



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week would have been the first week of our half term holiday. What a very different half term it has been! At the beginning of this year, I don't think any of us could have ever imagined how much everyday life would change. Thank you to all our parents who continue to keep us upbeat with your positive emails and messages of support, which mean more than ever these days.

I want to be honest with you, this has been a very challenging past two weeks for us at school. The government guidance that we receive is being constantly updated, which has made planning for a potential phased re-opening even more complex. I know that these times are extremely unsettling for everyone and I cannot thank you enough for your patience and understanding in realising that some things are completely out of our control. We are

constantly reacting to guidance and information and making decisions, some of which we know will not make things easy for families but we hope that you can understand the difficulties of trying to manage the health and safety of all in this new world in which we find ourselves.

Later today, all parents will receive correspondence with further details about the plans for the proposed phased re-opening of our school in the week of 8th June. I will of course continue to update you over the holidays, if there is any further information to share.

I know that you appreciate that the decisions that we have had to make in the last couple of weeks have been incredibly difficult but we will always put the health and safety of children, staff and families first. Please continue to look after each other, keep safe and keep smiling.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





A message from Mrs Leigh



Hello to all of the children and parents of Templemoor! I hope you're all really well. Although I'm sure you're missing friends and teachers I hope that you are enjoying the time learning at home and having fun. I have loved seeing how creative and resilient you all are; the home learning photographs you have sent in have been AMAZING and it has made me even more proud to be a part of the Templemoor team.

Since I was last at Templemoor, I have been at home enjoying maternity leave with my new baby boy. Samuel is now 7 months old and lots of fun! He loves music (which is just as well in our house!) and trying to 'join in' with his big brother's games. The last couple of months have taken a lot of getting used to, I have missed being able to bring my big boy to our wonderful nursery and seeing your lovely smiling faces as I rushed down Nursery Close with a pram! During this time we have spent lots of time making up games in the garden, baking, playing with Hot Wheels cars, trying out Mrs Berry's home school learning ideas and enjoying our daily exercise finding new places to walk near where we live.

Whilst I am sad (and a bit bewildered!) that my maternity leave has come to an end in these strange times, I am so grateful to be returning to

such a caring community of children, parents and staff. I hope we can all be together again very soon.

With lots of love from Mrs Leigh.



A message from Miss Stott



Hello all you lovely children and families. I do hope that you are keeping cheerful, active and happy. I bet that you are keeping your minds and bodies fit and healthy

too, by doing some school work, getting plenty of fresh air and vitamin D from sunlight and exercising in many different ways.

Have you had a chance to make a rainbow to hang in your window? I've seen lots of beautiful ones when I've been out exercising. They look fabulous with all those bright colours and every single one of them has brought a smile to my face, which makes me feel even more cheerful. If you're feeling creative, how about making a face with a big upside down rainbow smile! Maybe these will catch on and be put in everyones window too. I've also spotted parent birds looking after their little chicks, and singing their bird song melodies. It's been lovely to smell the sweet scented perfumes of the rainbow coloured flowers along the walkways too. I've still got lots of walking to do to even be able to attempt to catch up with Colonel Tom! What a hero!

I hope that some of you have been able to join in with the clapping every Thursday evening at 8

o'clock. What a lovely way it is for us to be able to say a big thank you to all the wonderful people who are working so hard looking after the sick and trying their very best to make them better again. So keep on clapping, keep smiling, be kind and grateful to those people around you and please keep safe.

With best wishes, from Miss Stott.

Wellbeing

Lockdown has been and continues to be an extremely stressful and difficult time for parents, carers, and children alike. Last week was Mental Health Awareness Week and a helpful reminder that it's OK not to be OK. If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulties with mental health then there is free help available, whatever your situation. You can find more information here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/

I have tried the self-assessment tool and advice on this website myself and found it reassuring, clear and helpful. There is a short questionnaire which enables you to stop and think about how you are feeling and how you can better look after your wellbeing with some simple steps and suggestions. I highly recommend it to everyone in these challenging and disorientating times.



