



Trafalgar Junior School

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MESSAGES FROM MR ALLEN

COVID

As I am sure you are all aware, there are a number of local schools who have had to close year groups or classes quite recently due to the virus. Please help protect our school community and keep school open by continuing to follow the guidelines which have been in place for some time now:

- the one way system through our Gothic Road entrance
- the one way system up and down Elmsleigh Road
- masks at drop off and pick up

Start times:

- Y3 – 08:50
- Y5 – 08:55
- Y4 – 09:00
- Y6 – 09:05

The staggered timetable is a big part of our procedures so please make sure you and/or your child arrive at the correct time (see table). As you may have seen, I am often sending children through a few minutes early to manage potential congestion but we are still having some children or families arrive considerably earlier than they should. Also – and I mean this in the nicest possible way! - this is a ‘drop/collect and go’ system to help make way for other people.

Thank you for your co-operation with this. We have already had the Y5 and Y6 Cricket Tournaments and the Y6 Borough Sports cancelled on us so we really don’t want to be cancelling any of our own events, such as the discos or the trips which we have planned. Please be vigilant and careful when out and about. If in doubt, keep your child at home and get them tested. Thank you.

OFSTED VISIT

You may have been surprised to hear that Ofsted were giving us a monitoring visit last week, especially as it was so soon after their remote visit in March. This visit was in fact the more usual follow up to the full inspection back in September 2019; the one in March was about ‘current circumstances’ (eg lockdown and remote learning, even though we were all back at school by that point). Just like that monitoring visit, this most recent one will not change our grading. However, when the report comes out in a few weeks’ time, it will tell you if we are or are not taking effective action to improve the school and make it ‘Good’ again. Thank you to everyone who filled out the parent response survey. Any issues encountered with that were due to the visits being so close in time.



THE 1905 TRAFALGAR CHALLENGE

Today we have sent home certificates with every child to mark the end of the 1905 Challenge. These are for you to write at home so you can capture exactly what your child(ren) did (eg Owen doing 195 pogo jumps, see below) and because we know that there are still some children who are yet to complete their activities.



The '[go fund me](#)' page is still live and at the time of writing we have just passed the £3400 mark! A tremendous effort, so THANK YOU to everyone for your efforts so far!

One of the activities at the weekend was the 19.05 mile run completed by Mrs Bradon, Mr Sargentoni and myself. Special thanks to Connie and Alex's dad, Nick Azern, for organising the event from Windsor to Richmond. He, along with Mabel's dad, Charlie, ran a full marathon and picked us up along the way - although they were forced to detour earlier on and actually ended up running an incredible 29 miles along with some friends and family who ran it too just for the fun of it!



A special mention the support crew on bikes – Zakir in Y4 and his dad followed us the whole way, along with Millan and Rudhi's dad too.

If you haven't yet donated, please do so asap! Thanks everyone.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA ABOUT 1905

A huge thank you to all the children and their families who have taken on the 1905 Trafalgar Challenge!

Thanks to your energy and enthusiasm, and the wonderful support of your family and friends, together we have raised nearly £3,500 for Trafalgar Schools!! This is an amazing amount, and it will make a massive difference. If you haven't donated yet it's not too late. Please go to www.gofundme.com/f/1905-trafalgar-challenge



Hopefully some of our usual events will make a welcome return in the Autumn and we look forward to being able to get together as a school community again. In the meantime, the 1905 Challenge money will allow us to continue to support outdoor learning at Meadway, provide DJs for the upcoming discos and fund some new playground equipment as selected by the Junior School Councillors.

Thank you all for your continued support for Trafalgar!

RUGBY TOURNAMENT

By Coach Justin: Last week we had four teams from across Trafalgar Junior School travelled to Twickenham Stoop stadium to take part in the Harlequins Summer Rugby Festival.

On Monday Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the festival playing some amazing rugby and scoring some beautiful tries. With Year 3 winning two of their three games and Year 4 winning three of their four games, it was a really successful and enjoyable day for both teams. Tries that stood out across both year groups were scored by Max Jones in Year 4 who burst through three defenders to score and an incredible individual effort by Henry Jennings who dummied a pass and scored a dramatic winner in the corner for Year 3! Year 3 won team of the day in their tournament for their amazing sportsmanship and their friendly banter with the tournament referees.



