



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 23RD JULY 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to our final weekly newsletter of this academic year, and what a year it has been! No one could ever have imagined on January 1st, what 2020 was going to turn out like. Looking back I feel so proud of what we have achieved as a school community in unbelievably challenging circumstances. I have been overwhelmed with everyone's resilience; coping so well with the challenging changes forced upon us. I have been very grateful for the many kind words and encouraging emails. It has been a real testament to Templemoor as a community in the way that we have all pulled together to help and support one another. It really is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school community. I am undoubtedly the luckiest Headteacher ever!

Of course we have all had to make so many changes and all adapt to very different ways of life over the past months. Staff have had to work around the clock providing home learning, juggling their own childcare and keeping in touch with their class via email and telephone. Parents have had to become teachers, turning homes into classrooms, to continue their child's learning. Children have had to adapt to life in isolation,



being away from their friends and extended family and adapting to social distancing measures. They have had to adapt to home learning, and some have had to adapt to the 'new normal' in school, bringing with them their smiles and laughter. Huge sacrifices have been made to ensure we protect ourselves and other people.

However, I am sure that many of you can identify some real positives which have happened as a result of the changes we have all had to make. Thank you to staff, parents, children and governors for the support you have given to Templemoor Infant and Nursery School this year. I wish you all a very relaxing, restful and well-deserved Summer break.

Very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.



Staff Training Days

There is no doubt that reopening fully in September continues to require exceptional planning in order to keep everyone safe and to carefully reintroduce all of the children into school life after such a long period of time. For this reason, please remember that we will be taking **2 days** for health and safety planning, training, induction and preparation as we are likely to have to adjust our practice and risk assessments further over the Summer with updated government guidance. School will not open until **Thursday 3rd September 2020** for the children in Year 1 and Year 2. A calendar for the academic year 2020 to 2021 can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Summer Learning

The summer holidays are a time for children to relax, have fun and do the things that they enjoy. This might be riding their bike, going to the beach, playing sport, drawing, seeing friends and family or just chilling out! Whatever their hobbies and interests are, we definitely recommend spending lots of time on this! However, as we approach the summer holidays, we just wanted to make a few suggestions for the continuation of your child's home learning if you feel that this will be beneficial. This is optional. Below are suggested activities your child could use throughout the summer.

Reading

Reading is the most significant thing your child can do over the summer because becoming a fluent reader enables a child to access all areas of the curriculum. Listening to stories is also a crucial component in broadening a child's vocabulary. At present, it is possible to listen to a range of children's books for free on the Audible website and we are hoping that this will remain so over the summer. Users are not required to register. You can listen to content by following this [link](#). Similarly, the [Oxford Owl](#) website can be used to access eBooks for children right across the primary phase.

Mathematics

White Rose Maths has produced a range of work booklets for parents and children to use over the summer. The booklets are completely free for each Year group from 1 to 6, covering all White Rose blocks. Click [here](#) to access these excellent resources.

Reopening of the X Club

We are still finalising our plans for X Club, following the rather limited guidance for schools regarding wrap-around provision. However, we have made the decision to open Breakfast and After School Club from Monday 7th September, and bookings are now being taken. This is great news for all of our families who rely on the service for childcare. Once we have all of the logistics confirmed, we will send out information to parents during the Summer. There will be some changes to our methods of operation but we don't anticipate this being too difficult to follow. We would ask that all parents are mindful that a 'local lockdown' or a case of Coronavirus could potentially result in the Club having to close for a period of time. Thank you for your patience whilst we finalise the finer details.





Arrangements for September

Today I wrote to parents with regards to our safety measures for September. As you will appreciate, the guidance is changing fairly regularly at the moment (we are used to that now!), but I wanted to give you some indication of what our current plans are, based on the guidance. I really appreciate that the staggered start and finish times may create inconvenience for some, but I am certain that you will appreciate the requirement to have this in place. I will of course be writing to you just before school reopens to remind you of the safety arrangements, as well as letting you know if anything has changed. We will also be filming inside the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms, so that you will be able to see what each class will look like in September. Hopefully, this will help your child with the transition back to school. During the summer holidays, please check your emails and the school website for any further updates.

Book Amnesty

We have had a great response to our Book Amnesty, thank you so much! If you still have any school books at home can you please bring them back into school in September. We can then clean them and make sure they are all ready for the children to use. Thank you.

End of Year Reports

We hope that you enjoyed reading your child's end of year report. We would appreciate your

feedback and ask that you complete the online survey that was sent out with the report.

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget that you still have time to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is 'Silly Squad', a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. For 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

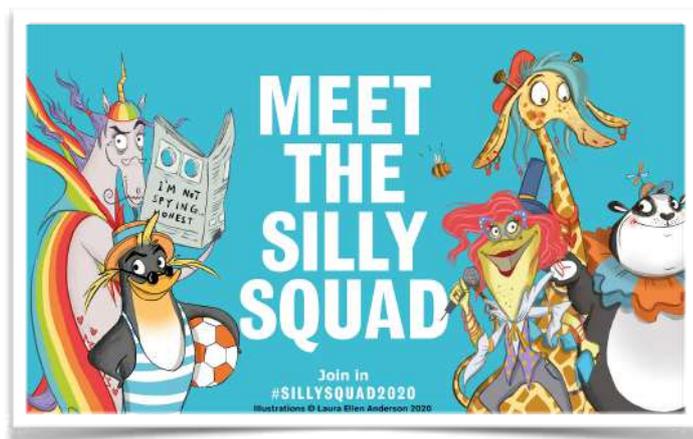
The Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun creative online activities. This year the challenge will run until mid-September.

