

# NEWSLETTER

## 22nd May 2020

### MESSAGE FROM MRS RAMSAY

We are very busy preparing Temple Grove in preparation for the return of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday 1st June IF the Government confirm we can re-open our school. This will be done in a statement on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, and the Trust and Governors will write to you after this announcement to confirm our arrangements.

We have already installed extra hand-sanitisers, marked out 2m social distancing spots, re-arranged classrooms and are preparing the school for a potential re-opening.

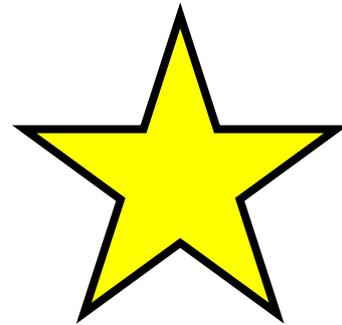
We will be sending out a 'Frequently Asked Questions' information sheet and a parent questionnaire to support our preparations if we should return to school. Please return these questionnaires to the school office.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child(ren) learn from home. Please do now enjoy the half term break. I look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Isabel Ramsay

### Stars of the Week

Daniel and Darcy, Zoe and Maisie W  
Kaycee and Emily G, Julia and Hollie  
Maddison F and Jayden



### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline:

**0808 800 5000**

or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call 999. Our school safeguarding leaders can be contacted by calling the school office or emailing

[lsprigmore@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:lsprigmore@templegroveacademy.com)

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Please keep in touch: 01892 520562

Email: [office@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:office@templegroveacademy.com)

## Further Information Regarding Return to School

Updates will be posted regularly to our website – please follow this link <https://www.templegroveacademy.com/returning-to-school-following-the-pandemic/>

## Home Learning

Please continue to use our new email address to send completed work to your child's class teacher; [classroom@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:classroom@templegroveacademy.com) When emailing in work, it is essential that the subject of the email is your child's name and their class (for example: John Smith: Browne). The email address will then automatically send the work to your child's class teacher who will respond with feedback accordingly.

If for any reason you need any further support please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office using the office email address [office@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:office@templegroveacademy.com)



Lovely artwork in year 5 trying to recreate the famous Sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh.



My inspirational poem 15.08.2022  
Barack Obama

Why I love Obama?

I love Barack Obama because I am interested in presidents of other countries even though he is now a former president.

Early life and parents

Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 17, 1961. Obama's father, Barack Obama Sr, was born in Kenya and grew up having gone to Africa and eventually earned a scholarship that allowed him to leave Kenya and pursue his dreams.

Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, was born in and on some time in Wichita, Kansas, during World War II. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dunham's father, Stanley, studied in the military and worked for the U.S. Army. Dunham's mother, Madelyn, went to work in a bank eventually. After war, the couple bought a house and after several years ended up in Hawaii during studying at the University of Hawaii.

Obama Sr met Ann Dunham. They married on February 2, 1961, and Barack II was born 6 months later.

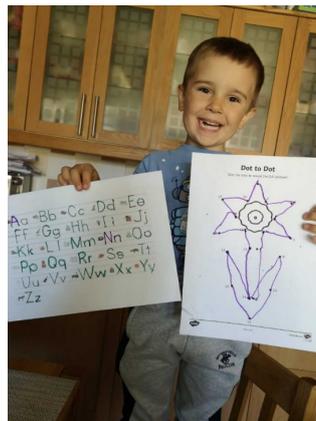
Unfortunately, 2 years after Barack II was born, Ann Dunham and Barack I divorced. In 1965, Dunham married a student from Wake Forest University, Lolo Soetoro, who was originally from Indonesia. A year later, the family moved to Indonesia where Obama's half sister, Maya Soetoro, was born. However, several incidents in Indonesia left Dunham worried about her son's safety and education so she sent Obama back (at the age of 10) to live with his maternal grandparents. His mother and half sister later joined him.

While living with his grandparents, Obama excelled in school at Punahou Academy. He excelled in basketball and graduated with academic honors in 1979. As one of only 3 black students at the school, he became conscious of racism and what it means to be African American.

Year 5 pupils have been studying inspirational people this term. Here is an excellent research piece on Barack Obama.



Great creative skills in Reception – painting a Caterpillar



Practising letter shapes and numeric order of numbers in Reception.



Year 1 made spider biscuits using the instructions in their writing booklets - Sidney spider.

## Additional Ideas for Learning at Home

### Competition Time

Follow the link below to an amazing writing competition about life in lockdown for children aged 7 to 17 which could create an opportunity for them to get their writing published. Whether the children win or not, their work will be read by a published author which is a rare opportunity.

