



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 22ND JUNE 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What an amazing week at school. It has been an absolute joy, and I do mean JOY to have some of our Reception children return to school. They have brought with them their energy, their humour, their curiosity, their wonder, their chatter, their giggles, their questions, their uniqueness.....themselves! It was really very emotional seeing the children again, seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter. It felt like a sense of normality was returning to Templemoor after all this time! Thank you to our staff for all their hard work and meticulous planning to ensure this all ran smoothly and to you all, our parents, for your support in preparing the children as this undoubtedly helped them settle well.

We are now continuing to plan for how we can safely begin to welcome some of our Year 1 children back to school. Please bear with us. As I'm sure you will appreciate, the next stage in this phased return is complex. I am hoping to have some detailed plans to share with you by the end of this week at the latest. I also want to be completely honest with you. With the social



distancing regulations set at 2 metres, at the moment, we are bound by a maximum bubble size of 11. Therefore, if Year 1 children were to return from 29th June, it will most certainly be on alternate days or weeks. It will not be possible for full time provision as yet. What I can promise you is that we are continuing to work as hard as we can to bring more children back to school. Your patience and support is most appreciated at this time.

On Friday the government announced that all children will return to school in September, and will be publishing guidance within the next couple of weeks for us all to digest! Let's wait and see what we hear on that one! Obviously, as soon as I have more detail I will share this with you. Keep smiling, stay safe and I will be in contact with you all again later this week.

With my very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.

Thank you!

Thank you to all of our families, for ensuring a smooth start and end to the school day. Please continue to facilitate social distancing by adhering to only one adult/ family member dropping off and collecting from school.





Telephone Calls Home

We have received such lovely feedback from parents and teachers regarding telephone calls home, which started last week, and will continue this week. If you have not yet received a telephone call from your child’s class teacher, then please expect a call at some point between now and the end of this week. Remember that the caller ID will not be shown on your telephone, so do try and answer the call! If your child is attending school then telephone calls will not take place at the moment.

We have heard from a few families this week that children are becoming more tearful at home as time is going by and are struggling to concentrate on their home learning tasks. Parents, please be kind to both your children and yourselves - spacing tasks out across the day, with planned periods of time for playing, or downtime, is really important...just as important as getting the tasks done! This is how we would manage it in school, especially for the younger children, so make sure you are not expecting your children to sit for too long concentrating on one thing. Little and often is a far better approach than trying to cram all the day’s tasks in the morning. If you would like some further independent advice, then please contact StarLine, a national free telephone helpline for parents and carers to provide personalised support and advice on home learning. In addition to qualified teachers, callers can speak to experienced education and parenting experts who can provide support and advice on behaviour,

wellbeing and help for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities. All calls are confidential, and advice is available six days a week by phoning **0330 313 9162**. For more information visit **www.starline.org.uk** or follow **@StarLineSupport on Twitter**.

Templemoor Fundraising

It would have been at around this time, that we would be making the final preparations for our annual Summer Fair, which was due to take place in two weeks time, on 4th July. This is why we really need your help. Obviously the school has been hard hit in terms of fundraising during lockdown. However, there is still a way that you can help us raise funds, even when you’re at home! When you are doing your essential shopping online, go through easyfundraising - with ‘Friends of Templemoor’ as your cause - and help raise money for school at no cost to you whatsoever! It’s that simple! Thank you for your support.





Templemoor Story Time

We hope that you enjoyed the first of our Templemoor Story Times last week. This week Mrs Cundick will be reading 'The Book With No Pictures' by B.J. Novak, and Mrs Drinkwater will be reading 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. 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 over the next few weeks.

Hot Weather

The weather for the next few days is forecast to be very hot. We therefore ask that all children who are in school have a sun hat and apply sun cream before coming to school each day. We will keep the children well shaded and hydrated throughout the day.

Design a Duck for Children in Need!

Children in Need are planning their Annual Duck Race and this year they want you to help complete

their pun-tastic duck line-up. They're asking duck fans across the UK to grab their crayons and design a duck, with one lucky ducky featuring in their big race at the end of the year. Everything you need to take part is on the Children in Need website, simply download their handy duck template and get quacking! Get your duck template [here](#). The competition closes on the 24th of June at midnight. Good luck!

Keeping Safe

We are duty bound to ask parents and carers to check that their child is well enough to attend school. This is a reminder to check whether your child is displaying any coronavirus symptoms before they attend school each day. We would like parents and carers to check your child for the following symptoms before coming to school:

- High temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- New, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing



episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

- Loss or change to their sense of smell and taste - this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, then you must keep your child at home and get them tested. Please inform school immediately if you have concerns about your child’s health. The following [link](#) can provide further guidance on this.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week it’s ‘Article 42, Knowledge of Rights’. Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

- The Government and politicians should talk about rights and help people to understand them.
- All schools should teach about rights.
- People who work with children such as teachers, youth workers, police and social workers should be trained about children’s rights.
- Every young person and child should know who to go to if they feel their rights are not being met.
- Parents and carers should be helped to know about the rights their children have.

Discussion/Activities

Article 42 says that all adults should know about rights. Can you explain why this matters?

Article 42 says that governments have to actively make sure everyone knows about the CRC, and that governments must be active about getting the message about children’s rights out to people. If you were in charge of this what would you do? Have a go at your favourite or most creative idea.

The Government and adults responsible for children and young people are **duty bearers**. It’s their job to make sure all the rights happen for every child.

If you were a teacher of very young children, how would you help them to understand about their rights?

