



Trafalgar Newsletter

6th September 2024



Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to our Trafalgar Community Infant School new and returning parents/carers and children. We look forward to an exciting Autumn term 2024 with your children.

This first Newsletter covers key health and safety issues and some school procedures information.



A reminder that we can also be found on Facebook. We hope that this will be another means of communicating with you and the wider public, as well as celebrating our successes and the brilliant work of the children here. Please follow us by liking our [Facebook](#) page. We are also going to be resuming new starter tours this term, for parents/carers who are looking at schools for their Reception child from September 2025. Please spread the word amongst friends and family.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Specific Allergies

If your child has a severe allergy or condition that requires urgent action, please ensure you have brought this to the attention of either Miss Hickie or your child's class teacher. It may be necessary for our SENCO, Mrs Edgal, to produce a 'Care Plan' so that we are all clear about how best to support the need.

Medication in School



If your child does have an inhaler, an epipen or any life-saving medication in school, it is your responsibility to ensure that it is kept in date, and is in school each term. Please ask at the School Office for access to the medication to check this if necessary.

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for this week has been:

'Welcome Back'

and for next week will be:

Our Core Values at Playtimes

Health & Safety in the Playground



Please remember that you and your children must dismount bikes or scooters when coming into the school grounds. All bikes and scooters must be parked carefully in the bike shelter near the pedestrian gate. This is to prevent unnecessary incidents as many parents have toddlers, babies and buggies.

Please also note that no children are to be left unattended in the playground before school without a responsible adult and we would ask that you do not arrive too early on the playground for the start of your child's school day. School gates will open at 8.40am.



For those of you who have a dog, please do not tie them to the school gates or railings, even in the car park. May we respectfully remind you that dogs, including those being carried in arms, are not to be brought onto the school site. Whilst we can see this is a dilemma, we all know that some dogs are not always predictable and the procedure at Trafalgar is that it is better to be safe than sorry.



May I also remind you that, in accordance with the signs up around our premises, smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school site at any time. This includes e-cigarettes and vapourisers.

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

September
2nd INSET day. School closed to the children
3rd INSET day. School closed to the children
4th First day of Autumn term for the children

October
11th Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic
25th 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
28th-1st Nov Half term break

November
6th 4-7pm Parent Consultations
12th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
13th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
15th Children in Need

December
10th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
11th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
13th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
17th FTS Pantomime treat
20th Last Day of Term
23rd - 3rd Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2025

January 2025
6th Spring Term begins

The School Office



The School Office is efficiently managed by Ms Dendy, Bursar, Mrs Bauldry, School Admin Assistant and Mrs Tilley, School Secretary between **8.45am-3.45pm from Monday to Friday**. They are available to help you with any queries you may have. Please contact them via telephone 01403 254925 or email to office@trafalgarinfant.com.

School Uniform



The children have returned to school looking very smart. They are a credit to the Trafalgar community, thank you. We believe that wearing school uniform gives a positive image of the school as well as a sense of belonging for the children. As we approach the colder months, the sections below act as a reminder of what the children of Trafalgar wear for the autumn and winter. We appreciate your co-operation in supporting us with this.

Uniform

Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore dress

White shirt with collar or white polo shirt

Dark green sweatshirt or jumper

Dark green, grey or black socks

In winter, dark green, navy, grey or black tights are optional

In summer a green and white checked dress is optional

A waterproof coat

A sun cap

A green book bag

Footwear

Black, brown or navy shoes in a suitable style (e.g. no open toed sandals)

PE kit

Green shorts; White t shirt; Dark green, navy, grey or black tracksuit bottoms

Trainers or plimsolls with Velcro or elastic unless the child can tie laces independently

A named, drawstring P.E. bag which can be kept in school

Hair and Jewellery

Longer hair should be kept tied back, away from the face

Jewellery should not be worn.

If worn, earrings should be studs only and should be taken out for P.E. days. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped over with medical tape by parents on P.E. days.

If you wish to purchase branded items with the school logo on, they can be ordered from the School Office. **Please ensure all items are named.**

Labelling of SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please, please remember to label your child's school clothes - in particular PE kits, coats, jumpers and cardigans.

