



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

May	
27 th -31 st	Half Term break
June	
3 rd	INSET Day. School closed to the children
6 th	Year 1 Summer Trip
24 th	9.15am Reception Sports Morning
28 th	9.15am Year 1 Sports Morning & 1.30pm in the Rec
July	
1 st	9.15am Year 2 Sports Morning
9 th	9.30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
10 th	9.30am Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
11 th	3.15-4.00pm Open Afternoon
13 th	1-3pm FTS Summer Fair
23 rd	Last Day of Term

H&S - Sun Hats, Sun Cream and Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child brings a sun hat with them to school each day and has had sun cream applied **before** school. We can currently experience a whole season of weathers on the playground each day. Please also provide a freshly filled named water bottle each day, and be assured that should your child finish their water during the day, they are encouraged to re-fill it (should they come home with an empty water bottle).

Community Hub

A reminder that those children and families that are not eligible for Pupil Premium funding (FSM) are still able to access urgent support for food via the West Sussex County Council Community Hub.

The Community Hub can be contacted on **0330 222 7980**, and is open **09:00 - 17:00** seven days a week (except Bank Holidays, when they are open between **10:00 - 14:00**).

Further information can be found via the [West Sussex County Council website](#).

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Pollination Education Station (PES) – Still time to help us!



Thank you so much for all the donations so far towards the new Pollination Education Station that is going to be delivered to Trafalgar CI School as part of Horsham Green Spaces project... if you have anything else you can bring in before 23rd May it would still be greatly appreciated. **There will also be a stall at the end of the day on Thursday, 23rd up by the Reception gate where you will be able to buy wildlife houses and find out more about Horsham's Nature Corridors.**

We are still looking for: fir cones, bark, moss, twigs, small logs, bricks, tiles, sheep's wool, hollow plant material like bamboo, pheasants berry and maybe bull rushes.

Also, any plants to encourage pollinators e.g. thyme, sage, chives, marjoram, oregano too. Top soil/compost donations would also be very welcome.

Any donations or plants and materials you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Cotton
Deputy Headteacher

17th May 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Celebrating being Bilingual



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Turquoise Blue – 99.26%

Whole School Attendance is 94.86%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 92.8% across all schools in the week commencing 29 April 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.2%

'Celebrating being Bilingual'



It's not too late to join the 'Celebrating being Bilingual' session on Monday, 20th May between 2.00-3.15pm!

Please let the School Office know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

CoolMilk – Over 5s – Please Register for Milk



A reminder that once your child turns 5 years old, they will no longer be eligible for the free milk for under-5s scheme. However, if you would like your child to continue having milk delivered to school daily, once they have turned 5 years old, for a subsidised cost, you can register your child with CoolMilk direct via their website www.coolmilk.com or by telephone to 0800 321 3248.

Once you have registered your child, CoolMilk will let us know and their name will be added to the classroom list. Please note this does take a few days to process so the sooner you register them, the sooner they will start having milk again.

Reception Year – Bikeability Sessions



The Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed the last two weeks of Balance Bike training. They have learned to ride and control a balance bike by:

- pushing and gliding
- controlling and steering, being aware of their surroundings and sharing space with others
- stopping safely

The children showed good control and speed during the honey beehive game, relay races, Grandma's footsteps and follow the leader.

Some comments from the children include:

"I went really fast!"

"I got 6 honey points."

"I put my feet down to stop."

"I wear a helmet to keep my head safe."

"I had lots of fun!"

"It makes me tired. I used my muscles. I am really strong."

A big thank you to the West Sussex Instructors who spent the last two weeks with us.

Reception Year Team



Messy Church Celebrating Pentecost Tuesday, 28th May 2024

Join the Messy Church Celebrating Pentecost for Fun Activities, Food & Fellowship.

Tuesday 28th May 2024

from 10:30am until 1:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Rusham's Road

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Places are restricted so sign up is essential and must include the names of all who are attending including accompanying responsible adults, children and infants. Please arrive promptly at 10.30 and be sure to make us aware of any food allergies. We look forward to seeing you at our Messy Church Celebrating Pentecost.

Numbers are limited so please book via the Holy Trinity Church website at <https://horshamteamparish.churchsuite.com/events/ga2hqzgw>.

Book now to avoid disappointment...

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

INSET Days

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

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Sports Days 2024



This year, Sports Day will be spread over three different dates. These will start at 9.15am and you are invited to come and cheer your children on.

Sports Day dates are:

Year R on Monday, 24th June

Year 1 on Friday, 28th June

Year 2 on Monday, 1st July

Reserve date: Friday, 5th July

Each year group will have their own Sports Day on the Trafalgar playground, split into 5 teams in each class. They will be competing in three different mini events 1) An obstacle course; 2) A hockey and tennis balancing course; 3) A target throwing/rolling (Reception) or a football/basketball dribble course. These will all require skills that the children have learnt over the course of the year in PE.

After the children have had lunch, we are hoping to compete in running races over in the Recreation ground, next to the school starting at 1.30pm. **This will be for Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day only.** You are again welcome to come and watch and cheer your child/ren on as each child will have two running races to compete in.

Mr Hallett
PE Co-ordinator



Did you know....?

Poetry can be a valuable tool in helping your child develop their reading:

“The predictability of rhymes in poems and songs also helps children to memorise and re-use newly acquired words and phrases.

Learning poetry and songs using ‘call and response’ allows children to join in gradually. Each repetition strengthens their vocabulary, embedding new words...

The cadence of the lines helps to convey the meaning and the mood. Children pick up the rhythm and, by speaking more slowly, gain awareness and control of their voices...it can also heighten children’s awareness of the individual sounds within words through alliteration, assonance and rhyme.”

(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...

Share some favourite poems with your child, and together, **select a poem that you will both try to learn by heart this week.**

Work together to learn the poem.

You could: repeat sections over and over, add actions, use picture prompts, chant it together on the way to school, or turn the poem into a song (you could make up your own or use a well-known tune (e.g. a nursery rhyme tune) and fit the words to that tune).

At the end of the week, perform the poem together!

Your child could even ask their teacher if they could perform it in school to their class.