

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

JULY NEWSLETTER 2021



Happy Summer Holidays!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year, and where do I begin? What a year it has been! School reopened last September, full of enthusiasm and optimism that things would return to normal, but we now know that wasn't meant to be! Full lockdown followed in January and remote learning became the norm for many of our children. All children were able to return in early March and for months things settled down. However, the past three weeks have proved really challenging, with 4 bubble closures and a number of staff and children having to isolate. Covid has certainly tested us all. We have experienced so many challenges, frustrations, disappointments, restrictions, pressures and unknowns. And a lot of change!

However, despite all of the challenges that these past 18 months have thrown at us, the children have been absolutely amazing. Each and every one of them has shown such resilience. Your little ones have brightened up our days, coming to school with huge smiles and a willingness to learn.

Children, you are all brilliant and I am tremendously proud of every single one of you.

I am also incredibly thankful and grateful to you - our parents and carers, who have juggled childcare, remote learning, working from home and so much more. Your understanding, support and patience this year has been incredible. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without the strong partnership between home and school. We extend our deepest thanks for this, and look forward to working closely with you again in September.

As a school we have really pulled together and supported each other, at times when we could see no end, and for that I am so grateful. It really is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school community.

So, we leave this academic year behind us and we look forward to an exciting, and hopefully more stable, new school year. Whilst schools are still governed by public health and the guidance provided by the government, it is looking very promising that bubbles don't need to continue from September and positive cases will isolate, but contacts won't, they will just be required to test. When I get more information over the summer, I will communicate this to you.

Like everyone else, I am certainly ready for the summer break, but I am also looking forward to September. There will be new challenges for us all I'm sure, but working together, it won't be anything that we can't overcome.

I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday.

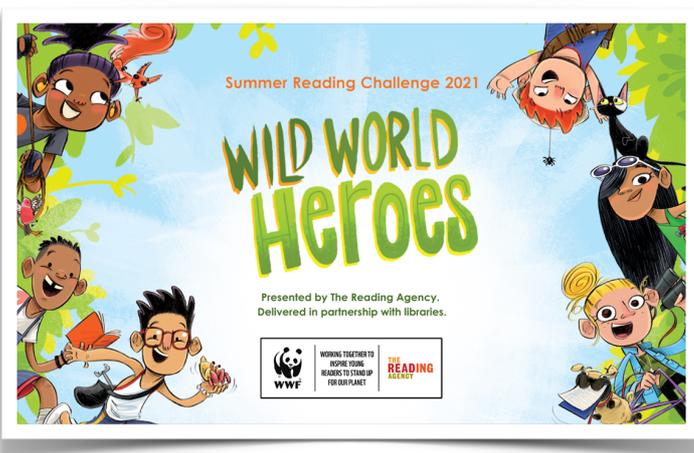
Mr Hodgson - Headteacher

Summer Learning

The summer holidays are a time for children to relax, have fun and do the things that they enjoy. However, we just wanted to make a few suggestions for the continuation of your child's home learning if you feel that this will be beneficial. Below are suggested activities your child could use throughout the summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2021

The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 is now here! Join the Wild World Heroes for a summer of reading fun that will inspire children to stand up for our planet. You can take part in the challenge by signing up at the local library. It's completely free to take part! Your library will give you a special Collector Poster map of Wilderville (where the Wild World Heroes live) and help you find books to read. As you read books for your challenge, return to the library to receive stickers to add to your map - some of them even have smells! Collect all the stickers to complete the challenge and transform Wilderville. You'll get a special Wild World Heroes certificate too! Or you can take part in the challenge [here](#) on the Reading Challenge website! Choose a summer reading goal - we recommend six books, but you can challenge yourself to read as many as you like! You can choose any books you like to count towards your Summer Reading Challenge. Fact, fiction, poetry, joke books - the choice is yours! eBooks and audiobooks count too, so you can read wherever and however you like!



Mathematics

White Rose Maths have produced a range of work booklets for parents and children to use over the summer. The booklets are completely free for each Year group from 1 to 6, covering all White Rose blocks. Click [here](#) to access these excellent resources. White Rose Maths has also teamed up with the supermarket, Morrisons, to give pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year. Parents and carers can collect the books from 26th July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All you need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in your local Morrisons store during your regular shop, and collect your free copies! Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

CBeebies Storytime App and Bitesize Daily

The new Storytime app from CBeebies is easy for children to use and has new stories for young children to enjoy during the summer. The CBeebies collection of apps are all free to download. To find out more about how the new collection can inspire children's imaginations and provide fun ways to develop learning, click [here](#). All episodes of Bitesize Daily will be available on the BBC iPlayer to help children learn over the summer. The BBC Bitesize materials are all available [here](#).



50 Years of Templemoor

After having to delay events for over a year, on Tuesday 6th July we were finally able to celebrate 50 years of Templemoor. The children (and staff!) came to school dressed in fabulous 70s clothes, with platforms and flares galore! The children learned all about life in the 70s, and despite the rainy weather, we still managed to have a 70s style indoor street party with disco music! As part of the celebrations, in September, we will be sending a message to the future with the burial of a time capsule in the school grounds. Happy birthday Templemoor... and here's to the next 50 years!



The Templemoor Team

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team that we have here at Templemoor - the teachers, the teaching assistants, the office staff, the kitchen staff, the middays, our extended services staff, the cleaners, the caretaker and Governors. They are a dedicated team and have worked tirelessly during a national pandemic, not only to continue to improve the education we are providing at Templemoor, but also putting in many different measures and adhering to different restrictions which have enabled us to keep our school community safe and well. They have met the challenges and changes that this pandemic has presented with professionalism, confidence and determination and I could not be prouder to lead such a talented team.



