



# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 8TH JUNE 2020

## A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well, and that you have managed to have a lovely, sunny half term break.

We continue to miss you all and are very much looking forward to seeing some of our Reception children return to school this week. Our team have been working incredibly hard to prepare for this phased return. They have done an amazing job and I am very proud of their ongoing efforts. It will be good to begin a gradual return to school.

I am certain that some of you will be wondering when all the children will be returning to school. Unfortunately schools do not have any more knowledge than you have and we find out via the Downing Street briefings at the same time as you. All decisions about schools are first made at Government level. This is communicated through the briefings. Schools then receive further guidance from the Department for Education usually 1-2 days after the announcement. We then have to wait for Trafford Local Authority to make



their decisions which we usually receive about a week after the announcements are made.

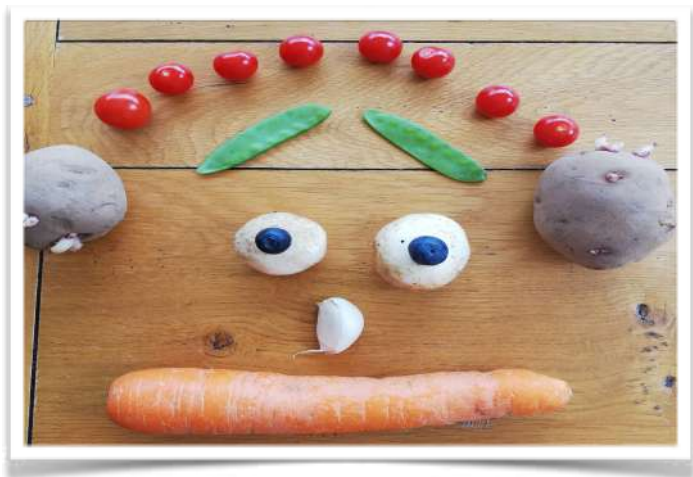
We will always be guided by the Local Authority and the safety of the children and staff will always be our priority in any decision making. Therefore, we do not yet know when the school will re-open as normal.

Hopefully, in the coming weeks, it will be safe enough for more groups of children to return to school. In the meantime, we will continue to set home learning for those children not at school.

Thank you again for your support and patience during these times.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





### Reception Snack Time Fruit

The Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme that usually provides free fruit in school for all Reception children will not be running for the rest of this term so please send your child with their own healthy snack if they are returning to school this week.

### A message from Mrs Wynne



Hello everyone, it's so lovely to have the opportunity to send a message to you and your lovely families. I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. I am really missing seeing all your happy smiling

faces and being able to have a chat. Thank you for sending in your fabulous home learning. It really cheers me up to see what you have been getting up to. Well done for all your hard work and effort, however, I am not surprised as I know what resourceful and persevering children you all are! You are being so inventive and creative with your time; we are so very proud of each and every one of you. The same applies to all our parents and carers too; you are doing such an amazing job(s)!!

I look forward to the days when I am in school. I'm also enjoying learning about animals, habitats, different countries and their famous landmarks. Like many of you, I've been trying to keep fit; joining in the Joe Wicks daily P.E session (which is

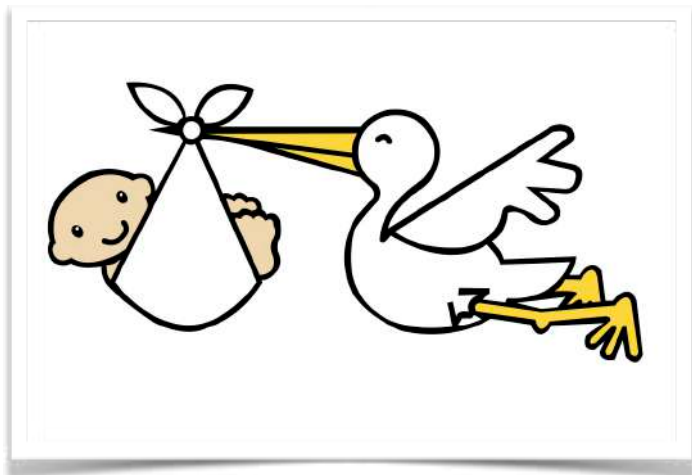
challenging at times for me), relaxing with Cosmic yoga and doing the Templemoor mile.

However, when I'm at home, I am also trying to keep busy. I have been cooking some new recipes which the rest of the Wynne household have (mostly) enjoyed, completing jigsaw puzzles with the family and reading lots of new books. I've also been doing plenty of gardening. The plants have loved all the sunshine we've been having, but they are missing the rain so they have needed plenty of watering! My cat is delighted with all the plants growing. He loves nothing better than to hide in amongst them on a sunny day; I think he imagines he's a tiger in the rainforest! I hope that you are also getting out and enjoying the outdoors too.

I do miss you so very much children, so please keep sending me your messages. Remember most importantly to keep having fun, be kind, helpful and look after one another.

Take care and keep safe. Mrs Wynne





### Wonderful news to start the new half term!

We are delighted to announce that there will be a new addition to the Templemoor baby family this summer. Congratulations to Miss McCartney and Mr Bowers who are expecting a child in August. What wonderful news to start this new half term!

### Home Learning

Sometimes, after a holiday, it's a little hard to get back into the groove of work and learning; we're all human at the end of the day and have similar thoughts and feelings. As a school, our uptake and engagement with the home learning system has been absolutely fantastic. You are all doing wonderfully at home with your children. We appreciate that home learning can be tough. I want to reassure you once again that the wellbeing and safety of your child is of the utmost importance. Work will be posted to the home learning pages of the website as usual on a Sunday. If you are at all worried about anything, please contact us at school. We will be more than happy to help you. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

### Welcome back Mrs Ree!

I would like to say a big hello and welcome back to Mrs Ree, who is returning to school following her maternity leave. We all look forward to working with Mrs Ree again.



