

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MAY NEWSLETTER 2021



It's holiday time again!

Can it really be May half-term already? It seems as though we have just returned from Easter, and in the blink of an eye the holidays are with us once again.

As it's the nation's favourite talking point - what strange weather we have been having recently! Most days we have needed wellies and thick coats as it's been so wet and cold! However, we are just a few days away from June and the lure of a holiday is bringing with it the possibility of some much needed sunshine! Let's hope so! I also hope that you all manage to spend some quality family time together over the next couple of weeks. You all deserve it.

It has been a wonderfully busy half-term. We are starting to see some normalities return, although we are still doing everything we can to remain safe in our school/class bubbles as required by the government. As restrictions start to be lifted following government guidance, we will continue to make changes to procedures and will keep you updated. Please remember that you will most probably get to find out about any changes at the same time as we do (if not before!)

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that Holiday Club will be closed this Monday 31st May 2021 due to the Spring Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

We never have a quiet moment at Templemoor, and as we race into the last six weeks of the summer term we have lots to look forward to across the school. We are aiming to hold nursery and reception transition sessions on site, a Euro football event, a sponsored jump (get practising!), a sports day, a 50th birthday celebration transporting children back to the 70s and a Year 2 disco! Do take a look at the diary at the end of this newsletter for dates and times of upcoming events. It is lovely to see the school calendar starting to fill back up again after so many months of restrictions.

Thank you all for your continued support, have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 14th June for the final half-term of this academic year!

Best wishes, Mr Hodgson





Suncream and Hats

As the weather (fingers crossed) starts to get better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. After half-term, please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring sun cream (with their name on) to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on too).

The Penny Drive

It's time to bring back an old Templemoor favourite - The Penny Drive! Please drop off any pennies or loose change in jars that will be outside the classrooms. There will be a competition to see which class can fill their jar with pennies that weigh the most. The winning class will receive the much sought after Templemoor Penny Drive Trophy and the money raised will be used to buy new books to enhance our new PSHE programme. Good luck!

Sponsored 60 minute Jump

As part of our summer sporting events we will be holding a sponsored 60 minute jump on Thursday 24th June. There will be a carousel of fun jumping and skipping activities which children will take part in for 60 minutes. Over the next few weeks children will be practising their jumping and skipping skills in school. We have skipping ropes in school for everyone to use, although children are also more than welcome to bring their own labelled skipping rope into school to practise during playtimes.

Skipping really is a fantastic skill that can help to develop core stability, hand and eye coordination and improve overall fitness. It would be great if your child could practise at home during the half-term holiday! Proceeds from the 60 Minute Jump will be spent on new updated Read, Write, Inc. Phonics books for use in school and at home. Further details, including a sponsorship form have been sent home today. Happy skipping and jumping everyone!

Themes Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes after the half-term break are:

Nursery	How high can you jump?
Reception	Why do ladybirds have spots?
Year 1	Great Explorers
Year 2	Our Perfect Planet

The return of Cool Down Fridays

With summer hovering just around the corner we are really looking forward to the return of our popular 'Cool Down Fridays'. After the half-term holiday, ice pops will be on sale at the school gates each Friday, priced at 25p each with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor.

Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Events

Moorlands Junior School are planning a range of exciting transition events for our Year 2 children in preparation for their move up to Year 3 in September. Further details from Moorlands will follow soon.

New Nursery Welcome Meeting

Our welcome evening for parents with children starting in Nursery in September 2021 will be on **Tuesday 29th June at 7pm**. We are aiming to hold this at school in the Nursery. Look out towards the end of the holiday for further details about Nursery start dates and for other exciting Nursery transition events.

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, a sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

X Club Changes

We are constantly reviewing our procedures for X Club and are delighted to announce that from 14th June the After School Club will be open until **5.45pm**.

Please be reassured that the After School Club team will continue to thoroughly clean the classroom areas and the hall ready for the next day.

We are also delighted that Leah McCartney will return to school from 21st June following her maternity leave. Leah is the manager of our Extended Service provision and has been missed by us all! Welcome back Miss McCartney!

We are always committed to keeping the club affordable but with recent increases in salaries and running costs, there will be a small price rise from 14th June. Breakfast Club will be **£6** per session and After School Club will be **£12** per session. As Covid restrictions start to lift following government guidance, we will continue to make changes to our X Club procedures and will update you after the holiday.

Parking Reminder

There are a significant number of cars creating congestion and seriously putting our children at risk. I am certain that no-one wants to cause injury or worse to one of our children. However, this is a



real risk and it is imperative that we put the safety of our children first. Please make every effort to walk to school. If you are unable to do so, please park further away from the school (not blocking any drives or parking on pavements) and walk the remainder of the way. Cars are not allowed to park on Nursery Close. The community police team will be visiting after half-term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Euro Football Event 2021

To celebrate the return of the Euro Football Championships, all children in school will take part in our very own Templemoor Euro Football Day! On **Thursday 17th June**, the children will be divided into teams, with each team named after a country competing in the Euros. They will have a go at a range of exciting football and sporting activities, including five-a-side football tournaments, penalty shoot-outs, dribbling games and lots more! Please ensure that your child comes dressed in their PE kit on the day. Thank you.





