



# Trafalgar Junior School

## Believe, Inspire, Achieve

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### **MESSAGE FROM MR ALLEN**

It doesn't seem so long ago that we re-opened fully but here we are at the end of term. In assembly today we briefly recapped the last few months – lockdown, remote learning, reopening of school, the World Book / Sleep / Maths Day combination, Red Nose Day and Ofsted. The children have been brilliant in the three weeks we have had them all back and we can't wait to see them again in the summer term.

**On Wednesday we will finish at the usual staggered times** and by the time we get back the third mound and the artificial grass along the inside of the new wooden fence should be complete. Our first day back at school will be **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the normal staggered times**.

I am sure you are looking forward the long Easter weekend and the relaxing of restrictions but please, on behalf of the school community, continue to stay within the guidelines. We did so well as a school through the Autumn term and would love to maintain such a good record through the summer. For the purposes of contact tracing, parents and carers need only inform the school of a positive case if the symptoms develop within two days of last being in school. This means if your child develops Covid symptoms on either Thursday 1st or Friday 2nd April then please inform the school via [juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk](mailto:juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk)

When we start back, if children would like to bring their own pencil cases they are permitted to do so. This is not an expectation as we can provide everything they need. Any pencil cases brought in should be small and not contain any valuable items.

### **Bags 2 School**

Thank you to everyone who brought bags to Meadoway for the *Bags to School* Collection on Sunday. When the driver came to pick up the bags today it was reported that he said the load will end up in the top ten again which is an amazing achievement. A big thank you also must go to Jenny and her amazing team of helpers for organising and running the event. It is good to know that we can combine recycling with fund raising and in addition it is great to be able to have a clear out!

**Congratulations to 3B** who won the competition for bringing the most bags – 55! They have won themselves some extra Golden Time to enjoy this week. A special mention to 4S who came very close with 47 bags.



## **'FUN FOOTBALL' CAMPAIGN**

Some of our Y6 girls took part in the filming of a promotional video for the FA (Football Association) this morning. Lottie, Kaila, Isla K, Mia N and Grace showed off their skills in front of the cameras to encourage more young people to get out and play sport. They also got to meet former footballers and TV pundits, Alex Scott and Jamie Redknapp (pictured right). Today saw the lifting of restrictions on outdoor sports facilities, meaning many children will be returning to their regular training and weekend fixture. (Thank goodness!)



## **COIN FOUND IN KNELLAR GARDENS**

Julia in 3C had a lucky find in Kneller Gardens recently, as she explains below:

*"I was digging in Kneller Gardens with my friends and I found a Victorian 1p coin. It was 125 years old. I knew enough Latin to know that "Regina" was the Latin word for "Queen".*

*I ran to rinse it and then I saw that it read "Victoria" also!! That's how I ended up bringing it to school. It was a really exciting experience!!!"*

Best wishes, Julia Kucharska



## **GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES**

Golden Achievement assemblies are going ahead in their year group bubbles this term and here are the latest proud recipients. A special congratulations to all of the children pictured for making a really noticeable effort recently.





## SCHOOL STREET

Thank you to all the parents who are following the rules of the 'School Street' and not driving down Elmsleigh Road to drop off or pick up their children. Here is a reminder of the details:

- There is no vehicle access to Elmsleigh Road Mon-Fri between 8.15-9.45 AM and 2.30-4.00 PM (term time only).
- Please travel actively to encourage safety around our school. If you have no alternative but to travel by car, please park and stride from several roads away, not just the next available street.
- Remember this will reduce not eliminate vehicles on Elmsleigh Road as residents still have access, so you should still – STOP, LOOK, LISTEN
- And finally a reminder – the one way system for pedestrians is still in operation.



## YOUTUBE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

New controls have been released by YouTube to give parents better filtering management. Previously the only filtering option was 'Restricted Mode' which basically meant videos flagged as 18+ were filtered out. Called 'Supervised Experience' there are now filters for:

*Explore - 9+*

*Explore More - 13+*

*Most of YouTube - all videos except 18+ (the current Restricted Mode)*

YouTube released a handy explainer video which you can link to from your school website or share via your channels. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhgvtv3FLSc>

## TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT

You may remember that we have been involved in helping feedback to the council about the plans to develop the riverside area opposite Eel Pie Island. They have recently been in touch to share their findings which you can view [here](#).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> March	All	<b>Last day of Spring term.</b> Usual staggered finish times.	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> April	All	<b>First day of Summer term.</b> Usual staggered start times.	
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> April	All	<b>Parent Evenings</b>	
April / May	Y5	<b>SWANAGE TRIPS POSTPONED TO AUTUMN 2021 TERM</b> If we are able to go, it will now be in the weeks commencing Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> , Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> and Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> . Y5 pupils/parents please see Mr Allen's J2e video posted 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	Previously listed as <b>SATs week</b> . These tests have now been <b>cancelled</b> by the government. We will hold our own internal assessment week later in the summer term. Date TBC	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6	Secondary transfer day – arrangements to be confirmed by individual schools	
Friday 9th – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6	<b>Residential adventure trip to Kingswood.</b> Please note this date has changed. Rest day (no school for Y6) on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July.	
Wednesday 14th	Selected Y6 pupils	Provisional date for Borough Sports	

## PTA MESSAGES



### Easter Egg Raffle

Last chance to [buy tickets](#) - winners will be drawn tomorrow, Tuesday 30th March.

### Easter Egg trail in Kneller gardens

Tickets on sale now on [Wishlist](#).

Running from Thursday 1st April to Sunday 18th April

- Little Yolkers Easter Trail (all ages) - follow the clues to find the eggs and solve the puzzle (same format as previous trails)
- Egg Shell Ninjas (year 3 +) - in this trail children also have to answer a question at each clue

As with previous trails, if the cafe is shut you won't be able to redeem your prize so, please check before you start.

Happy Easter!

<https://raffall.com/211380/enter-raffle-to-win-easter-egg-raffle-hosted-by-trafalgar-schools-pta>

<https://trafalgar.ourschoolwishlist.co.uk/whole-school/>