How the Challenge works

Children sign up online to the Digital Summer Reading Challenge via the following [link](#).

The website is free to access, featuring games, quizzes, digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. Libraries will deliver the Challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms i.e. Borrowbox, Facebook and Twitter.

Children taking part this year will be asked to set their own reading goal. However, we are still suggesting six books as the best goal to try for. Children who complete their Summer Reading Challenge will be able to download a certificate. Do let us know how you get on. Happy reading Templemoor!





The Templemoor Team

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team that we have here at Templemoor - the teachers, the teaching assistants, the office staff, the kitchen staff, the middays, our extended services staff, the cleaners and the caretaker. They have met the challenges and changes that this pandemic presented with professionalism, confidence and determination and I could not be prouder to lead such a talented team. They embraced the task of setting home learning, checked in regularly with families, completely re-organised the school, adapted to stringent cleaning procedures and so much more. The school has remained open for the children of our Critical Workers since March and this was only possible because our staff were willing to leave the safety of their own homes and put themselves on the front line to provide this childcare. All staff said that I could count on their support at the start of this crisis. They have gone way beyond what is expected of them and they are all amazing. Thank you all so very, very much, we are all truly grateful.

Keeping Children Safe

With the Summer break fast approaching, may I remind you that, if you become aware of any serious concern regarding a child’s wellbeing, their safety or safeguarding, you can contact Trafford Children’s First Response Team. Please find their details below and a link to their website where you will find more information.

Telephone: 0161 912 5125

Website: Click [here](#).

Behaviour Policy Addendum

Please click [here](#) to view additions to our Behaviour Policy whilst current Covid-19 measures are in place.

Contacting School

Please note, staff will be having a break over the summer so they will not be checking or responding to messages sent via the home learning emails. Thank you.

Year 2 Leavers

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children, those in school and those who are continuing to learn from home. I am sure that our class of 2020 will leave our school with so many happy memories. I know that the children have all had firm foundations at Templemoor, and I just know that they will all go on to achieve great things in the future. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we have not been able to hold our usual leavers disco, or leavers assembly. However, as a memento of their time at school, Year 2 families will receive a special video that we have been working on - a lovely keepsake. This will be sent to parents over the next few weeks (once we have edited and pieced the video together, so do bear with us!). Today the children in Year 2 will be presented with a certificate and a Templemoor wallet. Children at home will receive these through the post. Many thanks to the Friends of Templemoor who have provided these to all of our Year 2 pupils.



Thank you Parents and Carers

We are incredibly thankful and grateful to our parents and carers who have juggled childcare, home learning, working from home and so much more. Your understanding, support and patience this year has been incredible. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without the strong partnership between home and school. We extend our deepest of thanks for this, and look forward to working closely with you again from September. We would also like to wish you all a well-earned summer break!

Calm Connections

If you are worried about your child returning to school in September, join Calm Connections every Thursday in August at 10am for a coffee and a chat with guest speakers. Please email admin@calmconnections for more details and to book a place.

A message to our Year 2 children

How can it be that time of year already when we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children in Year 2? And what a remarkable year group you are, to finish your final year at Templemoor, which will be forever remembered in history. It is amazing how much you have all grown since you came through our school doors for the first time as small Reception children in September 2017! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into the fabulously unique, independent and confident children that you are today. We hope that you look back on your time at Templemoor with happy memories that will bring a smile. Will you remember the Superhero Day chasing after Professor Slime, or the day that the Queen visited our school? Will you remember your visit to Knowsley Safari Park, Golden Book Assemblies or choosing a well-earned prize from the Golden Prize Box?! Well we certainly hope that you do and that you will come back and see us again. Remember we are very proud of you all and will miss you very much. Keep working hard, be mindful, responsible and resilient, look after each other in the Juniors, be proud of your

achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. But most importantly remember to believe in yourself and to follow your biggest dreams. Well done Year 2.

From Mr Hodgson



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It has been truly wonderful re-opening our school to our amazing Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, who have been an absolute delight. Of course, we are disappointed that we could not get more pupils back in to school over the summer term. As you will recall, government guidance and physical limitations on the building meant that we could not get more than 50% of the children back. Looking forward however, in September we will all be back! Although this will be a challenge, I am confident that we will continue to work together to do our very best to overcome whatever is put in our way. I want to sincerely thank you, our parents and carers, for all the support you have given since we started this journey on March 20th. We wish you and your families a restful and healthy summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September. Take care and keep smiling.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



Autumn Term 2020

Opens	Thursday 3rd September 2020
Closes	Friday 23rd October 2020
Opens	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Closes	Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Opens	Monday 4th January 2021
Closes	Friday 12th February 2021
Opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
Closes	Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Opens	Monday 19th April 2021
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 3rd May 2021
Closes	Friday 28th May 2021
Opens	Monday 14th June 2021
Closes	Friday 23rd July 2021

Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 21st December 2020
Friday 11th June 2021
Monday 26th July 2021