

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Goodbye January, Hello February!

There is a phrase being mentioned a lot at the moment, and I really do think that it's true - 'not all superheroes wear capes'. We continue to be grateful to you, our parent community, for your support and positivity. We all appreciate that for those of you who have your children at home full time, life is tough. The stresses, feelings of being pulled in every direction, trying to do your own work while supporting your children with their work too is no easy task - so thank you. We remain delighted at the learning we are seeing via Seesaw and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support. You are all doing a fantastic job.

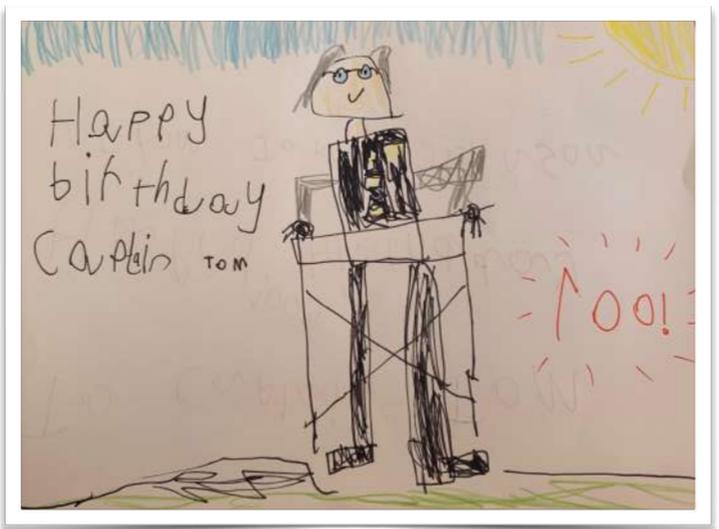
You will have seen in the media that the government has started to plan for a possible return to school. At this moment in time, 8th March is the date that is being suggested, provided that the vaccination programme continues to go as planned. I don't have any more information than this currently, and it is always the case that school staff hear the updates at the same time as the rest of the country does. I will update you about these plans when some more concrete information is

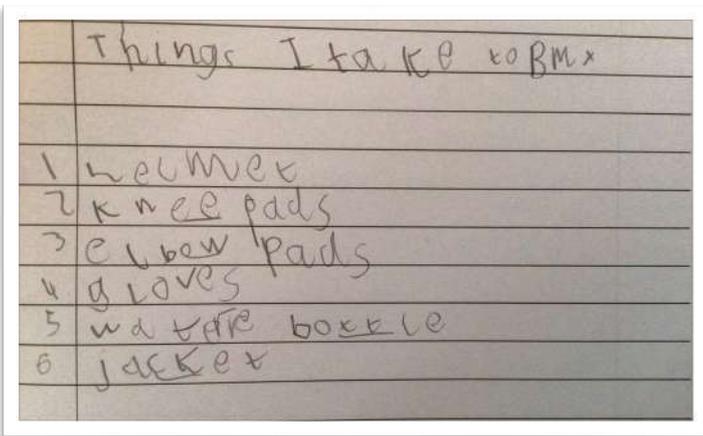
released but at least the return to school is hopefully on the horizon. We can't wait to get our school community back together again!

Until the actual date for a return to school is confirmed, we will support all pupils and families with structured, balanced timetables of learning tasks and activities. We will continue to try and add something new and different to our remote learning to keep your children engaged, and are here to support your child, you and your family. Please do ensure that you strike a balance between work-time and downtime, to get through this challenging period. Working in partnership with you is key. We are all in this together and realise from our own home family experiences, we are under a lot of pressure and are really trying to do our very best! We'll get through this together by looking out for each other, sharing how we feel, being kind and generous and asking for help when we need it.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





