



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 29TH JUNE 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

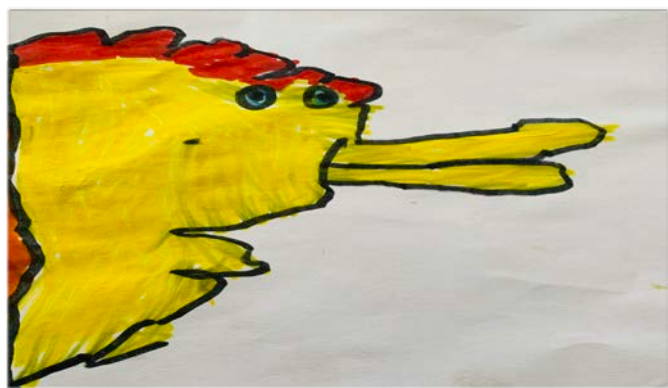
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another very busy week in school and all the children and adults have done well not to melt in the heat! The children have been enjoying the recent sunshine. We are very lucky at Templemoor to have such wonderful green spaces and outdoor environments to work and play in.

Our Key Worker and Reception children are continuing to enjoy being in school. Teaching staff have also been calling our children at home over the last fortnight to speak to families and offer support and advice as needed. It has been wonderful to hear such positive feedback about your little ones who have been learning at home now for a significant number of weeks.

From today, we are all very excited as we begin to welcome our Year 1 children back to school. It will be lovely to see the children and their families again! We can't wait to welcome back more Year 1 children next week.

After the government's recent announcement about their wish for schools to reopen to all pupils in September, we now begin the planning journey of how to turn this ambition into a reality and await



further government guidance on how to welcome all pupils back to school safely in September. At the moment we have not received any guidance; we do not know if this is 'back to normal' or if we will be in class bubbles with staggered starts etc. As soon as we know what is happening we will let you know. Please remember that we don't get any advanced warning about the contents of the Prime Minister's updates; we hear information about his plans for schools at the same time as you do.

In the meantime, we are extremely proud of how all staff at Templemoor have worked so hard to enable the successful return of our Reception and Year 1 pupils. It truly is a team effort, which has required a great deal of planning, organisation, care and thought.

I would also like to thank you, our wonderful parents and carers, for your patience and continued words of gratitude and encouragement; we really appreciate all of your support during these continually changing and challenging times.

With my very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





Templemoor Story Time

We hope that you are enjoying our Templemoor Story Times. This week Miss MacIntyre will be reading 'The Last Tree' by Emily Haworth-Booth, and Miss Salisbury will be reading 'Rumble in the Jungle' by Giles Andreae. You can find these stories on our school website. Just follow the Home Learning Tab, and then 'Templemoor Story Time'. Stay tuned for more teachers reading their favourite books next week.

Free School Meals

If you are experiencing financial difficulty as a result of the Covid-19 crisis you may be entitled to free school meals. Please call the office urgently if this is the case and we can help you apply. Even if you are only entitled to free school meals for a short time, your child will continue to receive Pupil Premium funding for the rest of their time at Templemoor so it is very worthwhile. Last week the Government were persuaded by the Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford to provide meal vouchers for eligible families for the summer holiday period worth £90 per pupil. Further details will be sent out to those families shortly.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week its Article 17 - 'Access to information from the media'. Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand.

- Learning about reliable information helps you:
- to know that not everything you read is true.
- to learn about where information comes from.
- to be able to discuss information you find, with people you trust.
- to learn about bias and 'fake news'.
- to know that it's okay to ask more questions if something doesn't seem right.
- to be aware that people have lots of different opinions.
- to learn the difference between a fact and an opinion.
- to feel confident to say 'I'm not sure if that's true'.
- to know that some people deliberately put false information online.

Activities/discussion

Perhaps you could:

- watch the news on News Bites at <https://central.espresso.co.uk/>
- write down all the places you can get reliable information from.
- using household items, build a 'newsroom' and be a newsreader for the day, reporting about the day's events in your house.
- think about what a species from another planet needs to know when they arrived on planet earth? Write them a welcome letter, telling them



- five things they need to know, to feel welcome and be safe on planet earth. Where will you find reliable information to include in the letter?
- list five really interesting things you've learnt this week. You might have learnt something from a brother or sister; maybe you watched the news and a story really stood out; or perhaps one of your parents has wowed you with a fascinating fact.

You could discuss any of these ideas as a family or send any of your work or pictures into us, we would love to see it!



Hot Weather

We have been enjoying some wonderful weather over the last couple of weeks. Please can we request that if your child is in school with us, they make sure to bring a sun hat, water bottle and sunscreen. These items must be kept in school.

