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Message from Mrs Keefe

It was a real delight to welcome all our children back this week and to see them settling in so enthusiastically to their new classes, and a special welcome to our new Reception families.

We are delighted to be able to post our excellent SATs results on our website and both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results were extremely positive and well above the National figures, particularly in Reading for both the 'Expected' grade and for 'Greater Depth'. This, alongside our many sporting achievements, wider curriculum activities and experiences and children's personal achievements have all contributed to a truly amazing year.

This year we will continue to build on the strength of our committed teachers and staff as well as our excellent partnership with our Trafalgar families. Our clubs have already started and we encourage all children to engage in wider experiences on offer. Likewise, we encourage all our children to have our healthy and gold quality school lunches.

We hope to see you all in school for our Meet the Teacher morning, our various workshops, our Curriculum Open Evening event this term, as well as our individual parent meetings. Please do take the time to read our various letters and messages including the information the Year Group curriculum and Home School Reading Diaries. Weekly newsletters will be sent out on a Friday and our Golden Newsletters, packed full of fabulous curriculum activities and achievements will continue to be sent out each half term.

Federation Updates/News**HRH Elizabeth II**

We were all saddened to hear the news about the Queen yesterday and today at school we paid our respects and celebrated her life and contribution to British society.

In the Infants we discussed the important role of the Queen and of the kindness she showed to others and as it was our Golden assembly and wrote a Trafalgar Golden Certificate which we will send to Buckingham Palace.

In the Juniors we looked back at some pictures from the Platinum Jubilee earlier this year and, because it was Golden Achievement assembly, wrote the Queen a Trafalgar Golden Achievement certificate which we are also sending to Buckingham Palace.



Curriculum Information Sheets

Curriculum Information Sheets for your child's year group are attached to this Newsletter. Please keep a copy to hand so you can support your child's learning and know what to expect across the half-term ahead.

Class Emails

Please note that the new class emails should all now be up and running. Your child's class email address will be their class name followed by the main school address, e.g. 3HD@trafalgarfederation.org.uk, orange@trafalgarfederation.org.uk

Please do NOT send urgent messages to these email accounts as we cannot guarantee that teachers will have time to check them every day; they are instead for non-urgent communications. Should a response be required urgently, please continue to use the school office.

Covid

Please see advice taken from the Department for Education, last updated in July:

Should my child still go to their childcare or education setting if they test positive for Covid?

No. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is three days.

Infant Updates/News

Golden Achievement Certificates

Every Friday the Infants hold Golden Achievement assemblies where teachers select a child from their class for special recognition. These awards link to the school's Golden Rules and the teachers share their lovely comments about their chosen children. Our congratulations go to this week's deserving recipients pictured below.



Tissues

With the colder weather approaching and the coughs and colds season upon us, could you send your child in with a box of tissues to be given to the class teacher. Thank you.

Reminders - Reception

The Reception team have been focussing this week on establishing routines and independence particularly at the start of the day. Please encourage your child to place their water bottle in the trolley outside their classroom and carry their own book bag in to class, where they will self-register, put their book bag in the cloakroom and sit at their colour group activity table. In order to get the children in as calmly as possible we request that parents step back from the door and leave promptly once their child has entered the classroom.

Reading Books – Y1 and Y2

The children will start to bring home their child's choice reading book on Wednesday. We have started using our new phonics programme and reading books will be issued in a slightly different way. Information regarding this will be issued in the Meet the Teacher session and the Phonics Workshop which will take place straight after. As our new phonics programme is very different, Mrs Burton would ask that parents come along to the Workshop to find out more and how to support their child. Thank you.

Swimming - Y2

Yellow class will start their six week block of swimming lessons on Wednesday. Please pay and give your permission on ParentMail if you have not already done so, thank you.