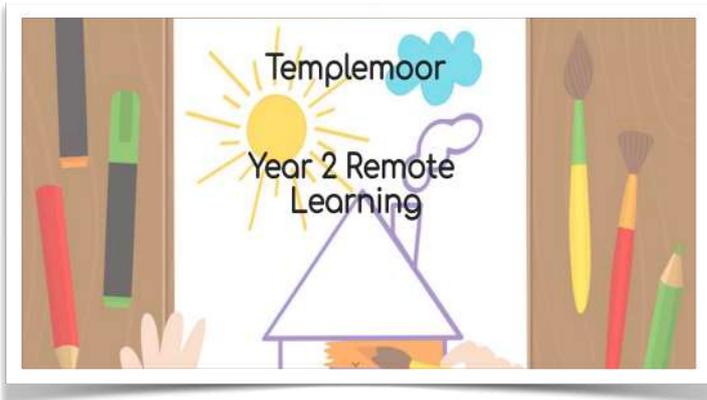
Our Rights Respecting Work

Some of the lovely photographs in this newsletter show our Templemoor pupils completing a range of Rights Respecting activities at home. We have children who have showcased their talents and children who have learnt about being inclusive (Article 29). We have children who have helped with recycling (Article 29), children who have helped to support the homeless (Article 24) and children who have learned about the right to healthcare by playing doctors and talking about what we all need to stay healthy (Article 24). The photograph at the start of this newsletter shows us that education is for everyone (Article 29). Well done children! This week we are thinking about Article 17 - that 'every child has the right to reliable information from the media'. Click [here](#) to listen to Mrs Brown talking about Article 17. We would love to see any work, videos, photographs, posters or pictures on Seesaw that are all about Article 17. Thank you!

The Outstanding Templemoor Team

Going back to the phrase, 'not all superheroes wear capes', I cannot thank our Templemoor team enough for the work that they have been doing this half term. As you can imagine, planning the curriculum content remotely for such young learners is incredibly complex. Staff have simultaneously managed the needs of learners - children in school and remotely, monitoring class email and Seesaw messages, and often working long into the evening and much of the weekend. The staff team, have shown such dedication to continually learning, adapting, improving and enhancing the way in which they plan for and deliver learning. They have had to manage the regular changes in guidance and requirements from Government, usually at very short notice. Throughout all of this, they have had to work with their own anxieties about the virus, under a rigorous risk assessment which requires constant focus on safety and hygiene in the school building, as well as look after and care for their own families too. A very big thank you to our truly remarkable team!





Remote Learning Platform

This week we have launched a new remote learning platform for children and parents in Year 1 and Year 2, with the aim of streamlining resources and making them more accessible. We really do hope that you find this platform easier to use than the website. Feedback so far has been really positive. A link to the Year 1 platform can be found [here](#), and a link to the Year 2 platform can be found [here](#). Please note that from next week we will only be using the new platforms to upload resources etc., and will not be putting these resources onto the school website. We will only continue to use the school website for Nursery and Reception remote learning.

Rapid Lateral Flow Test Update

Lateral flow testing for school staff started last week. We have been asked to do this to limit the spread of coronavirus in the community, as it will pick up any asymptomatic cases (currently estimated to be 1 in 3 people who are infected but do not have any symptoms). We hope that all results will continue to come back as negative. If any results come back positive, we will have to close a bubble with immediate effect. As staff are taking the tests first thing in the morning (in line with the Public Health advice that we have received), this closure would only happen at very short notice. Please continue to check your texts and emails each morning before you set off for school - just in case. Closed bubbles would switch to remote learning, which is already in place via the school website/ remote learning platform. Thank you all for your support and understanding during these trying times.

Pupil Wellbeing

School closure, isolation at home and other factors can cause anxiety and stress for children during this coronavirus pandemic. We have sourced some helpful websites that you may find useful to you and your children, and have set up a page on our own school website too, under the remote learning tab.

- For relaxation exercises for children click [here](#).
- For techniques to help children keep calm click [here](#).
- For relaxation and calming activity cards for children (printable resource) click [here](#).

School YouTube Channel

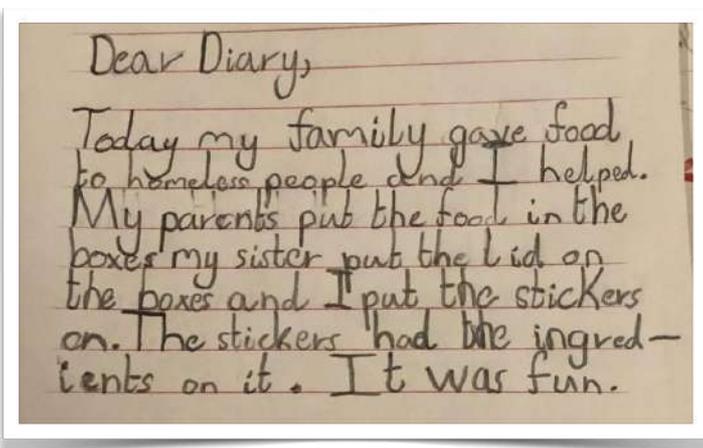
We continue to regularly update the school [YouTube Channel](#) and are now using this platform to upload daily stories for the children to listen to. There are specific stories for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2. Enjoy!