Please also ensure your child arrives at school with sun cream applied because, where possible, we do spend lots of time outside.

For more tips on staying safe in the sunshine, please click on the following [link](#).

Bertie's Mindfulness Task of the Week



Bertie's mindfulness task for this week is called 'Everything Changes'.

1. Have you ever noticed that things change every

day, like the weather? Perhaps a tree has a new bud or a flower has wilted. Or your toenails are longer than they were last week!

2. Some changes are big and some are small. You might feel happy about some changes and sad about others. That's okay.

3. Look around you and find one thing that has stayed the same and something else that has changed. Maybe the sunny sky of the morning is still sunny. Maybe a bird you saw outside has flown away. What do you see?

4. Write, draw or tell someone how you feel about these changes.

From 'Mindful Minds' by Whitney Stewart and Mina Braun.

Attendance

If your child has returned to school and they are absent for any reason, please contact the office to notify us. We must still be made aware of the reason why your child is not in school.

Keyworker children - If you have booked your child in to attend a session and they do not need to attend on a particular day, please inform us as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



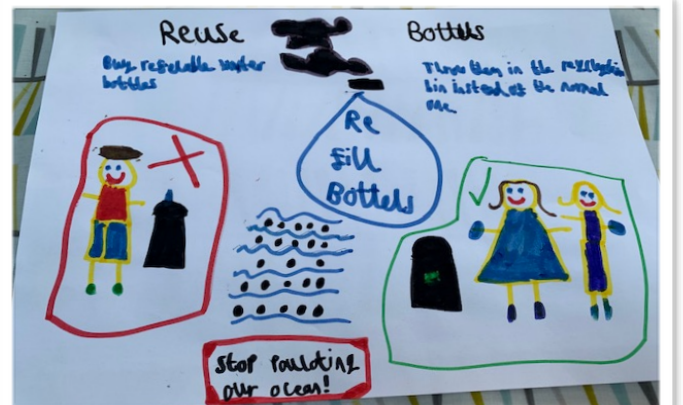
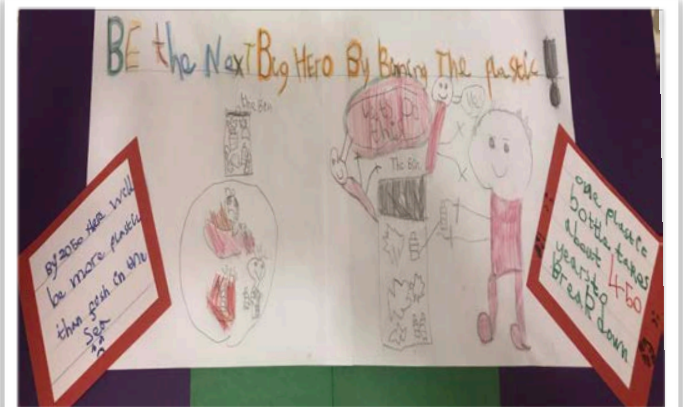
And finally...

We know from speaking to parents over the past few weeks that some of you are becoming increasingly anxious about the learning that your child is missing during this extended period of enforced closure. Please try not to worry about this, and rest assured that the excellent team of teachers at Templemoor (and Moorlands) will work diligently to identify and close gaps in your child's knowledge and understanding upon our full return to school - whenever that may be.

We will continue to update you, as best we can about return dates, and will share arrangements for the next academic year with you nearer to the end of this term. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a full return from September, but we are not able to make any guarantees about return dates and arrangements until we are advised by central government. It is the government's aim to have all children back in September and this is certainly our wish too.

Until next week, keep safe, keep in touch and we really do hope to see you all very soon.

From Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

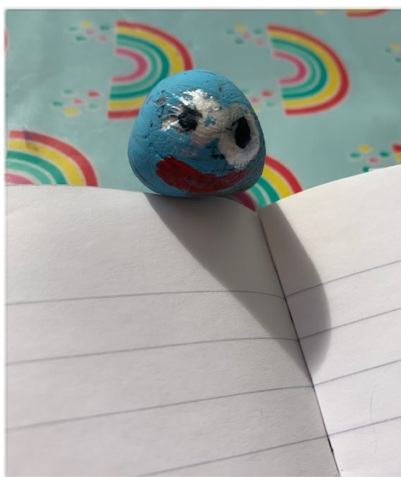


Learning at Home

It has been wonderful looking at the fantastic range of learning activities that you have all been doing at home. Here is just a few of the things that you have been getting up to this week!



Celebrating a birthday, broadcasting on Hits Radio and making a cup cake case dragon!



Celebrating Liverpool winning the Premier League and painting worry stones.



Creating a dolphin shadow using an object, designing a duck and making a persuasive poster.