



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

May
29th-2nd June Half Term break

June
5th INSET day. School closed to the children
7th Y2 Summer Trip

July
3rd Year R Sports Morning
7th Y1 Sports Morning
10th Y1 Summer Trip
Y2 Sports Morning
11th Y2 Summer Performance - Ruby class (all surnames) and Poppy class (A-M surnames)

12th Y2 Summer Performance - Cherry class (all surnames) and Poppy class (N-Z surnames)
15th Reserve Sports Morning
20th Y2 Leavers' Parties
21st Last Day of Term

Sept
1st INSET day. School closed to the children
4th INSET day. School closed to the children
5th First day of term for the children

Oct

Nov

Dec
1st Influenza Vaccination Day

Half Term Break



On behalf of the Trafalgar community, we wish you all a very happy and healthy half term break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, 6th June 2022.

Please remember that Monday, 5th June is an INSET day and school is closed to the children.

Staff News – Welcome!



As you are aware, Miss Green is leaving Trafalgar School at the end of this term, and Miss Hickie will be the full time Headteacher from the 1st September 2023. As a result, we have recruited a new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Cotton, to work four days per week in our school. Mrs Edgal, our SENCO, will continue to be the DHT on one day per week.

Mrs Cotton is an experienced teacher, having taught both in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and KS1 (Key Stage 1 - Year 1 and Year 2) in different schools and nurseries in West Sussex and London. She has also been an EYFS Ofsted inspector, and is Forest School trained. She is currently the Headteacher at another (smaller) school in West Sussex.

Mrs Cotton will be coming to Trafalgar during the Summer 2 term to meet the children and staff and hopefully see some of you on the school gate! We will let you know in advance when she is due in, so that you can pop to say hello to her on the gate, if you wish to.

Miss Green and Miss Hickie
Co-Headteachers and Designated
Safeguarding Leads

26th May 2023

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for our first week back will be:

Child Safety Week



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week goes to:

Cherry Class – 99.37%

Whole School Attendance is 94.73%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

Latest figures from DfE by participating schools nationwide are:

The attendance rate was 92.8% across all schools in the week commencing **1 May 2023**. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.2% across all schools.

INSET Days at 2023/2024



For your advance notice, please see below a reminder of the proposed Inset Days for the 2023/2024 academic year.

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

Scooters/Bikes & Lost Property



Please ensure that all bikes and scooters are taken home this afternoon, as any left in school may be recycled. Please also come and look in the blue lost property 'bin', which is incredibly full currently, if your child has mislaid anything as all unnamed items will be recycled.

There are often very good quality items in lost property and we urge you to seek out your lost goods. The habit will also help the children begin to learn the value of taking care of possessions and not always replenishing old with new! The 'bin' is always available outside the school office should you want to come in and reclaim your property.

Please, please can we also reiterate how important it is that bikes, scooters and helmets are named, along with all items of clothing.



Message from Mr Warbis, Parent Governor

As the children and staff look forward to the May half term break, the governors have come together several times in recent weeks for our Full Governing Board meeting, discussions over assets and resources as well as meetings over potential presentations from potential MATs (Multi Academy Trusts). All of which have been extremely positive and encouraging.

We would like to thank our wonderful children for their hard work throughout this half term. It was been a privilege to visit the school recently and see the children engaging so confidently in their learning. The enthusiasm, passion and commitment from all of them was fantastic to witness. Every child has contributed to the school's continued success and they should all feel very proud of their achievements.

We would also like to thank Miss Green and Miss Hickie as well as all of the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the children. The staff continue to work incredibly hard to ensure that all the children can achieve their best. This includes not only the teachers and learning assistants who work in the classrooms but also the office staff, premises officer, volunteers, support workers, catering and cleaning staff and we would like to thank them for their efforts.

It is also important we recognise and thank our supportive parents and carers. It has been positive to see the school's partnership with parents and carers strengthen over the last couple of years and this has really helped to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children. In what is always a busy last half term, we would like to thank you in advance for the support of the many school events taking place and your presence at them. You send out a hugely important message to your children about how important the school is by attending these events, whether it be the impending school fair, sports day or the next steps in your child's phase of learning.

We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy half term.

Keith Warbis, Parent Governor

Message from Sarah Brockhurst, Chair of Governors



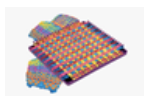
There have been some changes to the Governing Body over the last few months. Two governors, Connie Ridout and Emma Slade, have unfortunately left the governing body. We are very grateful for all Connie and Emma have done and the positive impact their contributions have had on the children and school. We are also pleased to share that Sally Bell recently joined the Governing Body and that we are in the process of on-boarding 3 other governors in the next half term. If you have any questions or comments that you would like to share with the Governing Body, do contact me via the School Office.

