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MESSAGE FROM MR ALLEN & MRS KEEFE

Welcome to the Spring Term 2022! Thank you on behalf of all our staff for your kind words and Christmas wishes before the break. We hope that all our families had an enjoyable holiday (assuming you got one) and that you are all ready for the term ahead. There are new **dates for your diary** later in this newsletter, so please keep an eye on this section as events are added or moved – such is life at the moment!

Congratulation to our catering team who recently scored top marks in their inspection, achieving five stars - the highest possible rating - from Environmental Health based on hygienic and well-managed food preparation. If you are interested in switching your child to school dinners, it is easy for us to add children on to the school dinner register; all you need to do is call the office.

In terms of **punctuality and attendance**, if your child has a medical/dental appointment it should be arranged for either early or late in the day to reduce the class time lost. A leave of absence form needs to be completed, along with copies of the appointment letters (dates/times) and other notifications for our records. We are also now following up absences and lateness with letters home. You may receive a letter if your child's attendance drops below 96%, or if your child is late twice in one week.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

In our assemblies this morning, Mr Allen launched the annual Storytelling Festival. This event takes place on Thursday March 17th and involves a professional storyteller visiting the school and delivering sessions to each year group. In the evening, Covid permitting, there will be a competition held here at Trafalgar between local schools to find the best storytellers in the following three age categories: Y1&2 / Y3&4 / Y5&6.

This means that we will be looking for our best storytellers from across the school to take part. See below for details:

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Congratulations on achieving a 5-star rating for the 'Scores on the Doors' award. This is the highest rating you can achieve from the Environmental Health authorities, and they have awarded you this score based on hygienic and well-managed food preparation, following their recent visit.

These scores are also made available to the public via the national public information service where you can find the official local authority hygiene ratings. You will receive a certificate and window sticker from the environmental health that you should display with pride.

Well done on such a great achievement, please pass on my praise to all your team.

Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely

Penny Richards
Operations Director

Storytelling Criteria:

- The three age categories are: Y1&2 / Y3&4 / Y5&6
- Children can choose either to perform their own story or a published story; the competition is about the telling of the story
- Each entry can either be solo or up to a group of four; strictly no larger groups allowed.
- Each performance should be no longer than three minutes
- No visual, props or costumes are allowed in the performance; this is a festival celebrating the oral tradition.
- Storytellers will be judged on – clarity of delivery, creativity, engagement with audience



Storytelling timeline:

- Monday 10th January – Storytelling Festival launched in assembly – children who wish to enter spend the new few weeks organising, learning and rehearsing their stories
- w/c 7th February – auditions held during lunchtimes to shortlist entrants. Names announced in assembly on Friday 11th Feb
- HALF-TERM – shortlisted children refine and practice their stories
- w/c 21st February – shortlisted children perform their stories in assemblies and are judged by teachers. Winners announced in Friday assembly 25th Feb
- Storytelling Festival on the Thursday 17th March with Daniel Morden. He will perform stories to ALL children throughout the day, and be a judge in the evening for the inter-school finalists.

BOOK DONATIONS

Before the Christmas break we told you that our children had completed a ‘book corner audit’ and come up with a list of authors and genres that they would like more of. We have had some donations already but are aware that some families may have used the time over Christmas to sort through unwanted but good quality books – or you may be about to do a bit of a spring clean. Either way, please see the table below for a reminder of what your class have specifically asked for. Remember, this is not a request for anyone to buy new books; this is about donating good quality pre-loved books from home if you can. Thank you!

3B	3M	4JC	4R	4W	
Poetry	Non-fiction	Comics	Billy Bonkers	Comics	
Animals (incl. dinosaurs)	Funny books	Picture books	Horrible Histories	Comedy	
Space books	Short fiction	Biographies	Roald Dahl	Gaming	
Dork Diaries	Animal books	History	David Walliams	Football	
David Walliams	Picture books	General fiction	Joke books	Fairy Tales	
5AB	5J	5S	6D	6P	6S
Football books	Adventure books	Sports	Skullduggery Pleasant (3 onwards)	Dinosaurs	Robin Stevens
Comics / Anime Graphic novels	Tom Gates	Rick Riordan	Tom Gates	Mystery	Science Fiction
Fantasy	Comics	Tom McLaughlin	Graphic Novels	Football	Mystery
Comedy / funny	Mystery books	Mystery	Thrillers	Comedy / funny	Robin Stevens
Non-fiction (nature)	Comedy books (jokes/ funny fiction)	Fantasy	David Walliams	Narnia titles	Douglas Adams

JOB VACANCIES AT TRAFALGAR

TEACHING & LEARNING ASSISTANT: We are looking to appoint a well-motivated and talented Teaching and Learning Assistant to provide general support to pupils in our upper phase (Years 5 & 6) initially and also to specific pupils in and out of class, working closely with class teachers, Year Group Leaders and the Inclusion Leader. For more details on the role and how to apply see [our advert](#) on etach.

