



Newsletter

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Autumn 2, Week 8

This week

Children born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21

If you have a child born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21 you need to apply for a place for he/she to start in Reception in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.** You need to apply even if you already have an older child attending Trafalgar Schools.

Y2 Children

Parents/Carers of children in Y2 need to apply for a place for their child to move to Trafalgar Junior School in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is 15 January 2025**
Although this is just a formality, all families must complete the form.

EYFS Reading Books

This week your child will receive their first 'phonics reading book.'

The children will have already read the book 3 times at school, focussing on phonics sounds and blending.

All phonics books will be sent home on a Friday, and we ask that you read with your child every day and write at least 1 comment in their reading record book a week.

Please ensure you keep your child's book and reading record in their book bag as we will continue to read it with the children in school.

Year 3 Reading Workshop

We will be holding a reading workshop on Friday 15 November in the KS1 hall at 9.15am. The aim of this workshop is to explain our approach to reading in Y3 and share our new exciting reading books with parents.

BBC 500 Words Competition

A reminder that the BBC 500 Word Competition deadline is tomorrow. If your child wrote theirs over the half-term break, then all details of how to enter can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

We also invited families to send their typed stories into school so we can print and share them among the pupils. If you would like to do this, simply email the school office your child's story by the end of tomorrow, Friday 8 November. Please note - ours is a celebration of storytelling, not a competition, and is open to all ages.

Harvest

Thank you for all your donations for Harvest for KS2. These were very much appreciated.

Christmas Lunch

Please look out on Monday 11 November for an announcement the date for the Christmas lunch.

Message from Caterlink

We are carrying out our annual pupil survey to assist us in improving our catering service to our customers and we would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at Trafalgar Schools Federation.

To complete the survey please either scan the QR code below or go to the link.


Please note for question 3 - "How often do you have a school lunch" – the only option for parents to click on is 'Every Day'.

We would ask that all responses are completed by 30 November.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLKQLHJ>

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Mon 11 Nov	All	Anti-Bullying Week	
Thu 14 Nov	All	Fraser Portraits – more details to follow	
Thu 6 March	All	World Book Day	
Fri 14 March	All	Red Nose Day	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Thurs 28 Nov	Y2	Scooter training – more details to follow	
Thurs 6 Feb	Y2	Visit to Strawberry Hill House	
KS2 DATES			
Fri 15 Nov	Y3	Reading workshop	
Thur 21 Nov	4HB	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Wed 11 Dec	Y3 and Y4	Nativity Performance at All Saints Church at 9.15 am	
Tues 17 Dec Wed 18 Dec	Y5 and Y6	Pantomime (early eves time tbc)	
Thus 30 Jan	6WS	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Tues 4 Feb	Y5 and Y6 Choir	Young Voices at the O2	
Thur 27 Feb	5S	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 6 Mar	4P	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 20 Mar	5AJ	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 27 Mar	3I	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 8 May	4M	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Fri 16 May – Sun 18 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall – meeting to be held in Spring term and a letter to go out	
Thur 12 June	5B	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 19 June	6D	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Fri 20 June – Mon 23 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	
Thur 26 June	3J	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	

COMMUNITY

Mental Elf Festive Fun Run

Mental Elf is coming to town! Richmond Borough Mind are excited to host our first 'Mental Elf' Festive Fun Run on Sunday 1st December 2024 at the beautiful Marble Hill Park in Twickenham.

Participants can choose to walk, run or jog up to 5k – the event is open to all abilities and ages; our doggie friends are welcome too! Mental Elf is a unique family-friendly event that focuses on bringing people together, not only to fundraise but to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing locally. It promotes the benefits of physical activity, connecting with people and doing something positive to help others while having fun. Festive fancy dress is strongly encouraged and there will be a prize for the best dressed participant and a medal will be given to everyone completing the run. There will be loads going on including a DJ, glitter face painting and goodie bags.

As a school, you will be only too aware of the benefits of exercise and fresh air, and the growing problem we have in Richmond with young people's mental health. Did you know Richmond has the 4th worst youth wellbeing score in London. We want to change this and **WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

See attached flyer.