Sarah Brockhurst, Chair of Governors

Sussex Greener Living - Repair and Rewild Roadshow



Let's Get Creative – Thursday, 29th June 2023



Our Let's Get Creative theme is 'King's Coronation'. If you are free on Thursday, 29th June 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 the with these creative activities. In previous years, 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. 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

'Repair and Rewild Roadshow' and 'Sociable Gardening'



The children enjoyed their time with Carrie and Morag and learned lots about what they can do at home with repairing, reusing and recycling to help look after the planet.

The day started with an assembly to introduce the Repair Cafe/Sussex Green Hub and the importance of not just throwing items away but trying to repair as much as possible by fixing broken toys, bikes and clothes before thinking of recycling or buying new.

Then the workshops began where the children were helping to start the process of rewilding our raised beds behind the huts and looking at the surrounding area and how it can be enhanced for wildlife. Or they were finding out more information from the ECO Float through looking at the eco garden and landscape - what can they see, introduction to composting, importance of growing food for humans and wildlife.

Pupil voice from year 1:

"I enjoyed digging and plant the plants." "We saw a big worm." - Amy

"I enjoyed planting the Forget Me Knots with Joshua. The bees like them because they have lots of pollen." - Ross

"The Eco truck goes to the recycling café and fix things. If they can't fix things they make it into something else." - Stanley

"I love the raking when I was making the soil flat for the plants." - Harry

"I loved walking around outside and finding out more facts about plants." - Charlie

"I loved planting my plant with Lola and digging the hole for the roots to grow in." - Ethan

"I loved learning outside and looking at the different plants in the garden, I found lots of snails!" - Lola

A reminder that each Wednesday afternoon, after half term, from 2.30pm Morag will be holding 'Sociable Gardening' sessions to maintain the flower beds and everyone is welcome to come along and help!

Please email or call the School Office to confirm what dates you can attend.

Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term:

1 Sept - 16 Dec 2022

- Half Term 24 -28 Oct
- Christmas break 19 Dec - 2 Jan

Spring Term:

3 Jan - 31 March 2023

- Half Term 13-17 Feb
- Easter break 3-14 April

Summer Term:

17 April-21 July 2022

- Half Term 29 May - 2 June

Inset Days for the 2022/2023 academic year.

- Thursday, 1st September
- Friday, 2nd September
- Monday, 31st October
- Monday, 20th February
- Monday, 5th June

Advance notice of the Inset Days planned for the 2023/2024 academic year.

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Trafalgar Extracts from Young Writers 'Little Riddlers 2022'

Please enjoy below two more of the poems that our Year 2 children have had published in the 2022 edition of 'Little Riddlers'.

'What Am I?' by Carson

I can run fast.
I can hear well.
I eat meat.
I drink water.
I am fluffy.
I like to sleep on anything,
What am I?

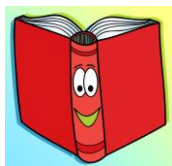
ANSWER: A CHEETAH

'What Am I?' by Hugo

My coat is woolly.
M coat is white.
I eat grass.
I live in a field.
I am fluffy.
I have four legs.
What am I?

ANSWER: A SHEEP

Year 2 Farewells Books 2023



Please remember that any Year 2 Farewell Book contributions and messages need to be handed in by Wednesday, 7th July at the latest. If you require a duplicate 'Year 2 Farewell Book' letter (the original of which would have come home via your child/children), please don't hesitate to contact the School Office.



Class Photos

You should by now have received two class photo proofs via your child's bookbag/teacher. To benefit from free delivery back to school you need to have ordered by **Thursday, 8th June**.

A reminder that **no orders are to be returned to school this time** but can be made either on-line (www.photoprinting.co.uk) or by post direct to JP Photographic Ltd. There are instructions on each proof sheet to guide you.



Did you know....?

Literature is probably the most powerful medium through which children have a chance to inhabit the lives of those who are like them. All children need to *imagine themselves as the main protagonist* in a story: celebrating a birthday, going shopping, being ill, having a tantrum, having their hair cut, worrying about a new sibling, being the superhero, going camping, visiting the seaside and having adventures.

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Get together as a family and **each orally retell a story about something that you did/saw this week**. Try to make the story as enthralling and gripping to your 'audience' as you can. Model excellent listening strategies and praise your child when they show good listening behaviours themselves. Discuss the 'rules' first: Can you interrupt to ask questions or comment, or will there be time for that at the end? Can you use props to retell the story or does it have to be words only?