



# Trafalgar Newsletter

## Special Events:

### February

- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Half term break  
19<sup>th</sup> INSET Day (school closed to the children)  
20<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
Year 1 Dinosaur Museum visit (in school)  
28<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm Parent Consultations (Whole School)  
29<sup>th</sup> Let's Get Creative

### March

- 6<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations (Whole School)  
7<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations (Whole School)  
12<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
9.15am Maths Workshop in the Hall  
18<sup>th</sup> African Drumming Workshop  
19<sup>th</sup> 9.45am YR Performance to Parent/Carers  
20<sup>th</sup> 9.45am YR Performance to Parent/Carers  
21<sup>st</sup> Spring Term Open Afternoon  
25<sup>th</sup> Navy Class  
26<sup>th</sup> Woodland Time  
27<sup>th</sup> Sky Class Woodland Time  
28<sup>th</sup> Turquoise Class Woodland Time  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar-12<sup>th</sup> Apr Easter holidays

### April

- 15<sup>th</sup> Return to school

## Healthy Snacks/No Nuts



Please can we remind parents/carers to provide their child with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to bring to school eat day e.g. an apple, banana, carrots, cucumber, tomato, bread sticks, rice cakes. The NHS also provide a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable for each child daily, which they will get at another point in the day.

Chocolate biscuits, bars, cakes, and crisps are not an acceptable healthy snack and should not be brought into school as a snack.

A reminder 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. Thank you.



Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Staying Safe Online



We regularly speak to the children about online safety and what to do if they come across something worrying online. A reminder to please check the parental controls on all devices used at home and to ensure your child is playing age appropriate games.

The NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>) offers lots of support and guidance on how to keep children safe online. Purple Mash is our computing scheme and it is a safe and secure online learning platform for the children to access at home and school. Your child has their own individual username and password. If you require a reminder of this, then please ask your child's class teacher.

Please also find attached to this Newsletter a really useful guide for parents/carers to set up parental controls on devices.

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Assembly to be led by  
Jon White, Pastor  
Trafalgar Road Baptist Church



## Attendance Update

Highest Class  
Attendance for this week  
goes to:

Lime Green – 97.06%

Whole School Attendance is  
95.20%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 91.6% across all schools in the week commencing 11 December 2023. The absence rate was, therefore, 8.4% across all schools.

## Lip Balm



A number of children have started bringing lip balm into school. Unfortunately, due to potential allergies we would ask that these are not flavoured or shared between children, due to the spreading of germs.

We would be grateful if you could remind your child that if they have a lip balm for chapped or sore lips they must be the only person to use it at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Year 2 DT



Thank you to those Year 2 families who have already contributed £1.00 towards the ingredients for Year 2 pizza making.

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late and your donation would be greatly appreciated.

You can do so by handing £1.00 in to the Class Teacher or School Office in a named envelope or alternatively pay by card at the School Office. Thank you in advance.

## Let's Get Creative – Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024



If you are free on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February in the morning and feel you could come into school to help with any of the exciting activities on offer, then we would greatly welcome parent/carer/grandparent/governor helpers to assist with these creative activities. In previous terms, our art activities have included painting, weaving, baking, nature led art, printing with ink, collage, sock puppet making and following the work of some inspirational Artists. The purpose of our 'Let's get Creative' morning is to inspire all of our children to embrace their creativity and express themselves through art.

If you are able to come in and volunteer please contact the School Office at [office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com). We would love to see you in school however, I'm afraid we cannot guarantee that you will be working with your own child.

Miss Risby  
Art Co-ordinator

## Transferring to Junior School in September 2024



A reminder that **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January is the National closing date for starting school and transfer to junior school applications.** It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to ensure your application is received by The Pupil Admission Team on time. In case of technical issues we strongly recommend you apply online. Please visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions) if you haven't already done so.

## Farah's Fund Raising Success



Following Farah's fund raising success at the end of last term, with the monies spent, she was able to create gift boxes for all Year 2 classes, including pens, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, craft supplies and books. Thank you Farah!

## Parent/Carer English Workshop (and Maths Workshop coming up!)



Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the English workshop in school yesterday morning. We hope you found it helpful. For those of you interested, but unable to attend, the presentation from the session has been posted on Google Classroom. To access the information please join the 'English Workshop 11.01.24' classroom via your child's Trafalgar Google Classroom account using code: **khaim56**.

It's not too late to book onto the **Maths Workshop** which will be led by Mrs Brown on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am** in the School Hall. Please contact the School Office at [office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com) to book your place.

## Term Dates 2023/2024

### Autumn Term:

1 Sept - 15 Dec 2023

- Half Term 23 - 27 Oct
- Christmas break 18 Dec - 1 Jan 2024

### Spring Term:

2 Jan - 28 March 2024

- Half Term 12 - 16 Feb
- Easter break 29 March - 12 April

### Summer Term:

15 April - 23 July 2024

- Half Term 27 - 31 May

- Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023
- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023
- Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024
- Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

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## 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. 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, as the staggered starts are to reduce the risks of spreading germs.



For those of you who have a dog, please do not tie him or her to the school gates or railings. 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.



A final reminder 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. Please also avoid smoking near the school gates and staff car park.



### Did you know....?

Steven Spielberg (the American film director, producer, and screenwriter) said: "Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."

What do you think?

### Challenge(s) of the week...

- **Sit down as a family and each write down/draw a story that you love**, and then do a 'show and tell' with each other about why they chose that story.
- **Play 'word bingo'!** Work with your child to help them to write down a handful of words they think they might come across in the story. Write your own list of the same amount of words. Share a story together. If/when you come across those words, cross them out on your piece of paper. Who can 'catch' all their words the quickest?