Submissions are made online. <https://generationlockdown.co.uk/>

### Supporting Children's Sleep

As you are aware our Educational Psychologist Dr Sylvie Furlong was due to deliver a parent training session aimed at providing information on how to further support children's sleep. The session has been cancelled but she has produced a brilliant information leaflet which is available by following the link below on our website.

<https://www.templegroveacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2020/05/Child-sleep-leaflet-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

### Supporting Children's Speech, Language and Communication

<https://ican.org.uk/a-message-to-our-supporters-on-coronavirus/activities-to-develop-speaking-and-listening-skills/>

### Home Reading

**Jolly Phonics have now made all of their Jolly Phonics Readers available as e-readers for free for a limited time on Android and Apple devices!**

Spanning 93 books across 5 levels of decodable readers, they will help you to support your children remotely as they practice their reading skills anywhere!

All of these readers will be available for free until 30th June. Follow the link on our website:

<https://www.templegroveacademy.com/parents/home-learning/>



#### Week 4 Schoolreaders Storytime

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Aaaarrgghh Spider! by Lydia Monks](#)

Spider wants to be a family pet. But the family whose house he lives in are terrified of him. Whenever he tries to show them what a great pet he would make, they simply cry:

"AAAARRGGHH, Spider!" [Optional activity](#)

Reading Age 5+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Cyril and Pat’ by Emily Gravett](#)

Cyril is the only squirrel in Lake Park, and he's very lonely. Until one day he meets Pat – Pat the big, grey . . . other squirrel. Cyril and Pat have lots of adventures and fun together and Cyril is so pleased he's made a friend. But everyone is adamant that Cyril and Pat simply cannot be friends, and they soon reveal why: Pat, as the reader has known all along, is actually a RAT! [Optional activity](#)

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Reading Age 7+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Highway Rat’ by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler](#)

Life is not safe for the other animals, as the villainous Highway Rat gallops along the highway, stealing their food. Clover from a rabbit; nuts from a squirrel - he even steals his own horse's hay. Will he finally meet his comeuppance, in the form of a cunning duck? [Optional activity](#)

Reading Age 6+

#### Week 3 Schoolreaders Storytime

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Winston the Book Wolf’ by Marni McGee](#)

Winston the book wolf likes books - he likes to eat them. But then a girl named Rosie teaches Winston an important lesson: "You do not have to chew on a book to taste the wonderful words inside. Words taste even better when you eat them with your eyes!" [Optional activity](#)

Reading Age 7+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘The Legend of the Kea’ by Philip Temple](#)

Krikta the kea and his friends are always playing practical jokes on the other birds. But one day, some of the birds become greedy and want the forest for themselves. So begins the terrible time of quarrelling that threatens the forest. Ka, the great bird and keeper of the forest, is angry with the birds and punishes them. Krikta, the mischievous kea, finds he has been too cheeky for his own good.

Reading Age 10+

##### [‘We’re going on a bear hunt’ by Michael Rosen](#)

*Please note new link to this story above – Walker Books have kindly sent us a special link to this story being read by Michael Rosen himself. The original link will be deactivated soon.*

For brave hunters and bear-lovers! Follow and join in the family's excitement as they wade through the grass, splash through the river and squelch through the mud in search of a bear.

What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!

Reading Age 6+

#### Week 2 Schoolreaders Storytime

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Baby Brains’ by Simon James](#)

Meet the extraordinary Baby Brains. He reads the paper, mends the car and works as a doctor at the hospital. He’s so clever that some scientists ask him to go on their next space mission. [Optional activity](#)

Reading Age 5+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Into the Forest’ by Anthony Browne](#)

One night a boy is woken by a terrible sound. A storm is breaking, lightning flashing across the sky. In the morning Dad has disappeared and Mum doesn’t seem to know when he’ll be back. Mum asks her son to take a cake to his sick grandma. "Don’t go into the forest," she warns. "Go the long way round." But, for the first time, the boy chooses to take the path into the forest, where he meets a variety of fairy tale characters! [Optional activity](#)

Reading age 8+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime – ‘Bringing Down the Moon’ by Jonathan Emmett](#)

Meet the little mole who thinks a lot and join him on his quest to bring down the moon. [Optional activity](#)

Reading age 3+

#### Week 1 Schoolreaders Storytime

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'The Ravenous Beast' by Niamh Sharkey](#)

The ravenous beast is hungry; he’s hungry, hungry, hungry. But is he the hungriest animal of all? [Optional activity](#)

Reading age: 5+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' by April Pulley Sayre](#)

If one is a snail and two is a person, we must be counting by feet! [Optional activity](#)

Reading age: 3+

##### [Schoolreaders Storytime - 'This is Our House' by Michael Rosen](#)

A book about the power of sharing. George says the cardboard house is his and no one else can share it. [Optional activity](#)

Reading age: 5+