



Newsletter

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This week

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the exciting events over the next few weeks.

Reminders - Fixed Penalty Notices

We would like to reiterate the importance of attendance and punctuality. Trafalgar children have shown an incredible amount of commitment to their learning and we are determined to underpin this with a commitment to ensuring absence is kept to a minimum. Children have a right to come to school and it does not take many days of absence for a child's attendance rate to fall to levels which are cause for concern. We also know there is a direct correlation between attendance and progress. We have updated our Attendance and Lateness Policy which is available on the Policy pages of both school websites to fully explain how the use of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) is included in Trafalgar's process of attendance management. The following link [School attendance and the use of Fixed Penalty Notices](#) provides a detailed explanation of how the local authority will apply FPNs to address absence and term time holidays.

Reception 'Stay and Play'

Thank you to all the parents and carers who stayed for our 'Stay and Play' on Thursday morning. The children really enjoyed showing their learning environment and all the fun challenges that we do on a daily basis.

Next week is another exciting week on the Meadway site! Please dress your child as a farm animal on Tuesday. We are having this themed day in preparation for the mobile farm visit on Thursday.

Online Gaming

Like many other schools, we are aware that we have children who chat or game together online outside of school and that some of the platforms carry PEGI ratings above what is suitable for primary-aged children (EG; Fortnite is 13+ and WhatsApp is 16+).

Sometimes inappropriate things are said or written and this, understandably, causes some upset for children, as well as then taking away from the school day when issues have to be sorted out in school.

We are therefore reminding all families of the importance of regularly reviewing their children's time online - what they are doing, who they are connecting with and so on. For example, if they are gaming with a headset on, do you know who they are talking to and what is being said to them?

A really good one-stop shop for determining how suitable various games, apps, films, TV shows, books, etc are, is <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

The Wildlife Trust's 30 days Wild, The Climate Action Countdown, Healthy Eating Week and also Big Green Week

The month of June is The Wildlife Trusts 30 days Wild, The Climate Action Countdown, Healthy Eating Week and also Big Green Week. We will be trying to do some things at school, but there are lots of fun activities that you can try at home with family and friends too. Please share any photos with us or bring in anything that you would like to share as part of this with us.

Food Swap

Next week on Thursday and Friday we will be running a dried/tinned food swap as part of The Great Big Green Week, Food Waste Prevention and the Climate Action Countdown.

Do you have a tin of soup you do not think you will eat in your kitchen cupboard? Then bring it down to our big food swap!

Please feel free to bring a tin of food/dried packet of food you no longer want or use to put on the table so that someone can pick it up who may just love it.

Only food that is within its best before date please.

Donate and pick up at tables will be between Elmsleigh gates.

Healthy Eating Week 10-14 June 2024 is just around the corner

The daily **five key themes** are:

Monday: Get at least five a day - fresh, frozen, dried and canned all count!

Tuesday: Stay hydrated - have about 6-8 drinks a day. Tap water is a great choice.


Wednesday: Move more - find ways to be more active every day.

Thursday: Focus on fibre - have more wholegrain foods, fruit, vegetables, beans and lentils.

Friday: Reduce food waste - aim for the right amount when you shop, cook and eat.

We will be thinking about all these things in school and challenging each other to eat healthily all week and would encourage you all to do the same at home.

See links below

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 [30 Days Wild Flash Cards Schools A6.pdf](#)

Funding for biodiversity

The school was lucky enough to secure a grant of just under £2000 from the Crane Valley Community Grants scheme to purchase much-needed equipment that will enhance the local area and support Science learning. A new ecosystem investigation station will be installed in the Junior School to allow children to observe habitats up close, various pond-dipping and bug hunting equipment will allow children across the school to observe and record animals in their natural habitats, and repairs and improvements to our pond and wildlife areas at Meadway will ensure the school site offers diverse habitats that form part of the green corridor that runs along the Crane Valley.

Governing Body Vacancies


We are currently recruiting for two vacancies on our Governing Body. We are looking for candidates who can bring the following skills to the table: Finance, Health & Safety/Premises, Diversity, Chairing/Team Working/Facilitation. Please see either school website via the following link [Governor Vacancies](#) for further information and an application pack.

COMMUNITY

Teddington Athletic Football Club

See attached flyer.

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Fri 14 June	All	Mufti Day (jars for the Summer Fair)	
Tues 18 June	All	PTA meeting	
Thu 20 June	All	Mufti Day (bottle for the Summer Fair)	
Fri 21 June	All	Class Reps	
Sun 30 June	All	Summer Fair	
Tues 23 July	All	Last day of Summer Term	
INFANT ONLY DATES			
W/c 10 June	Y1	Phonics Screening Check	
Thu 13 June	Reception	Mobile farm to visit Reception children	
Thu 20 June	Y1	Curriculum Visit to London Zoo	
Mon 24 June	Y1	Fruit picking trip – more details to follow	
Wed 26 June	Y1	Green class assembly	
Thur 27 June	Y1	Blue class assembly	
Wed 3 July	Reception and Y1	Transition morning no 1: Children to meet their new September class and teacher. Reception children to be brought to Gothic Road at drop off – more details to follow	
Thu 4 July	Reception and Y1	Transition morning no 2: Children to meet their new September class and teacher. Reception children to be brought to Gothic Road at drop off – more details to follow	
Thu 4 July	Y2	Children to meet their new September class and teacher	
Thu 4 July	Y1 and Y2	Y1 Disco from 4.45 - 5.45 pm Y2 Disco from 6.00 - 7.00 pm Discos (information for Reception to follow)	
Fri 5 July	All	Sports morning	
Thu 11 July	Y2	Children to meet their Y5 buddies	
Tue 16 July	Y2	Scarlet class Curriculum visit to The Stockyard	
Wed 17 July	Y2	Orange class Curriculum visit to The Stockyard	
Wed 17 July	Y2	Scarlet class assembly	
Thur 18 July	Y2	Orange class assembly	
Fri 19 July	All	Reserve Sports morning	
JUNIOR ONLY DATES			
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly	
Thu 20 June	Y6	6D class assembly	
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	

Tues 25 June	Y6	Rest day for Y6 pupils and staff
Thu 27 June	Y6	Hamlet Workshop
Mon 1 July	Y6	Richmond Borough Secondary Transition Day
Tues 2 July	Y3, Y4, Y5	Y3 Disco from 4.45 - 5.45 pm Y4 Disco from 6.00 - 7.00 pm Y5 Disco from 7.15 - 8.15 pm
Thu 4 July	Y6	Visit to Orange Tree Theatre
Thu 4 July	Y6	Disco from 7.15 - 8.15 pm
Fri 12 July	All	Sports Morning
Fri 19 July	All	Reserve Sports morning
Tues 23 Jul	Y6	Leavers' Assembly at 9.00 am