



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 13TH JULY 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Last week we welcomed back the Year 1 children in Class 4. It was so lovely to see all of the children again (they have grown so tall!), hear their laughter and see their beaming smiles. We are now finalising our plans to welcome our Year 2 children back to school for four days next week. Further details will be sent out later this week.

Following on from last week's guidance from the government, I am delighted to inform you that we are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school in September. From the Autumn Term our usual attendance rules will apply, school will become mandatory again. Children will also be expected to wear school uniform again. Although school will no doubt be 'different', we aim to make it as normal as possible. Measures we will be implementing include, but are not limited to:

- Continuing to adhere to strict hygiene rules.
- No large gatherings, e.g. whole-school assemblies.
- We will be using staggered breaks and lunchtimes.



- We will be using staggered start and finish times to keep different groups apart as they arrive and leave school.
- Reopening the X Club (further details to follow).

We are working on the updated recommendations and are continuously developing risk assessments based on the changing guidance, ensuring that we are able to offer a safe and secure environment for the children to return. I will be in contact before the end of the summer term to give further information on how the school will operate in September, including an updated risk assessment.

Part of the planning process, is taking into consideration the large amount of time the children have been learning at home and we would like to reassure you that we are currently putting a curriculum recovery programme in place. This will also include addressing the children's health and wellbeing, as we fully appreciate this may have been affected by the lockdown.

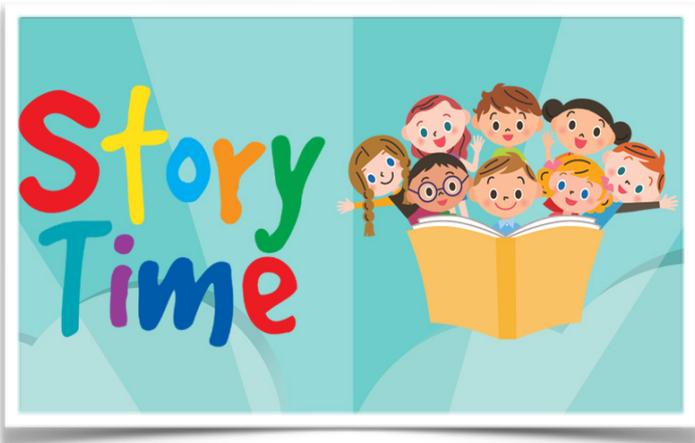
We really do look forward to bringing the whole school community back together again soon. Thank you once again for your continued support.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.



Staff Training Days

The Local Authority have agreed that an additional INSET day in September is available to all schools, to ensure that we are ready for the children to return; not just practically, but with appropriate training in light of the changing government guidance, including changes to safeguarding and behaviour policies. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will return to School on **Thursday 3rd September**. New Nursery and Reception children have been given their own individual start dates. The calendar for the academic year 2020 to 2021 is included at the end of this newsletter.



Templemoor Story Time

Thank you all so much for the positive feedback we have received about our Templemoor Story Time. This week Mrs Wynne is reading 'Some Dogs Do' by Jez Alborough, and Mrs Ree is reading 'Super Daisy and the Peril of Planet Pea' by Kes Gray and Nick Sharratt. 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.

Gifts for Staff

Please do not read this as an assumption that children will want to provide staff with a gift at the end of the school year and there is certainly no expectation or obligation. However, we have had a number of enquiries about how these

arrangements will work. If you would like to bring in gifts, this is permitted. All that we ask is that these are labelled, and left at the main doors by the office rather than handing them directly to staff.

End of Year Reports

We will be sending end of year reports out via email, so please can you make sure we have your correct email address. Reports will be sent out by the following dates:

Reception Friday 17th July 2020

Year 1 Friday 17th July 2020

Nursery Monday 20th July 2020

Year 2 Monday 20th July 2020

Current Reception and Year 1 parents will receive a Year Group Handbook, outlining a range of useful information about next year. Reception parents will also receive a transition booklet about moving from EYFS to Key Stage One. Children who are currently in Reception and Year 1 will receive a letter from their new teacher as well as a video message. We have set up a 'Transition' section on our website for our new Year 1 and Year 2 children. Resources sent home will be added to this section of the website by Friday of this week.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop

If you are you a parent based in the Trafford area with a child aged 5-12 years and would like some advice about managing change at home and at school, Trafford Sunrise are offering a free Zoom webinar on Thursday 23rd July 2020 at 10am to 11:30am. You do not need to register to join. Simply visit <https://zoom.us/j/7409073128> and use the following Zoom meeting ID: 740 907 3128. Further information can be found on the Just_Psychology Twitter feed.





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.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week it's Article 29 - the goals of education. Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

How many different ideas can you think of for the goals of education?

Did you think of any of these?

To be able to read, write and calculate and use this learning to solve real problems.

To learn about and experience lots of different things.

To be able to think critically.

To become the best I can be, whether in maths, sport, art or music.

To continue learning and develop throughout my life.

To resolve conflicts in a non-violent way.

To live in a peaceful and fair world.

To respect and have good relationships with other people.

To learn about rights.

To respect and look after the environment.