### Summer Reading Challenge

Every Summer, Templemoor promotes the national Summer Reading Challenge, designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Last year more than 800,000 children around the country took part.

With these being unprecedented times, the Reading Agency has created a Digital Summer Reading Challenge platform. The new platform provides a fun, immersive and safe environment for children to achieve their reading goals, play games and join reading groups.

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 it has been extended and will be launched on Friday 5th June and run until mid-September.

### How the Challenge works

Children sign up online to the Digital Summer Reading Challenge via the following link:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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. Although library buildings are closed, libraries will also continue to 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!

### A message from Mrs Ree

Since I was last at school there has been a new addition to our family. Molly was born on the 19th June last year and will soon be celebrating her first birthday. When my children's school announced it was closing I wondered how I could possibly survive with three children and homeschooling! Well, I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. We have been able to spend time in the garden planting vegetable seeds and watching them grow. We made a bug house and a bird nesting box, both of which have been well used, much to the children's delight. This week we were very excited to receive a parcel which contained five caterpillars and we are now anxiously watching and waiting for their transformation into butterflies. We have been busy in the kitchen too, baking cakes and biscuits which we have all enjoyed eating, a little too much! To celebrate VE Day we made bunting and



decorated the trees in our garden with red, white and blue paper chains. We have also spotted a number of RAF planes in the sky. The children have been keeping a record of all their activities and experiences over the past few weeks in a scrapbook to capture memories of these strange times.

I have seen all the amazing work you have been doing in the weekly newsletters and it has made me realise how much I have missed the Templemoor school family. I can't wait to see you all again and hear all of your lockdown stories.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Mrs Ree

### The Weekly Newsletter

We continue to publish a weekly newsletter as it helps us to stay in touch as a school. It is wonderful to see some of the things that you have been up to in the week. Please email any ideas or photographs that you'd like to share with others to the year group home learning address, and mark your email as 'School Newsletter'. Articles must be received by 12pm each Friday for the following Monday's publication.

### The Weekly Video Message

I have absolutely loved creating the weekly video message on a Monday, and I have really appreciated all of the positive feedback, including that for some parents (and not just children!) it is the highlight of their week! I would love to keep on making them, but unfortunately they do take up a huge amount of time, and as we begin to welcome more children back to school I am afraid that I just won't be able to devote the same amount of time and energy into producing them. Therefore, this week's video will be the last one for now. I would like to thank you all for your wonderful reactions and comments, the staff for making their acting debuts and of course to the learning powers themselves, who have certainly kept me on my toes! The weekly newsletter will continue to be



produced, alongside a wide variety of other correspondence. So don't worry, we will still keep very much in touch!

### A message from Mr Bowers



Hi everyone! I hope you are all safe and well and enjoying lots of family time. On the days I have not been in school I have been trying to keep as busy as possible. I have been doing lots of running in the sunshine and

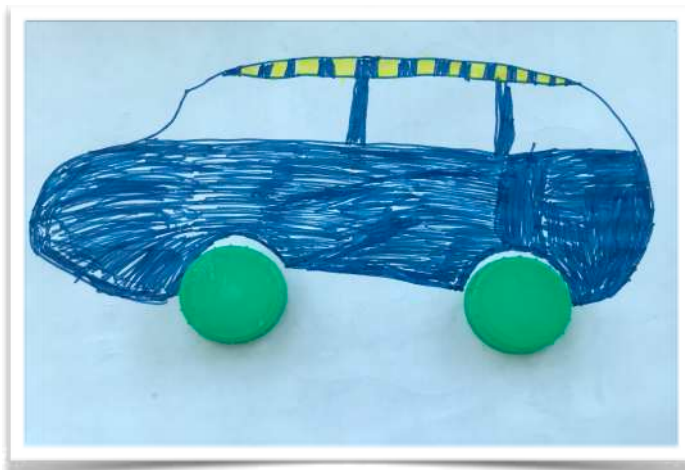
more recently I have been able to get back to the golf course. I have also been grateful for the time at home as it has been a good time for lots of DIY including decorating the nursery in preparation for Baby Bowers arriving in August.

I hope all the Templemoor children and families continue to stay safe and have lots of fun. I can't wait to see everybody again soon.

Take care. From Mr Bowers

### This Weeks Challenge

Just before the half term holiday, Mr Hodgson and the Learning Powers set the children a challenge. The challenge was to think of an idea for this weeks challenge! Lots of children took part, and came up with a whole range of amazing ideas. Tough Tortoise had the very difficult job, pulling an idea out of the Golden Box. Sophia's idea was chosen. What she would like you to do is to draw, paint or make a model of an animal that you would like to be, and then write a sentence about why you would like to be that particular animal. Send your creations and sentences to your year group home learning address and we will put them in next week's newsletter!



### And finally...

We completely understand that Reception parents have very different views about sending their children back to school. Whilst some of you are keen for your children to return as soon as possible, others may feel that it is still too soon. And that is perfectly natural, so please don't worry. Please remember that parents will not be penalised if they choose to keep their child away from school at this time.

I will continue to keep you informed of any developments over the coming days and weeks.

On behalf of all of the staff at Templemoor we send you our very best wishes. We miss you all very much.

Stay safe and we all look forward to seeing our Templemoor Family gradually return.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team

