in Reception for setting the challenge. We will be setting a new weekly challenge next week...

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!



Making jellyfish, celebrating your birthday with Superheroes and counting money in your piggy bank!



Planting plants in the garden, creating your very own art gallery and exploring in art!



Being creative, making a snail habitat and designing a poster!