Activities/discussion

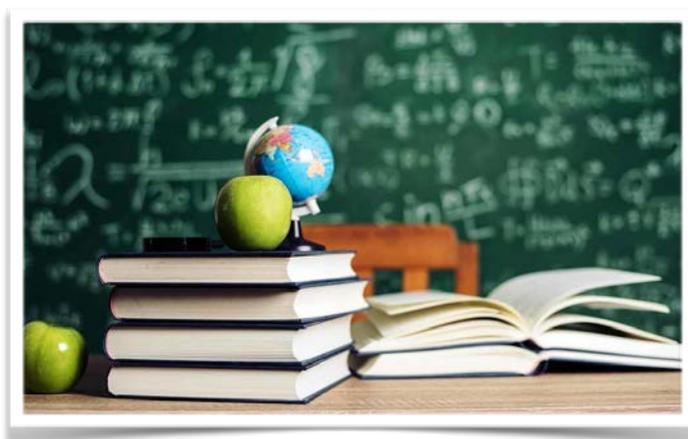
Paddington is the perfect champion for children at Unicef. He is friendly, kind and brave. Can you think of any other words to describe his personality? What words would you use to describe your personality or one of your friends?

Think about how well our school encourages everyone to **respect: themselves, others, human rights**, our **grown-ups** and the **environment**. Could you mark each category out of 5? 0 as no encouragement and 5 for lots of encouragement. Why don't you email your results to school and we will see what we need to improve on?

Imagine you are being asked to design a new school that will develop everybody's personality, talents and abilities fully and encourage respect for rights and the environment. Why don't you write about it or draw what it would be like and send it in to us?

Everybody has talents and abilities. How does your education help you to use and develop them?

Your education should help you shine. Why don't you draw a picture showing how you love spending your time?



Creative Challenge

For our last challenge of the Summer term we would like you to complete a self-portrait of yourself for your new teacher. Your portrait can be created in any media e.g. sketching, photography, collage or even a 3D model if you are feeling creative! Send your portraits to your home learning email address.

Bertie's Mindfulness Task of the Week



Bertie's mindfulness task for this week is called 'Mind Castle'.

1. Sit mindfully, with your spine straight and body relaxed. Close your eyes and take three soft, slow, mindful breaths.
2. Draw a castle in your mind. What does it look like on the outside? Does it have towers and a draw bridge?
3. Now go inside your castle. What do you see? Wander through the rooms. Notice the shapes, smells and sounds in each room.
4. If you start to think of something else, take a deep breath and blow out the air. Bring your thoughts back to your castle.
5. Finish when you have explored every room. What did you discover?

You are building brain power when you pay attention to all the details in your mind castle.

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

Nursery and Reception Start Dates

If your child is going to be in Nursery or Reception you will have received a separate letter last week letting you know the starting date for your child and stay and play sessions. If your child has not attended Templemoor, we are aiming to complete a socially distanced home visit in September. We will review, at the start of September, whether

home visits will be able to take place. If they don't take place in your home, there will be other things we can do in the time slot given to you to support families and to prepare your child for school.

And finally...

Time is flying by! We now have all our bubbles fully operational. Thank you for being so helpful and understanding in your communications with school. We really are all looking after each other and I'm so very proud of our Templemoor community. The children in school have been so happy, sensible and resilient - taking the new 'normal' in their stride. To our Home Learners, we are so proud of you too, keep going... the Summer Holiday is in sight.

I know that next week will be a busy final week of term, although I am tinged with sadness that we won't be able to have our usual end of year celebrations. However, I promise that our Year 2 children, who are coming back to school, will have an absolutely fantastic time, and will leave Templemoor with huge smiles and very happy memories. Fingers crossed for glorious weather! I will be writing the final newsletter of this academic year next week. Until then, keep in touch and stay well.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

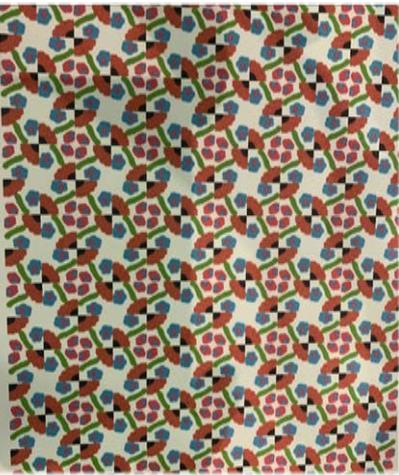


Learning at Home

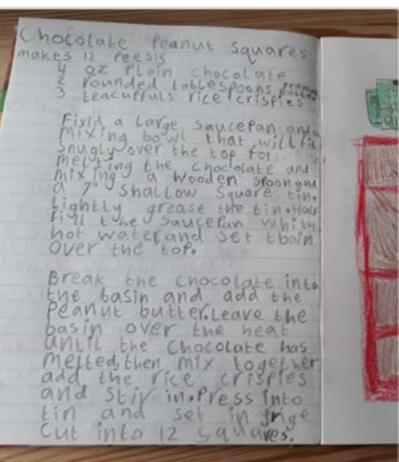
It has been wonderful looking at the fantastic range of learning activities that you have all been doing at home. Here is just a few of the things that you have been getting up to this week!



Finding tadpoles on a pond dip, writing 'z's' in flour and completing science experiments!



Creating William Morris art, learning all about Henri Rousseau and making a recycled elephant.



Writing your very own recipe book, baking a pistachio chocolate cake and exploring Chester Zoo.

Autumn Term 2020

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

Spring Term 2021

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

Summer Term 2021

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| 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)

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