Clubs

Clubs starting next week are

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| Tuesday | Real Runners at lunchtime for Y1 and Y2 |
| Tuesday | Boundless Dance at Gothic hall from 3.15 - 4.15 pm for Y1 and Y2 |
| Wednesday | Mini Pins Sewing club at Meadway at 3.15 - 4.30 pm for Y1 and Y2 (see attached form) |
| Thursday | Boundless Dance at Gothic hall from 3.15 - 4.15 pm for Y1 and Y2 |
| Thursday | Gardening at Meadway at 3.30 - 4.30 pm for Y1 and Y2 |

Clubs starting the following week (w/c 19 September) are

Monday Football at Meadway site from 3.30 - 4.30 pm for Y2 children

School Run Clubs

Wednesday Choir at lunchtime for Y1 and Y2

Thursday Chess at lunchtime for Y2

No need to formally sign up for school run clubs – children just come along when the bell is rung.

Junior Updates / News

Reading Volunteers

Last year, the Junior school had a team of parent volunteers reading with children who really benefit from additional practice. It is a valuable part of our reading offer and we are looking to continue the programme in 2022-23. If anyone is interested in taking part, please send an email to juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk with the subject, FAO Mr Allen – Reading Volunteers:

- Your name
- Your child's name & year group
- Your preferred day and time. (We usually have readers in 8:45-9:45 or 2:15-3:15, reading 1:1 in four consecutive 15-minute slots with children in a different year group to your own. A training session is provided for those new to the team).

If you were on the team last year and are able to continue, please also contact Mr Allen with the same information as above and we will get you started as soon as possible. Thank you.

Y3 School meals arrangements

Children in KS2 (Year 3 and above) are no longer eligible for the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM). However, we encourage all our children to take up a healthy school meal as they move into the Juniors. There will be a charge for their meals, unless you have received confirmation from your local authority for FSM entitlement based on your personal circumstances. If you believe you qualify but have not yet made an application for FSM, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> . Alternatively, please send an email to infantinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk to seek advice on how to apply. If you have not signed your child up to receive a school meal, but wish to do so, please send an email to juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk to request a form.

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Diary Dates

| FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS | | |  |
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| <i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i> | | | |
| DATE | YEAR GROUP | EVENT | |
| w/c 12 Sept | All | Meet the Teacher | |
| Thu 22 Sept | All | SEND coffee morning | |
| Thu 6 Oct | All | Curriculum evening | |
| Tues 18 & Thu 20 Oct | All | Parent consultation meetings – details to follow | |
| Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct | All | Half-term | |
| Mon 31 Oct | All | INSET day – school closed | |
| Fri 11 Nov | All | Remembrance Day – minute’s silence at 11am | |
| Fri 18 Nov | All | Children in Need – wear spots & donate £1 | |
| Fri 16 Dec | All | Last day of autumn term | |
| Wed 4 Jan | All | First day of spring term | |
| INFANT ONLY DATES | | | |
| Tuesday 13 Sept | Y2 | Meet the Teacher followed by Phonics Workshop in your child’s classroom at 9.00 am | |
| Wednesday 14 Sept | Y1 | Meet the Teacher followed by Phonics Workshop in your child’s classroom at 9.00 am | |
| Wednesday 14 Sept | Y2 | Yellow class swimming lessons start | |
| Thu 10 Nov | Y2 | Scooter training | |
| Thu 17 Nov | Y2 | Scooter training | |
| JUNIOR ONLY DATES | | | |
| Mon 12 th Sept | 3M & 4BR | Swimming at The Mall 1.30 - 2.30 pm | |
| Thu 15 th Sept, Fri 16 th Sept and Thu 22 nd Sep | Y3 | Richmond Safe Walking Scheme for Year 3, 2022-23 | |
| Wed 28 Sept | Y4 | Roman Day – Rainbow Theatre performing and interactive workshop on “A child in Roman Britain” | |
| Thu 29 Sept | Y4,5,6 | Author visit – Anna James, <i>Pages & Co.</i> | |
| Fri 30 Sept | Y6 | Junior Citizen trip | |
| Mon 3 rd Oct | | | |
| Wed 19 th Oct | Y3,4,5,6 | Harvest assemblies - Y3&Y5 9:05am followed by Y4&Y6 10am | |

PTA

Our second hand uniform sales are back next week, a great chance to pick up any last minute bits you need for the new school year at bargain prices. Our sales will be:

Thursday 15 September from 2.50 pm - Meadway (Reception sizes only)

Friday 16 September from 3.00 pm - Infants Playground, Gothic Road (Infant & Junior sizes)