Critical Worker Provision

Our numbers are much higher than most local schools so I would appeal once again to parents to inform us if your circumstances have changed and it is now possible to keep your children at home after the half-term break. This will help us to reduce our numbers in school and keep our school community safer as we work together to fight this virus. Thank you for your continued support.

Nursery Offers

Nursery offers for September 2021 will be sent out on Friday 12th February. Not much longer to wait!



Reading/ Phonic and Library Books

Thank you all so much for collecting your reading packs from school every week, and ensuring that your children continue to read and learn phonics at home. Next week, we would really appreciate you returning all of the books that your child has read, including those you may still have at home and perhaps forgot to return! These can be returned to school next **Friday 12th February** as part of your daily exercise (not on Wednesday). On Friday 12th, you will be given reading packs for the first week back after the half-term holiday, along with an extra reading book. These books will then be returned to school on Friday 26th February, and on the following Fridays after that, until school reopens. **Please note the change in collection times below.** When collecting books please wear a face mask and remember to social distance at all times. Please leave the site as soon as you have collected your books. Thank you for your continued support.

Year Group	Friday's
Nursery/ Reception	10am to 11am
Year 1	11am to 12pm
Year 2	1:30pm to 2:30pm

Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February 2021 and will be celebrated in the UK with the theme: **'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and

responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, and companies to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and at home, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

To help you with this you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers which is available [here](#).



There are also top tips, a quiz and films which you can use at home with your child.

To highlight the importance of Internet Safety, we are running a competition. Children are invited to design a poster to remind others about being safe and kind when browsing the internet. Please send in your finished posters by Tuesday 23rd February 2021 via Seesaw. All children are invited to enter this competition, and there will be prizes for the winner in each year group! The poster may include pictures and/or writing. Posters can be hand drawn or done on the computer. So get designing and good luck! For further details tune in to Mr Hodgson's weekly video message next Monday! Good luck!

February Half-Term

Just a reminder that school will be closed over the half-term break - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February with all remote learning ceasing during these five days as well.

And finally...

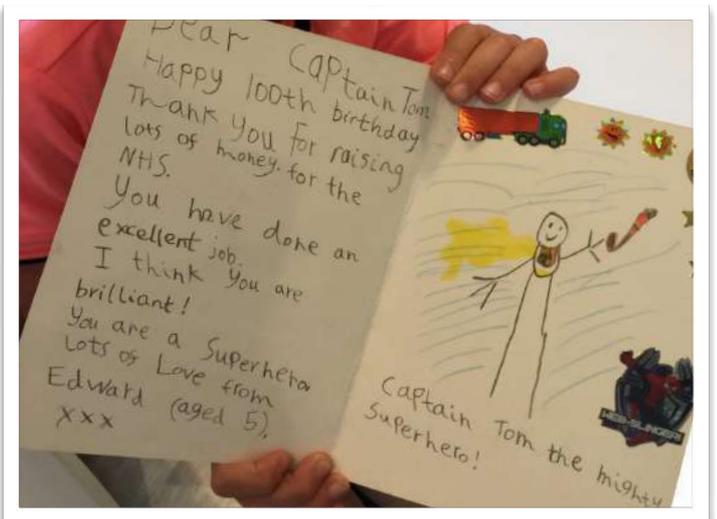
Parents and carers - once again, well done! You are surviving a pandemic, keeping children safe, loved and cared for and supporting them with remote learning, whilst many of you are working from home and looking after babies and toddlers too! Lockdown 3 is clearly harder for all of us. However on a positive note, there are certainly glimpses of spring as the dark nights are drawing out and we've even seen sunshine and blue skies this week (although I've left my sledge out just in case we have more snow!). Our families at home are always in our thoughts and I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Yesterday, we heard the very sad news that Captain Sir Tom Moore had died at the age of 100. I can remember last April, setting the children the challenge of making Sir Tom a birthday card in honour of his 100th birthday (an example of which is on the front page of this newsletter), and being overwhelmed by the response, with over 100 cards being made and sent to him via post or Twitter. He

really was an honourable gentleman, who raised over £32 million for the NHS and who always put others first at a time of national crisis and was a beacon of hope for millions. If you are feeling down with the lockdown situation, please remember Sir Tom's wise words 'It's not forever, the clouds **will** go away.'

Look after yourselves.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



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