Why don’t you make yourself a set of cards to represent the articles of the Convention of the Rights of a Child then make up some games to play with the people in your home to help everyone learn about rights. There are ideas for [games and a template for the cards here](#).

Send any of your work, videos, posters or pictures into us, we would love to see it!

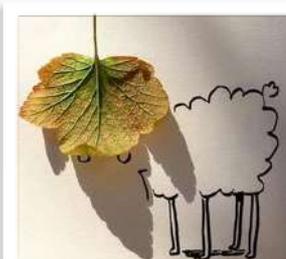
Emergency Contact Details

It is more important than ever that you ensure we have your most up to date details to contact you in the case of an emergency - and to keep you up to date with our plans. Please give us a call if your contact details have changed, in case we do need to contact you to collect your child urgently from school.



Mr Hodgson's Weekly Challenge

You may be missing the weekly video messages, but fear not, because the weekly challenges are set to resume again this week. This week's challenge is inspired by the Belgian artist Vincent Ball, who creates works of art out of shadows! With all this sun outside grab a few objects and explore how shadows form next to them. Can you turn them into any funny cartoon style drawings? Send your shadow creations to your year group home learning address. We can't wait to see what you have created! Here are some ideas below...



guidance the school receives from government and our local education authority is complex and rapidly changing and has required staff to demonstrate tenacity, resilience and flexibility. Our overriding aim is that Templemoor continues to provide the best care it can for our children whether your child is part of the key worker bubble, has returned to school in one of the Reception bubbles or continues to learn at home.

As we continue to welcome more children back to school in the coming weeks, staff will be concentrating on supporting the children to settle into the different school environment with its new rules and expectations but also focussing on their wellbeing after such an extended period of absence from school.

Obviously this period of adversity has affected every single family in the UK but each family will have experienced it in an individual way based on their own personal circumstances. Some of us, children and adults alike, will be ready to come out of lockdown emerging confident and able to cope with the changes we find, whereas some of us will be tentative and wary of what lies ahead. In this situation, we will all need to demonstrate understanding, respect and kindness. Please do not hesitate to contact school staff if you feel your child needs reassurance during the coming weeks.

As the country moves slowly towards what will be our new normal, I am personally reflecting on the new habits I have adopted during lockdown which I would like to keep and the disadvantages I will be glad to leave behind. I have enjoyed daily exercise

A Message from the Chair of Governors



I hope you and your families are well and staying safe during these unprecedented times we are living through. It has been wonderful this week to be able to welcome back some of the children in our Reception

classes. Mr Hodgson and his team have worked tirelessly to make sure that the school is prepared and fully equipped to enter this new phase. Detailed risk assessments and plans have been shared and discussed with the Board of Governors and we are indebted to Mr Hodgson and his team for their hard work and professionalism. The

outdoors and more quality time with my family while I have missed being able to hug my friends and go out to work in the normal way. Maybe this strange time will help us to realise what is most important to us and will help us to reshape our priorities?

Finally, thank you for your messages of support and appreciation for the school's efforts. They really do help to sustain staff, bringing a smile to their face and often a tear to their eye! We always welcome your feedback whether that it is positive or suggestions of how things could be improved.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Judith Davenport

Chair of Governors

A Gentle Reminder

Key Worker families are reminded that the main gates will be open at **8:30am**. If you arrive at school any earlier, please line up, observing social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

Bertie's Mindfulness Task of the Week



From this week until the end of term, Bertie is going to recommend a 'Mindfulness Activity' to encourage children to have positive Mental Health. This week's task is called: 'Safekeeping... Set your worries aside'. You will need some paper and a pen, marker or crayons. This is what you have to do:

1. Write your worry down or draw it on a piece of paper. Or ask a grown-up to write it down for you.
2. Put it in a safe place, such as a special box or drawer where you can find it again.
3. You don't need your worry when you play, eat or sleep.

4. You can throw your worry away if you don't need it anymore.

From 'Mindful Minds' by Whitney Stewart and Mina Braun.

And finally...

We would like to convey our thanks to all members of the school community for ensuring that the following measures are continuing to be adhered to in order to keep everybody safe:

- Adhering to the social distancing government guidance.
- Dropping the children off and collecting on time in their allocated time slots with one adult only.
- Following our one way in and one way out system.
- Resolving queries via calling the office or emailing admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk.
- Following good hand hygiene and sanitising and reinforcing this with children at home.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable week ahead. Keep in touch, keep sharing with us what you are doing at home and stay well.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

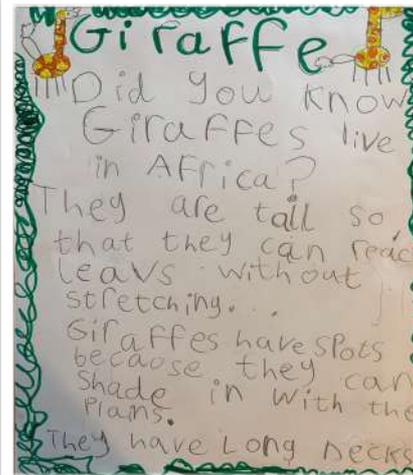


Learning at Home

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!



Making a new friend called 'Cake Box', exploring Walkden Gardens and watching caterpillars grow.



Building the Eiffel Tower out of Lego, writing a fact sheet about giraffes and having a craft making Zoom!



Completing a Cosmic Kids Yoga session and drawing/ painting Gerald the Giraffe.



Looking after new guinea pigs, watching tadpoles grow and finding out about The Titanic.

You will also have noticed the wonderful African art work that is displayed throughout this newsletter. Well done to our Year 2 children who have worked so hard to create some amazing pieces at home.