SCHOOL MEALS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT: Trafalgar Junior School is currently recruiting for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) or Playground Leader for the Spring and Summer 2022 terms, starting in February. This post is for 6.25 hours each week during term time, 12.15pm-1.30pm Monday to Friday. The job involves working as part of a caring team to ensure a fun-filled lunch/active play time for our children. If you are interested in applying, please send an email to juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk to request an application form.

CLUBS - Martyn's Thursday Football starts this week

DATE CHANGE FOR END OF SUMMER TERM 2022

You may be aware that the government announced an additional Bank Holiday to mark HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The May Bank Holiday Weekend has been moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 with an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022. As the additional bank holiday falls in the half term the DfE has reviewed the necessary legislation and amended the Summer Term to end one day earlier on Thursday 21 July 2022. The two school websites will be amended today to reflect this - please remember to update your personal calendars.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS			
Please note these dates may be subject to change.			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
w/c 31 st Jan & 7 th Feb	Y6	Cycle Training spread across two week period. Details of groupings TBC	
w/c 7 th Feb	All	Audition week for Storytelling Festival	
w/c 14 th Feb	All	Half-term holiday	
Fri 4 th March	All	Creative projects due	
Thurs 17 th March	All	Storytelling Festival (storyteller in during the day for all children, evening event for chosen storytellers)	
w/c 4 th April	All	Easter holidays.	
Tuesday 19 th April	All	First day of Summer Term	
w/c 9 th May	Y6	SATs Week	
Friday 27 th May	All	School closed for INSET day	
w/c 30 th June	All	Half-term holiday	
Fri 24 th – Mon 27 th June	Y6	Residential trip to Kingswood	
Wed 13 th – Fri 15 th July	Y5	Residential trip to Juniper Hall	
Thursday 21 st July	All	Last day of the school year	

PTA NEWS

A very happy new year and welcome back from the PTA! We'd like to start by thanking everyone for their support so far – to all our amazing volunteers who have helped at our events and anyone who has dug deep into their pockets to help raise money for our schools. We look forward to seeing what we can do together this term.

Dates for your diaries

UNIFORM SALE: To kick off the new term, there will be a uniform sale this week:

- Thursday 13th at Meadway from 3pm
- Friday 14th at Gothic Road from 2.50pm

(Polite request from the school office: please do not bring second hand uniform to school except on the days that the PTA ask for it. Thank you.)



Gothic Road
Friday

From 3pm



Infant and Junior sizes



Meadway
Thursday

From 2.50pm



Infant sizes only

PTA MEETING: All parents and carers are invited to join our next PTA meeting at 8pm on Tuesday 18 January in the dining hall at Gothic Road. Please join us over some cheese and wine to find out more about what we do and how we raise money for the children at Trafalgar.

RUGBY PARKING: If you able to volunteer for rugby parking on either the 26th February for England vs Wales at 4.45pm (gates open at 1.45) OR the 12th March for England vs Ireland at 4.45pm (gates again at 1.45), please get in touch with Rich on 07737311317.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Whole New World Awaits!

Award-winning youth production company Dramacube celebrate their tenth birthday this year and have lots of exciting projects lined up to mark the occasion.

They kick off with **Disney's Aladdin Jr.** This magical musical will go into rehearsal in January with performances in late March/early April on the main stage at Hampton Hill Theatre. (Suitable for children aged 7-14 / 14-18) But if your child is more into screen than stage check out the Spring Term **Movie-Makers** team where children devise, write, direct and shoot their own film. (Suitable for children aged 7 – 14)

And for young performers aged 4-6 there will be a deliciously tasty adventure as children dive into **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory** for their Spring Term project.

Sessions run Tuesday – Saturday in Strawberry Hill & Hampton Hill.

Register your child for a two-week taster or book their place on any of the above at www.dramacube.co.uk No prior experience required.

Dramacube

Drama Classes 4-6 yrs

Productions 7-14 yrs

Movie-Makers & Screen-Acting 7-14yrs

Youth Theatre 14-18 yrs

**Book a two-week taster session at
Dramacube.co.uk**

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GIVING CHILDREN CONFIDENCE THROUGH DRAMA