Staff Training Days

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are staff training days. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will return to School on Monday 6th September. New Nursery and Reception children have been sent their own individual start dates.

New Windows

We are delighted to announce that over the summer holidays we will be finally replacing the rather old windows in the school hall! This will provide a much cooler and well-ventilated environment, ready just in time for the return of our class assemblies and Christmas shows!

So Long, Farewell...

Today we sadly say goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Beck, Miss Salisbury and Mrs Butler, Naomi, Ashleigh and Iyeesha from X Club and Gio from the kitchen. Whether retiring or moving onto adventures new, I know you will join me in wishing them all the very best for their future and thanking them for their hard work, dedication and commitment to our children at Templemoor. They will all be greatly missed.

Exciting Staffing News

I am extremely excited to announce that this week, the governors and I have successfully appointed a new School Business Manager, Mrs Kim Cook. Mrs Cook comes to us with a wealth of experience and is highly qualified for the role that she will undertake in school. I am sure you will warmly welcome Mrs Cook to the Templemoor family in September.

PE Kits

Despite the many ups and downs of the year, one of the more successful aspects has been children coming to school in their PE kits on the day that they have PE. Everyone seems to appreciate this routine which allows for longer PE sessions. From the week beginning 13th September onwards, children will continue to come to school in their PE

kits on their allocated PE day. PE will be taught on the following days for each year group:

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday

Keeping Children Safe

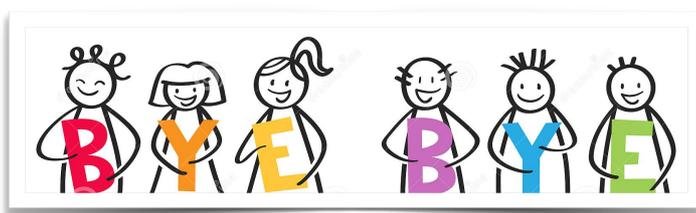
With the Summer break fast approaching, may I remind you that if you become aware of any serious concern regarding a child’s wellbeing, their safety or safeguarding, you can contact Trafford Children’s First Response Team. Please find their details below and a link to their website where you will find more information.

Telephone: 0161 912 5125

Website: Click [here](#).

Year 2 Leavers

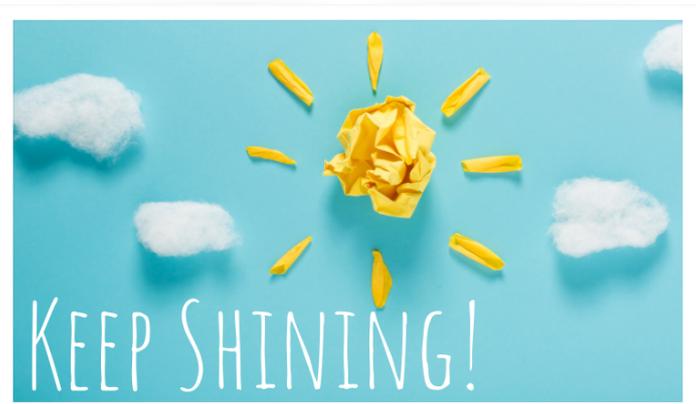
Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children. I am sure that our class of 2021 will leave our school with so many happy memories. I know that the children have all had firm foundations at Templemoor, and I just know that they will all go on to achieve great things in the future. They are a great group and we wish them every success in the juniors in September! Unfortunately due to a rise in Covid cases in the local area, and the fact that one of our Year 2 classes has been isolating, we have not been able to hold our planned leavers disco, or leavers assembly. However, we will ensure that the children have had a fantastic and fun time at school today, and that they leave Templemoor with very happy memories. Today the children in Year 2 will be presented with a certificate and a Templemoor wallet. Any families at home can collect these from the office. Many thanks to the Friends of Templemoor who have provided the wallets to all of our Year 2 pupils.



A message to our Year 2 children

How can it be that time of year already when we have to say goodbye and good luck to all of the children in Year 2? And what a remarkable year group you are, to finish your final year at Templemoor, which will be forever remembered in history. It is amazing how much you have all grown since you came through our school doors for the first time as small Reception children in September 2018! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and watching you grow into the fabulously unique, independent and confident children that you are today. We hope that you look back on your time at Templemoor with happy memories that will bring a smile. Remember we are very proud of you all and will miss you very much. Keep working hard, be mindful, responsible and resilient, look after each other in the Juniors, be proud of your achievements and embrace the challenges ahead. But most importantly remember to believe in yourself and to follow your biggest dreams. Well done Year 2.

From Mr Hodgson



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Happy holidays! Yet again all of our staff have been completely overwhelmed with the kind gifts and cards that they have received from our children and parents. The messages of thanks have been very touching and have been very much appreciated at the end of such a challenging year. Thank you!

We're not yet exactly sure how things will look in school when we return in September but we will let you know what to expect by sending a letter prior to the children's return on Monday 6th September. Thank you for everything you have done for us this year. You have been so supportive in the most difficult of times and this is so appreciated by all of us. It is a privilege to be at Templemoor and to have the gift of working with your wonderful children. I hope that this Summer brings you some time to rest, recharge and to spend time doing the things you love with the people that matter the most and to simply appreciate being together again. Let's hope that next year will bring even brighter and better days. I'm already looking forward to it! Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all again in September.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



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	Thursday 21st 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
Friday 22nd July 2022