

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2021



Happy Easter Everyone!

Here we are a year down the line since schools (and the world!) closed for Lockdown 1, and thankfully we are up and running, mostly intact and looking forward to a much brighter future.

This term in particular has definitely been a term with a difference and one which we won't forget! Whilst in some ways it has felt fairly short, due to only having all children back in school for the last four weeks, it has actually been a really long term for everyone... the Christmas holidays certainly seem like a lifetime ago for all of us I'm sure!

Since returning to school on 8th March, it is clear how much we have all missed the vibrant buzz of our full, happy school community and it is just



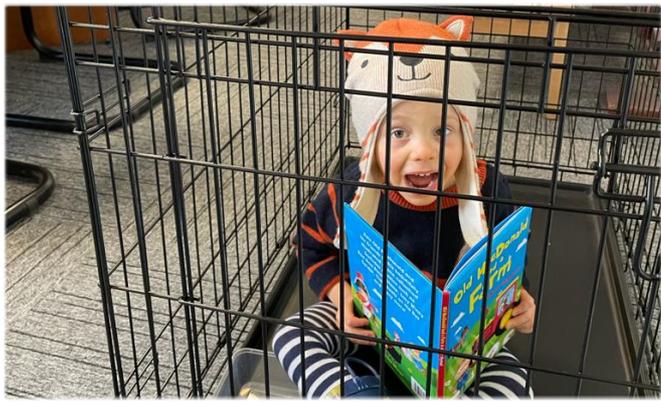
wonderful to have all our lovely children back with us once again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - staff and parents - for all the hard work that has gone into supporting the children this term, not just academically but most importantly emotionally. We are so proud of our children, they have settled back into school life, are enjoying their friendships and approaching their learning with increasing resilience. Classrooms are full with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. It has been an amazing team effort, and you have all been incredible.

Let us now hope that the summer term continues to bring with it more positive news and we can gradually continue the path to normality. What a wonderful thought! On behalf of everyone at Templemoor I wish you all a Happy Easter, and fingers crossed that the lovely warm, sunny weather that we have been having recently continues! Stay safe and we'll see you all again next term.

Best wishes, Mr Hodgson - Headteacher

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated virtually this year, with lots of children reading and listening to stories. Many children also took part in our World Book Day competition and made a reading den, or read in an unusual or funny place. It was fabulous to look at all of the amazing entries on Seesaw, and it really was a very difficult decision to just choose one winner from each class. Well done to all of the children who took part. Some of our winning entries can be seen throughout this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support to enable us to further promote and celebrate the love of reading.



Summer Uniform

Children can wear our summer uniform after the Easter holidays. Boys can wear **grey** shorts and girls may wear **green** gingham dresses if they wish. Black shoes remain part of school uniform in the summer and please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day due to the unpredictable Manchester weather!

Student Teachers

We continue to host four trainee teachers at Templemoor - Miss Neale, Miss Hayden, Miss Walsh and Miss Jackson. Templemoor is providing the students with excellent teaching experience before they all have a class of their own in the not too distant future!

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to all of those parents who took the time to complete our online remote learning and critical worker provision survey. We had 73 responses. Headline data from the survey indicates that:

- 96% strongly agree/agree that the school provided a broad and balanced learning

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 due to the May Bank Holiday. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. Thank you.

programme (e.g. a range of subjects, interesting topics etc).

- 100% strongly agree/ agree that the pre-recorded videos from school staff were useful.
- 96% strongly agree/ agree that the live Zoom wellbeing sessions were useful.
- 98% strongly agree/ agree that the school worked hard to keep in contact with families throughout lockdown.
- 97% indicated that they were happy with the remote learning experience overall.

We will publish the full data set after the Easter holidays, along with ways in which we will continue to improve and refine the provision in the future (should we ever need to use it!).

Parent Consultations

When we return from the Easter break, we will be sending details about our virtual system of meeting with you. Our virtual parent consultations will take place on **Thursday 6th May** and **Thursday 13th May**. Appointment times will be 10 minutes. You will be able to pre-book an appointment, and the system will enable you to be at home (or indeed at work) and to virtually meet with your child's class teacher. In the meantime, if you need to speak to your child's teacher please email the school office or speak to the Office Team on 0161 969 1622.





Templemoor 50th Memories

Can you believe that in September, Templemoor will celebrate it's 50th birthday! Do you have any special memories of being a child at Templemoor, or do you know of any friends or family who attended Templemoor in the past? If so, we would love to hear your stories. Please send any memorable stories or photographs to admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

Themes Coming Soon...

