

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2021



Welcome Back!

Welcome to this week's edition of our school newsletter. I hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing half-term break. Spring is nearly here, the morning and evenings are getting lighter, flowers are starting to bloom and the vaccination rollout is going extremely well so we are all feeling very optimistic about the future!

Talking of which, I am absolutely delighted that the Prime Minister has finally given the green light to reopen our school fully from Monday 8th March. We cannot wait to welcome the children back. There are significant benefits for the children in returning to school, including rebuilding friendships, establishing social engagement and boosting physical and mental wellbeing to name just a few.

We must continue to remember however, that we are still in a pandemic and that necessary and appropriate protective measures still need to be in place to ensure that a return to school can happen safely. As you will appreciate, we are now in the process of dissecting the detailed guidance that has just been published from the Department for

Education (all 67 pages!), and I will share further details in a separate letter in due course.

For now I can confirm that **all** children will return to school from Monday 8th March 2021 and that we will also be reopening our breakfast and after school club provision from this date too! We will continue to operate in much the same way as we have done in the Autumn term with year group and class bubbles, staggered drop off and collection arrangements and separate breaktimes. I would like to reassure you that we are taking every possible step in line with the government guidance to keep our whole school community safe. Our team are working incredibly hard to prepare for the children's return to school. They are doing an amazing job and I am very proud of their ongoing efforts. It really will be emotional to have everybody back again very soon... seven school days to go and counting!

I must say that your support during this time has been immense and we are so grateful that we have been able to pull together as a community during such a challenging time. Thank you.

With very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





The Weekly Video Message

When I first decided to do a weekly video message back in March 2020 during the first lockdown, I never intended that the Learning Powers would end up moving and talking, or that I would take them shopping or into the wider community. A rather simple idea certainly span out of control! I also never imagined that when I stopped filming the weekly messages following the phased return to school in June 2020 that I would ever do one again! And so January 2021 arrived and school closed to the majority of children, and... well... I just couldn't resist... I had to bring the Learning Powers back! I must confess that I have absolutely loved creating the weekly video message every Monday, and I do hope that they served their purpose in keeping our school connected and lifting spirits. I've really appreciated all of the positive feedback, including that for some parents (and not just children!) it is one of the highlights of their week. However, although I have grown very fond of Healthy Henry, Bertie Brain, Tough Tortoise and the gang, next **Friday 5th March** will see the final ever instalment of their adventures in a very special weekly message/ Golden Book. I would like to thank you for your wonderful reactions and comments and of course to the Learning Powers themselves, who have certainly kept me on my toes and who have made me laugh (and cry!). I will really miss working with them all!

Breakfast and After School Club

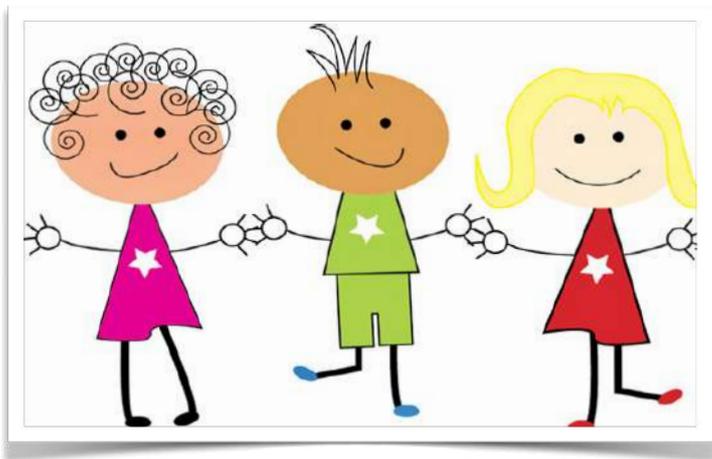
We are delighted to announce that X Club will be reopening from Monday 8th March 2021. This is

great news for all of our families who rely on the service for childcare. Bookings should be made via Scopay. We ask that you log in to your Scopay account to check that any existing bookings from the 8th March are correct. Please remember that bookings can be made on Scopay up to a week in advance. If you have any questions about future X Club bookings then please do not hesitate to contact us at xclub@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. We are hoping to run an Easter Holiday Club and have set up an online survey to evaluate potential demand. A link to the survey can be found [here](#).

World Book Day 2021

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 4th March 2021. To celebrate World Book Day we would like everyone to do lots of reading and listening to stories. There are lots of stories to listen to on our [Templemoor YouTube Channel!](#) Children are also asked to make a little reading den, or find themselves an unusual or funny place to read or listen to a story (following Covid rules) - please capture their space or place with a photograph and send it to Seesaw by Friday 5th March. There will be a prize for each class for the most unusual/ creative space or place. We will also be emailing a £1 book token. These tokens can be swapped for one of many exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead. The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions. Tokens are valid from Thursday 18th February - Sunday 28th March 2021. Happy reading everyone!





Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week we are thinking about Article 12 - that 'every child has the right to be listened to and taken seriously'. Click [here](#) to listen to Mrs Brown talking about Article 12. We would love to see any work, videos, photographs, posters or pictures on Seesaw that are all about this very important Article.

Reading/ Phonic and Library Books

Books can be returned to school on **Friday 26th February** as part of your daily exercise. You will be given reading packs for the final week of remote learning. We are then requesting that we have a book amnesty (please look under beds, in cupboards and in any other hiding place!), and drop **all** books at school for the final time on **Friday 5th March**. Please wear a face mask, social distance at all times and leave the site as soon as you have collected/ dropped off your books. Thank you for your continued support. Times are listed below:

| Year Group | Friday |
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| Reception | 10am to 11am |
| Year 1 | 11am to 12pm |
| Year 2 | 1:30pm to 2:30pm |

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Anyone who comes into contact with

children and their families has a role to play. A reminder of the Designated Safeguarding Leads for our school:

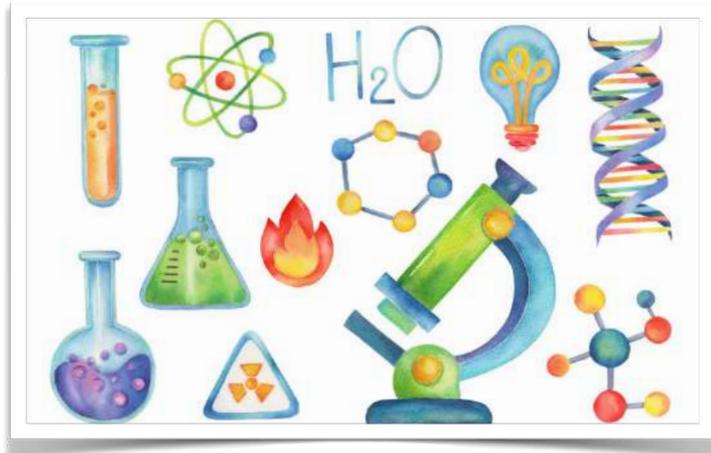
- Mr Hodgson (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Brown (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Cundick (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

If you are worried about the safety of a child at any time, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads. They can be reached through the school office on 0161 969 1622 or via admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk.

Lockdown Restrictions Reminder

Please can we ask parents and carers to remember that we are still under strict national lockdown restrictions and will continue to be so even when the children return to school. Covid rates remain high. We must continue to follow the government's rules, which state 'You must not leave, or be outside of your home and garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm'. We have heard of children having sleepovers, playdates and visiting family and friends outside of their 'support bubbles'. Whilst we all appreciate how difficult this lockdown is for everyone, we must remember that not following national restrictions puts other children, parents and staff at risk. Thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring that our whole community remains safe.





Mental Health and Well Being

We are aware of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the anxiety levels of adults and children. Fears and worries are a normal part of child development and the content of fears change according to developmental stage. Anxiety disorders occur when the intensity of the fear or worry is so high that it starts to impact on the child's functioning and well-being and/ or when the anxiety is out of content with their developmental stage. If you are concerned about anxiety you may find the information [here](#) helpful.

Don't forget that simple techniques like breathing can help a great deal for children or adults feeling anxious. The app ChillPanda is especially good for calming down. We have a Mental Health and Well Being resource page on our school website where you can find a range of information on supporting your own and your child's mental health. This is being updated regularly so please do take a look. I hope that you find the resources useful.

Virtual Science Week

We had planned that next week in school was going to be Science week... and so rather than cancelling the event, we have decided that the show must go on, be it in a virtual form! The aim of the week is to focus on our children's knowledge and use of the scientific skills of enquiry and also to have fun experimenting, using things that can be found easily in the home. Our Science Lead, Mrs Leigh, along with Mrs Ree have recorded some great teaching videos of some simple

experiments that the children can attempt at home. There are five experiments for Early Years, and six experiments for Year 1 and Year 2. You will find these on next week's Remote Learning Platform under the tab 'Science Week'. You will also find an introductory video from Mrs Leigh explaining the purpose of Science week, teaching videos, powerpoints to go alongside the teaching videos and a list of useful science websites that you may like to access. It would be amazing if your child could have a go at some of the experiments. Please take as many photos/videos as you can and if you could send them in to Seesaw that would be wonderful! A huge thank you goes to Mrs Leigh and Mrs Ree for organising the virtual week. Happy investigating Templemoor!

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support. We could not be more proud of our wonderful school community.

Stay safe and well and we will be back in touch very soon.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



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 |