It was then the turn of Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday, Year 5 showed great grit and determination to score a try in all of their opening games despite not managing a victory against much more experienced schools. Ayo Omogbeja was a particular standout, with his darting runs and silky skills earning him rave reviews from the referees and even the opposing managers! Year 5's perseverance and determination paid off though as they won their final game of the day thanks to an amazing try from Margot Bussiere and a strong defensive performance which saw the team clinch victory in dramatic style.

Year 6 came into the tournament as our most experienced team having trained throughout the winter months with Mr. Sargentoni and Coach Justin. This showed as they went undefeated in the morning session racking up four convincing wins over St Stephens and St Stephens 2.



A particular highlight of the morning was a pitch length dash from Otis Cavan that led to an incredible try even the Harlequins players would have been proud of. In the afternoon session another two wins followed which meant Trafalgar Year 6 went into the final game unbeaten as they played the only other unbeaten in the tournament. What followed can only be described as one of the best games rugby Twickenham Stoop has ever seen. Trafalgar came from behind three times to level the score at 3-3 with minutes to go, thanks to tries from Berslan Soykuvet, Finlay Mackie and David Hirtan. With minutes to go a darting run by Jack Shiels gave Trafalgar the lead, and he then went on to double his tally with a brilliant second, confirming an unbeaten tournament for the magnificent Year 6 team who won the team of the day award for not only their skills but their inclusivity.

Mr. Sargentoni said: "It was a fantastic two days and every year group showed great sportsmanship, determination and true Trafalgar spirit in each game, showing what it truly means to be a part of our school!"

CLASS PHOTOS

There will be official whole class group photographs being taken on Wednesday 30th June. As with any day of the week, there will be some children in PE kit. If this is a PE day for your child, please make sure they also have their uniform with them so we can do smart, traditional class photos. We will send ParentMails to the relevant classes, telling them what to wear to school and what to bring in a bag as it will be dependent on the timetable for the day.

SNACKS

A reminder that Trafalgar is a nut aware school meaning **we do not allow nuts or products containing nuts on site.** We have recently noticed some snacks containing hazelnut spread, such as Pick Up! bars and filled crepes, coming in so please make sure you are choosing your child's snack carefully.

With our staggered lunchtimes, Year 3 and 4 start their lunch earlier than they would ordinarily. They should therefore continue to follow the school's policy on morning snack being a piece of fruit or vegetable. However, Year 5 and 6 go to lunch later than they would ordinarily (not until 1pm) and so we have allowed some more substantial snacks to come in. For example, this could be half a sandwich, breadsticks or rice cakes (although check packaging to ensure nut free).



GOLD CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLIES

Our Friday Golden Achievement assemblies are linked to the school's Golden Rules and here are some of the latest proud recipients of the weekly certificates. Congratulations to all of the children pictured for making a really noticeable effort.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We are pleased to be able to start adding more dates in to our end of term diary but please note these may be subject to change due to COVID.



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Tues 22 nd June	Y3	Talent Show (no parents this year, sorry!)
Tues 29 th June	Y4	Talent Show (no parents this year, sorry!)
Weds 30 th June	All	Class photos
Friday 2 nd July	Y5 & Y6	Sports Day
Monday 5 th July	Y3 & Y4	Sports Day
Monday 5 th July	Y6	Secondary transfer day – arrangements to be confirmed by individual schools
Friday 9 th July	Y5	Talent Show (no parents this year, sorry!)
Friday 9 th – Monday 12 th July	Y6	Residential adventure trip to Kingswood. Rest day (no school for Y6) on Tuesday 13 th July.
Wednesday 14 th July	Selected Y6 pupils	Borough Sports – now cancelled

Fri 16 th July	All pupils	School reports out
Tues 20 th July	Y3 & Y5	Year group discos – Y3 5:30 – 6:30 and Y5 7:00 – 8:15pm
Weds 21 st July	Y4 & Y6	Year group discos – Y4 5:30 – 6:30 and Y6 7:00 – 8:15pm
Friday 23 rd July	All pupils	Last day of school
Monday 6 th Sept	All pupils	First day of the new school year for pupils

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Communications and Community Officer Post at Bishop Perrin CE Primary School, Whitton

Bishop Perrin School in Whitton is looking to recruit to for a brand new post this September. We're looking to appoint someone to help with our communications and developing links with the local community. If you are interested in the post please click through on the link to take you to the job description, person spec and application form. Please feel free to share the link with anyone you may know who may be interested.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/communications-and-community-officer-1159742>