A message from Mrs Cundick



Hello from Mrs Cundick! I can't believe that it is now over eight weeks from seeing most of you. I am missing you all and your lovely families. As like most

people I would love to get back to normality and wish for it to be safe to do so, as soon as possible. But I try to keep busy and feel I am just as busy now as before although in very different ways. As most of you know I have four children; George is 17, Edward is 16, Imogen is 11 and Emma is 8. So as you can imagine our house is never quiet. I try to keep active by going for a short run most days or work out with the girls on 'go-noodle'! When I am not in school or doing work at home, my daughters take up most of my time. They love to paint, create and bake. Food has become quite a focus in the Cundick household with 'non-stop' preparation and tidying up! Food shopping also can be a challenge; queues and trying to get everything in one shop. It was much easier when I had a delivery once a week! I go shopping for my elderly parents too!

Food became such an issue in our house that I decided that one day a week the children were going to take turns at planning the main meal. They have had fun designing the 'Menu', writing the shopping list and then helping to prepare it. The first Sunday we tried it; we ate well with starters of Prawn Cocktails, followed by Roast Beef and Chocolate Brownies with ice-cream. Although one Sunday we had starters of ready salted crisps followed by chicken nuggets and finished with sweets! At least it's only once every four weeks!

I have had a little more time to play board games and complete jigsaws with my family which I rarely had time for before and I have sorted a number of cupboards out. I love looking at my emails especially when I have been sent some photographs of you and what you have been up to. Please keep in touch it does make my day,

wishing you all well and hoping to see you very soon. Mrs Cundick x

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week its Article 28, *'Ensure that every child has the right to an education. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.'*

We are all missing our usual school day and it seems like we have been learning at home for a long time now doesn't it? Maybe it's time for a break during Whit holidays and then perhaps you could redesign your home learning timetable.

What do you love learning about? What makes you excited to get up in the morning? What are you good at? Or would like to be better at? How do you learn best?

Imagine you are the Headteacher of a new school, as well as 'dignity', what other three **values** would you place at the heart of your school? How can you ensure that everyone respects these values? Maybe you could design a school motto or logo to illustrate this. Perhaps you could draw a picture of your new school and send it to us!

Perhaps you could talk to relatives or friends who are older than you and ask them what school was like for them. What are their best memories? How has school changed? How do you think knowing about rights improves life and learning in school?

Send any of your work, posters or pictures into us, we would love to see it!



A message from Mrs Butler



Hi Children, Mrs. Butler here! I hope you and all your families are keeping safe and well. It is so quiet in school without you all and I'm really looking forward to seeing you when we're all back together again. I

can see by all your lovely art work and photographs how hard you've been working, but so glad to see you're also having lots of fun.

We've been busy in the Butler household (Mr Butler, Ciaran, myself and Tilly the Dog) catching up with jobs in the house and the garden. We've been having fun doing lots of FaceTime and Zoom calls keeping in touch with my grown up children, grandchildren and family in Birmingham, Liverpool and here in Manchester.

We've been keeping fit doing long daily walks, although poor Tilly I think she's worn out! Have you been doing 'P.E. With Joe Wicks' each morning? Mr Butler and I have, we love it, especially 'Fancy Dress Friday'.

We've all been enjoying baking and Mr Butler made me a lovely carrot cake for my birthday last week. I hope if you've had a birthday, you had a lovely time too. Ciaran has been baking bread and making us pizzas, which he cooks in the pizza oven he built in our garden. They're so delicious!

Bye for now and remember to keep washing your hands, stay safe and well and don't forget to keep having lots of fun.

Love, Mrs Butler.



And finally...

As I shared with you in the newsletter last week, Templemoor is still open during the next two weeks. Staff continue to work on a rota system for the children of critical workers, and when they are not in school I really need them to be taking a well deserved break. Teachers therefore will not be setting home learning tasks for the next fortnight. I am also taking a break from producing the Monday video message and writing the newsletter and so the next weekly newsletter and video will be published on Monday 8th June.

