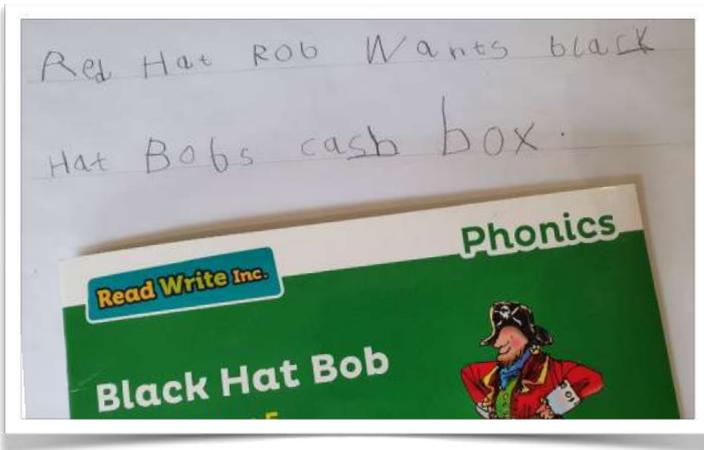


TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2021



We've made it to Half-Term!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. This week is the final week of our first half-term of 2021 and what a half-term it has been, and one which we won't ever forget in a hurry!

I would like to thank you once again for all your hard work and persistence. We know that some children at home are becoming really tired, but please be reassured that we usually see this in school prior to a half-term coming up, so if you feel that taking extra time out from remote learning is beneficial to your family's wellbeing, then please do so.

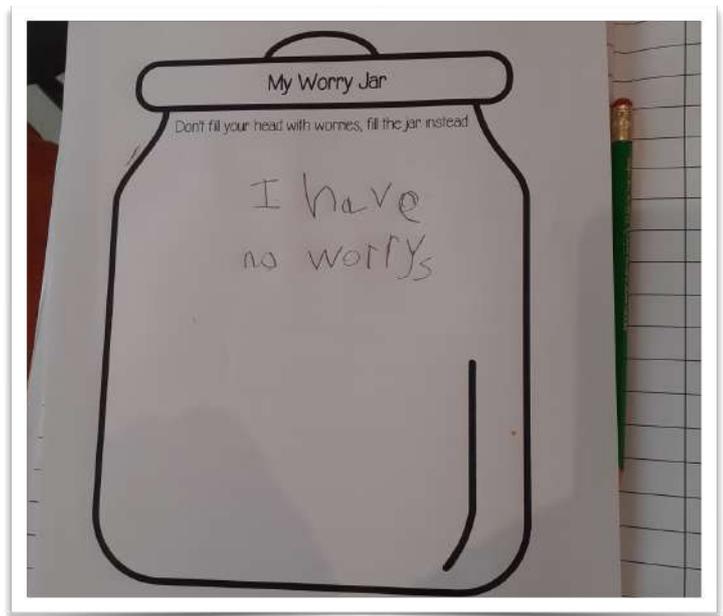
I am also well aware that many of you are exhausted too, as you continue to multi-task to Olympic standard, with no gold medal at the end of it, and still only 'going for a walk' (in the cold) as the highlight of the day! But please do stay positive. The last information we have had from the government is that schools will open on 8th March 'at the earliest'. I know that the Prime Minister has framed this date within a raft of 'ifs', 'buts' and 'maybes', but believing that the vaccine programme is storming ahead as reported, and the most vulnerable groups are being protected,

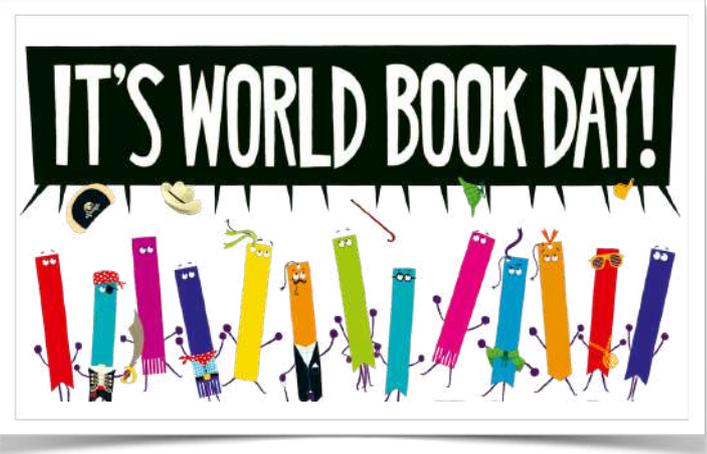
then hopefully there is a strong chance that we may start to see a return to 'normal' very soon. We are really missing having all the children in school and the staff team are counting down the days to when the classrooms and playground are full again. We have been told that the government will give all schools two weeks' notice of when they want us to re-open fully, so I hope to hear over the holiday or early next half-term when we can open school up to everyone. As always, as soon as we hear and receive guidance, we will update you.

Over the holiday, we will not be setting any remote learning. After 6 weeks of home schooling, many parents have commented on how much they are looking forward to the half-term break. So let's hope the weather is kind and we can all get outdoors (following the Covid rules of course!) to allow us all time to relax and recharge our batteries - we all deserve it!

With very best wishes,

Mr Hodgson - Headteacher





Reporting Covid Cases over Half-Term

The Department for Education (DfE) instructed all schools that they will have to be on Covid Test and Trace duty during the first few days of the half-term holiday. The reason the DfE needs us to be on Test and Trace duty is so we can contact anyone who has had close contact with a positive case, if their symptoms appeared in the first weekend of the holidays. If your child has been in school this week, and they do develop Covid symptoms and have a positive Covid test before Tuesday 16th February, then you must email school via admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk so that we can advise affected children and staff to self-isolate for 10 days. Lateral Flow testing of staff will continue over the holiday period.