Covid-19 Symptoms and Self-isolation

Can we remind families that if anyone in your immediate family (including any support bubble) shows one of the three Covid symptoms (loss/change to taste or smell, new, continuous cough or a high temperature), everyone is required to self-isolate and the symptomatic person must get an in-person PCR test (drive-in and walk-in centres give the quickest results, with results often coming back within 12 hours or less). **You must not use a rapid test (Lateral Flow Device) on anyone who is displaying symptoms.** Your child must not be in school whilst waiting for the result. If your child tests positive for Covid, please email the School Office immediately (regardless of the time of the day/night or the day of the week/weekend). Please tell us your child's name, the date that symptoms began, the date of the test and the date you received the result. We will be monitoring emails over half-term, from Monday 31st May until Thursday 3rd June, so please get in touch with school immediately should your child develop Covid symptoms or test positive for Covid during this time. Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping the whole of our school community safe.

Starting the new half-term

If, during the latter part of the half-term holiday, your child has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19, it is very important that they do not return to school on 14th June. Please let us know if this is the case via email by Sunday 13th June. Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of Templemoor

I would like to say a massive thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for all of their hard work this year. Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to read their fabulous newsletter which was sent out via email yesterday. I can't quite believe that the Friends of Templemoor have managed to raise a staggering **£6425** since September 2020! That is an amazing accomplishment. Well done everyone and what a wonderful team effort!

New Reception Welcome Meeting

Look out for details of our new reception welcome evening, which we are aiming to run in the reception outdoor area. Parents will be given a date to attend - either **Wednesday 30th June**, OR **Thursday 1st July at 7pm**. Further details about reception classes, start dates and other wonderful transition events will be sent out towards the end of the holiday. How exciting!





Back to the 70s!

In September, Templemoor will celebrate its 50th birthday, but we just can't wait that long to get the party started! On Tuesday 6th July we are hoping to transport our children back to the sensational seventies with 70s music, fashion and fun! We would like the children (and parents too if you would like!) to come to school dressed in 70s style! We will be learning all about life in the 70s and will be having a traditional 70s outdoor street party! We also have some exciting plans for September which we are making in collaboration with our wonderful Friends of Templemoor... further details to follow shortly!

RSE Consultation

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in being part of our Relationship and Sex Education consultation working party. If you would like to take part then it's not too late to join us, simply contact the school office and we will be in touch straight after the holiday. Thank you in advance for your support.

Royal Mail Superhero Competition

You will have noticed that throughout this newsletter are a selection of fabulous pictures that the children have drawn of their superhero, as part of the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. We have entered over 80 designs into the competition, and every single one of them is simply stunning. Good luck to those children

who have entered the competition. Maybe the special panel of judges will pick one of our entries as the winning design! Wouldn't that be amazing?

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be sent out in mid July. Please remember that there are no statutory tests (SATs) this year for Year 2, and no Phonics Screening Check for Year 1.

School Fruit

The free fruit and vegetable scheme has restarted, so children no longer need to bring a snack into school after the half-term holiday.

Bookbags

After the half-term holiday book bags can be brought into school everyday!

Face Coverings

Face masks no longer need to be worn in the school playground - as long as we all continue to remember to social distance outside. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask then that is fine too.



And finally...

I would like to thank the whole of the staff team for their continued effort, determination and commitment to all the children at Templemoor. Working in a school is incredibly physically, mentally and emotionally demanding. It is very rare that school staff are able to 'switch off' and there is always a massive 'to do' list to get through! I hope that the whole staff team find the time to switch off and relax over the next couple of weeks - they certainly need it and deserve it!

Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. As always, if there is anything at all that we can help or support you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



Dates for the Summer Term 2021

Friday 28th May 2021	School breaks up for the Whit Holiday
Monday 14th June 2021	Back to school for the final part of the summer term
Thursday 17th June 2021	Euro Football Event
Monday 21st June 2021	Reception Hearing Tests
Thursday 24th June 2021	Sponsored 60 Minute Jump
Tuesday 29th June 2021	New Nursery Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 30th June 2021	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm*
Thursday 1st July 2021	Sports Day (for children only)
Thursday 1st July 2021	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting at 7pm*
Tuesday 6th July 2021	Back to the 70s Day!
Thursday 22nd July 2021	Year 2 Disco at 5pm
Friday 23rd July 2021	School Breaks up for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm

*New reception parents will be given either Wednesday 30th June 2021 **OR** Thursday 1st July 2021 as their welcome meeting. Please note: this date **does not** correspond to the class that your child will be in come September. We are running the same meeting on two evenings in order to limit the amount of parents who will be on site and have allocated the evenings based on surname. If, due to government guidance, it is not possible to meet in person, we will arrange a virtual meeting instead.

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

Autumn Term 2021

Opens	Monday 6th September 2021
Closes	Friday 22nd October 2021
Opens	Monday 1st November 2021
Closes	Tuesday 21st December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Opens	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Closes	Friday 11th February 2022
Opens	Monday 21st February 2022
Closes	Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Opens	Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022
Closes	Friday 27th May 2022
Opens	Monday 13th June 2022
Closes	Friday 22nd July 2022

Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Wednesday 22nd December 2021
Friday 10th June 2022
Monday 25th July 2022