The past few months have been extremely challenging for all and, as we enter the holidays, I would like to once again thank all the Templemoor team who have really pulled together over the last 9 weeks, working so hard at school, organising home learning activities and staying in touch with families via email. The cleaning and care-taking staff have been magnificent and swapped their working hours to make it possible to clean more regularly. In addition, the office staff have manned the office either at school or remotely and continue to keep on top of emails and communication. Last but not least, can I say a particular thanks to the Governors, a voluntary group of people, who have been there to challenge and support every step of the way. Thank you to you all.

Stay safe everyone.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

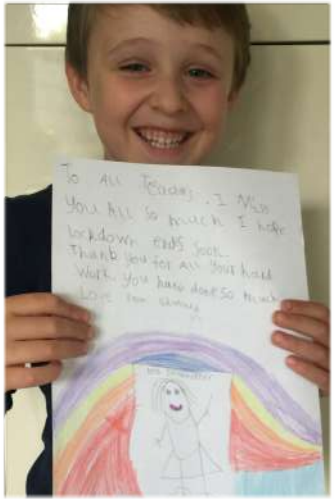
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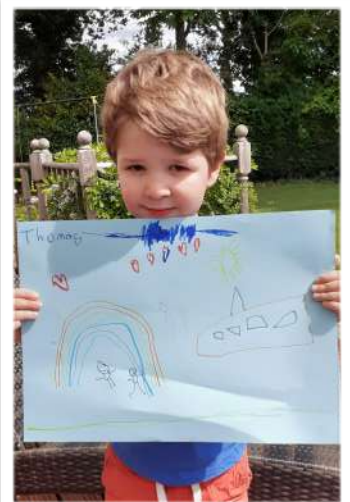
Last Monday, the Learning Powers set the children a challenge. The challenge was to make a poster or a small video to say thank you to all of the wonderful Templemoor staff who have been working so hard! Well done children. Your posters and video messages are amazing, and made us all smile (and cry, because we all miss you so much). Watch out for these messages in this weeks weekly video!

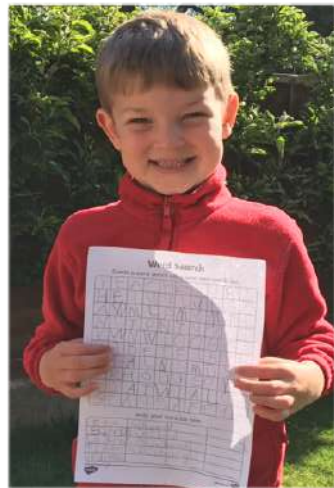










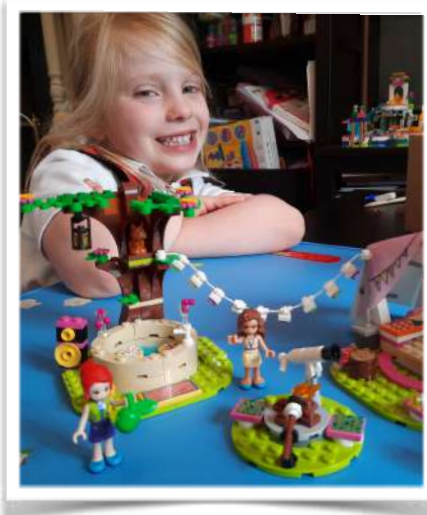
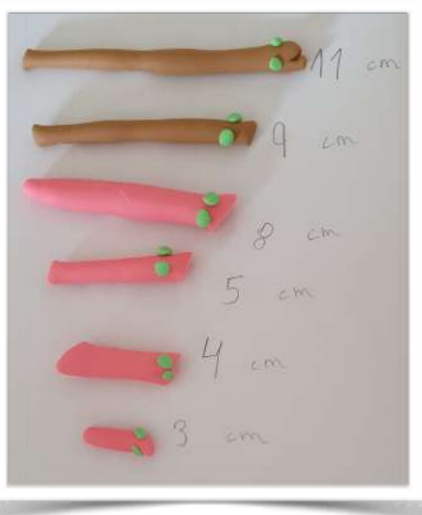