Contact Details

Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in medical conditions, emergency contact numbers & email addresses via the school email address. Thank you.

World Book Day 2021

World Book Day is scheduled to take place on 4th March 2021 which is before the anticipated full school return. 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.

Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week we are thinking about Article 31 - that 'every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities'. Click [here](#) to listen to Mrs Brown talking about Article 31. We would love to see any work, videos, photographs, posters or pictures on Seesaw that are all about this very important Article.



Nursery Offers

Nursery offers for September 2021 will be sent out via email on Friday 12th February.

Reading/ Phonic and Library Books

Books can be returned to school on **Friday 12th February** as part of your daily exercise. You will be given reading packs for the first week back after the half-term holiday, along with an extra reading book. These books will then be returned to school on Friday 26th February, and on the following Fridays after that, until school reopens. Please note the collection times below. When collecting books please wear a face mask and remember to social distance at all times. Please leave the site as soon as you have collected your books. Thank you for your continued support.

Year Group	Friday's
Nursery/ Reception	10am to 11am
Year 1	11am to 12pm
Year 2	1:30pm to 2:30pm

Safer Internet Day Competition

Children are invited to design a poster to remind us how to keep safe when using the internet. Please send in your finished posters by **Tuesday 23rd February 2021** via Seesaw. There will be prizes for the winner in each year group! Good luck!

Easyfundraising

Many parents are already collecting free donations for the Friends of Templemoor every time they buy anything online with the UK's leading online fundraising service, easyfundraising. It's simple to join, click [here](#) and join for free. Every time you want to shop go to easyfundraising, find the site you want and start shopping. When you check out our school gets a donation, the site gives easyfundraising a percentage of what you spend and they turn that into a donation.



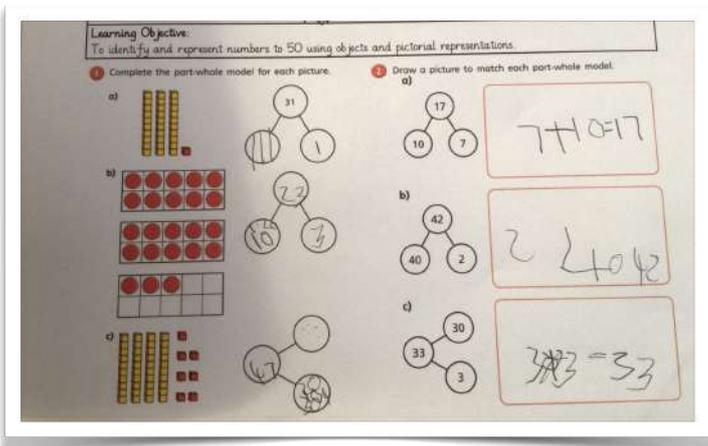
The Great Big Art Exhibition

Looking for a creative challenge, especially over half term? Why not take part in The Great Big Art Exhibition. The first theme is animals where you can create an animal artwork to display in your window or front garden. Sculptor Anthony Gormley, who designed the Angel of the North, has put together a short guide to making animal models out of clay, but children can make anything they like on an animal theme. There are loads of other fantastic artists and galleries signed up to help inspire you - further details can be found [here](#). The idea builds on the rainbow art displayed in windows over the first lockdown. Creations will form part of a massive national art exhibition. If you do take part, please send photos of your artwork to your class teacher via Seesaw. Families can also post their art on social media as part of the national project. Happy making!

Pupil and Parent Wellbeing

As was mentioned in last week's newsletter, school closure, isolation at home and other factors can cause anxiety and stress for children and adults during this coronavirus pandemic. We have sourced some extra helpful websites that you may find useful to you and your children, and have set up a page on our own school website too, under the remote learning tab.

- Guidance and practical tools to support children's mental health during the coronavirus crisis from the Anna Freud Centre can be found [here](#).



- 'Every Mind Matters' can get you started with a free NHS online plan, showing you simple steps to help manage anxiety, to sleep better and boost your mood. Get your own 'Every Mind Matters' mental health action plan [here](#).
- The latest 'Better Health - Every Mind Matters' campaign provides lots of advice on specific issues such as anxiety, low mood, stress, sleep and Coronavirus. The advice is for everyone - parents, children and young people and can be accessed [here](#).
- [SafeSpot](#) is an iPhone and Android app that promotes positive mental wellbeing in children and young people and has been designed to help children and young people with their coping skills.
- [MindEd](#) offers advice and resources for families on supporting children's mental health.
- The BBC have also produced a range of well-being resources that can be accessed [here](#).

We really do hope that these may be of use to you.

And finally...

I would like to thank you again for the support you have given to make this half-term so successful. As we head towards the half-term break I would like to come back to the message that I have been giving since last March - please do what you can, and that has to be good enough. Keep in touch with your child's class teacher through SeeSaw. Upload what you can when you can. You are all doing a great job - you really are. In the evenings

and every weekend, I enjoy looking at the learning on SeeSaw, and the learning is amazing!

Please enjoy the break, but remember the 'stay at home' message remains, as difficult as it is, and with half-term, the temptation to mix with others is perhaps greater. I will add that to date we have not had a single Covid case in school, which is testament not only to the measures that we are taking in school, but also to everything that you are doing at home to keep yourselves and those around you safe. Let's continue to be resilient and ensure that we are playing our part in reducing community transmission in order to get our children back into school as soon as possible. Together we can do it.

Have a lovely break. Stay safe and well and please do get in touch if you require any support.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



Spring Term 2021

Opens	Monday 4th January 2021
Closes	Friday 12th February 2021
Opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
Closes	Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

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