Our exciting themes after the Easter break are:

Nursery	How many pebbles on a beach?
Reception	Are we there yet?
Year 1	Our World - The 7 Continents
Year 2	Tanzania

Lateral Flow Tests for Households

The government are continuing to provide lateral flow testing kits to households, childcare and support bubbles of nursery and primary children. As lockdown restrictions begin to ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other. If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test via:

- your employer if they offer testing to employees.
- at a local test site.

- by collecting a home test kit from a test site (you can collect up to 2 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests. You can check online if the location is busy before you go. Click on the following [link](#) to see where your nearest test site is.
- by ordering a home test kit online via the following [link](#).

If you would like further information about lateral flow testing then please get in touch.



COVID Secure Procedures

As the government begin to gradually ease the lockdown we thought it would be useful to issue a few gentle reminders.

- No-one from your household must come to school if anyone has any symptoms of Covid-19.
- If you or a member of your household have Covid symptoms, you **must all** isolate, whilst they get tested (using a PCR test and NOT a lateral flow test), and let us know at the earliest possible point of the result (even during the weekend), so we can minimise the impact on anyone else in school.



- If you or your family are required to self-isolate then you must follow the government guidance very closely. Self-isolation means staying at home and not going outside your home at any time.
- Only **ONE** adult per family must drop off and collect. This is so that we reduce the number of people on the school site.
- When entering the school gates please ensure that you social distance between your family bubble and the next family bubble.
- It is important that your children are supervised and remain with you at all times.
- When dropping or collecting your children we ask that parents leave promptly to reduce congestion.
- Please wear your face mask on site.
- In addition we all need to remember to wash our hands regularly.

Everything you continue to do on a daily basis is very much appreciated. Please keep going - It really is thanks to your vigilance and our enhanced protective measures in school, that we've managed to have zero Covid cases in school. Well done!

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the Easter break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, rubber, sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

Keeping in contact over the Easter Holiday

With the Easter holidays now here, a quick reminder as to how to stay in touch if your child develops Covid-19 symptoms during the Easter break. Please notify us immediately **via email** if your child develops any symptoms and tests positive for Covid. Please use the email address admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk and tell us the date the symptoms began/ date of their positive test. Please also include a contact phone number in case we need to ask you further questions. This



will enable us to work with Track and Trace and alert anyone your child has been in contact with at school.

Communication

We will never underestimate how difficult the past few weeks have been for everyone and we have always endeavoured to remain at the heart of our community for all of our families. Please remember that we are here to support you, so please do contact us via Seesaw, telephone and/or email if you have any questions or queries. A member of the Senior Leadership Team is always available in the playground at drop off and pick up too if you need us.

A Gentle Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that children, including Nursery, are not allowed to use the Templemoor track, large climbing frame, trim trail, or the tree house in Reception at the beginning or end of the day.

RSE Consultation

Following guidance from the Department for Education, we are required to incorporate RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) into our curriculum from September 2021. All schools are required to comply. At Templemoor, we will be offering 'Relationships Education' in line with statutory guidance. As a result of the guidance, we are currently reviewing our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum and policy to ensure that it complies with guidance and



is appropriate for the children at our school. After Easter, we will be consulting with parents. Consultation will take place remotely via survey, and also via a working party. If you would like to be part of the consultation working party then please contact the school office by Friday 23rd April 2021. Thank you in advance for your support.

Easter Competition

This Easter holiday, the Friends of Templemoor are running a fun Easter competition to win one of four hampers full of surprises and treats. It's only £2 to enter and you can enter each category with your best creations. There is Easter egg decorating, Easter bonnet making, best Easter bake and best Easter drawing/colouring. You don't have to enter all four categories, but can only enter each category once! To take part click on the following [link](#). The competition closes on Monday 19th April. Good luck and happy creating! A huge thank you to the Friends of Templemoor for all of the magnificent fundraising that you have achieved so far this year. Your hard work and commitment is very much appreciated and you are all amazing!

And Finally....

Looking forward to the summer term ahead, we are beginning to tentatively add some exciting activities to the diary that we hope will happen! We will share these with you as soon as we are able to.

I would like to wish each and every one of our families an enjoyable, restful and sunny Easter holiday. I am sure that your children will return refreshed and eager to be back at Templemoor to continue their learning journey when school reopens on Monday 19th April 2021. Thank you again for all of your support.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team



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