Learning at Home

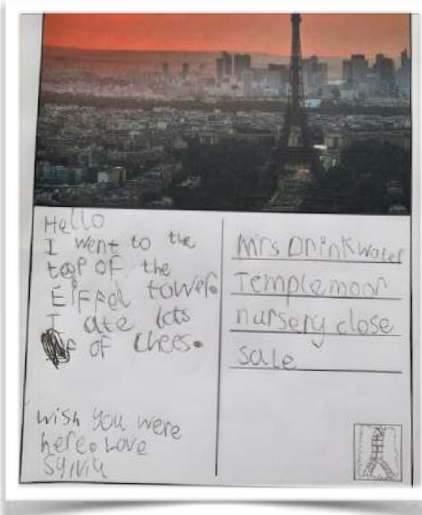
We have been absolutely amazed at all the wonderful photographs you have sent us to let us know what you been doing at home, thank you all for sending them in and keep them coming!



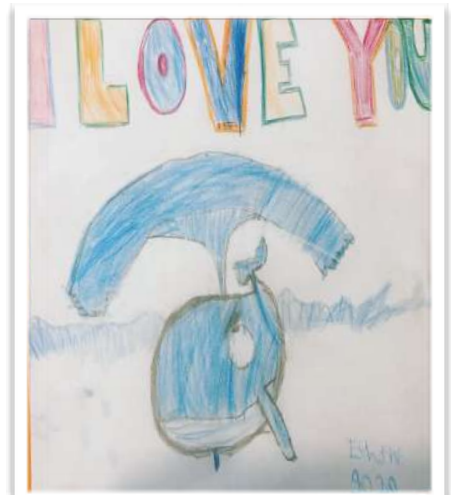
Creating a Manchester Bee, making perfume and designing a vehicle.



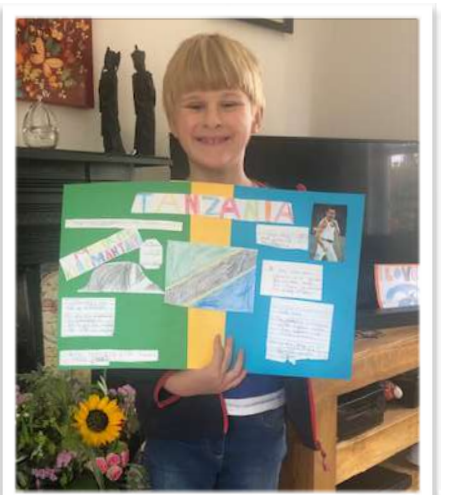
Baking cakes, measuring length and playing with Lego.



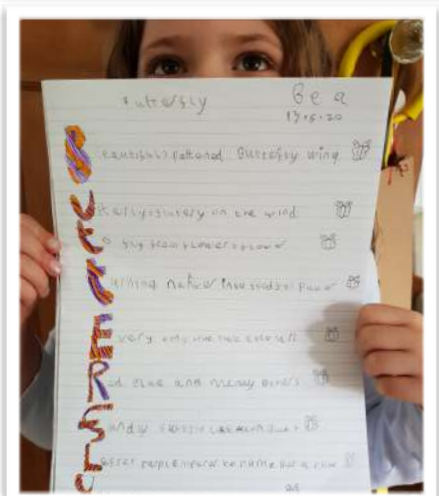
Making vegetable soup, writing a postcard from Paris and creating the Eiffel Tower from wire.



Having a banquet, collaging a fish and drawing with Rob Biddulph as part of a world record attempt.



Building Big Ben, writing a poem about Mr Snail and researching Tanzania.



Writing a butterfly acrostic poem, producing a mini beast fact file and strength spotting!

Well done everyone, and keep your photographs coming in!