With our Reception children still mastering the school routine, it would be incredibly helpful if every item was clearly named so that items are easily identifiable. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please come and look in the blue lost property 'bin' if your child has mislaid anything. Unnamed items that have not been claimed are regularly recycled.

Healthy Snacks



As you may be aware there is increasing concern nationally about rising rates of obesity and related health problems in children. At Trafalgar we encourage children to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break time (although we do recognise that we need a balanced diet).

Please also be aware that products containing nuts could be a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please avoid giving your child anything containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Please remember



A polite reminder that due to food allergies, we do not allow children to hand out special occasion treats from the classroom after school.

Communication



This is simply to remind new and existing parents that we believe effective communication is one of the keys to a successful school. In order to resolve any issues, worries or queries you may have about your child's learning or behaviour, your first port of call is your child's class teacher. Should there be a need to set up an informal meeting with your class teacher, this will be at a mutually agreeable time and can be arranged by calling in after school or phoning the School Office. If the query is complex and needs more time, the Year Group Leader will be involved after the first meeting if necessary. If the problem still is not resolved, the Deputy Headteacher or the Headteacher will become involved.

Therefore, to summarise:

- Stage One** Class Teacher + Parent/Carer
- Stage Two** Team Leader + Class Teacher + Parent/Carer
- Stage Three** Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher + Class Teacher + Parent/Carer

Appointments can be made by telephoning the School Office between the hours of **8.45am** and **3.45pm**.

Reception: Mrs Cotton - Team Leader / Deputy Headteacher
Mole, Miss Risby & Mrs Lung - Class Teachers
Rabbit, Miss Carne - Class Teacher

Year One: Mouse, Ms Bowles - Team Leader & Mrs Abbruzzese - Class Teacher
Otter, Miss Barrass - Class Teacher
Squirrel, Mrs Lucas - Class Teacher

Year Two: Badger, Mrs Wallace - Class Teacher
Deer, Miss Power - Team Leader
Fox, Mr Hallett - Class Teacher

PPA cover: Mrs Duffell-Canham, Mrs Edgal, Mrs Gal-Bukolyi and Mrs Knapp may also teach your child at certain times in the school year as they cover classes while the main class teacher has Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA)

Mrs Edgal, Inclusion Leader

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term:

2nd Sept - 20th Dec 2024

- Half Term 28th Oct - 1st Nov
- Christmas break 23rd Dec 2024 - 3rd Jan 2025

Spring Term:

6th Jan - 4th April 2025

- Half Term 17th - 21st Feb
- Easter break 7th April - 21st April

Summer Term:

22nd April - 22nd July 2025

- Half Term 26th - 30th May

- Monday, 2nd Sept 2024
- Tuesday, 3rd Sept 2024
- Monday, 24th Feb 2025
- Monday, 2nd June 2025
- Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

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Climbing Equipment in the School Playground



We realise how tempting they are, but please may we remind you **not** to let your child, or siblings, climb on the colourful metal trim trail near Otter Class, or the wooden ship playground area before and after school.

The school cannot take responsibility for any accidents that occur before or after the school day and the first aider team are not on duty at these times.

Fire Drill



Each term the children experience a fire drill to ensure they all know how to vacate the school building quickly and safely should an emergency occur. For the first drill of a new school year, the teachers and children know that it is a drill and not a real fire. Therefore, don't be surprised if your child tells you about the loud fire bells and having to leave the classroom quickly and in silence. During the forthcoming terms, children are not always forewarned and learn to demonstrate their understanding of what to do in an emergency.

Still time to complete the Summer Reading Challenge!



This year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers is available in libraries until **Saturday 14 September**. There is still plenty of time to pop into your local library to collect your certificate and medal and tell them about all the lovely books you've been reading over the summer! You can save time by filling out the [Finisher Form](#) before you visit - please complete one per child.

Or, if you haven't yet registered, there's still time to sign up and join in with some reading. Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge, your local library and more on the [West Sussex Libraries website](#).



Did you know....?

"Evidence suggests that children who *read for enjoyment every day* not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures."

(<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

- Set aside some time this week to read the **reading section of our school website:** <https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk/web/english/176619>
- Make a resolution to **spend at least 10 minutes every day** reading a story (or chapter of a story) to your child/children.