



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

October

19th Trafalgar Day
22nd-26th Half Term break
29th INSET Day. School is closed for the children

November

7th 3.30-5.50pm Parent Consultations
12th 3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
15th 4.00-7.00pm Parent Consultations
23rd Flu Vaccinations

December

3rd 6.00pm Y2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4th 6.00pm Y2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
11th Y1 Performance to parents/carers
12th Y1 Performance to parents/carers
13th Open Afternoon

* new events that have been added since last Newsletter

Welcome Coffee Mornings



Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the 'meet and greet' sessions with myself and Mr Vose, our Chair of Governors. Here is a taste of some of the comments and questions that were raised.

"The home visits in YR are really helpful, and my child really liked the teacher coming to meet them at home."

"Since my older child moved into KS2, and I have my next child at Trafalgar, I can see that the National Curriculum has got more challenging."

"Is it possible to have a classroom opened again during some lunch plays so that the children have a quieter area to go into at lunch?" *Yes, we are hoping to reintroduce this in the next few weeks.*

"We hardly look at the school website because the newsletter is so detailed. The school communicates really well." *Did you know... that our newsletters are available on our school website? Take a look in 'School News' for our newsletters.*

"How do you plan your INSET days, as it is really helpful if Trafalgar has the same INSET days at Greenway Academy." *Yes, we completely agree with this, and we always try to get as many INSET days in line with Greenway Academy as possible. Look out for the 2019/2020 INSET dates coming soon on the newsletter and website!*

"It is sad that we have to be asked for Parental Contributions to help with the school budget, but we do not mind paying for it, as we know that it helps the school and the children."

"The Storysacks are a good resource for parents/carers to borrow to use with their child at home." *You can find more information about our Library and our Storysacks on the school website in 'Parent/Carers' in 'Our School Library'.*

19th October 2018

Assembly Themes

The assembly theme after half term will be:

Star the 'use your imagination' Unicorn Growth mindset story



"Can the FTS make clearer what the money for the FTS discos covers?" *Yes, this has been passed to the FTS.*

"My child speaks another language. Are there other children in the school who speak more than one language?" *Yes, and we are arranging our annual 'Celebrating being bilingual' parent workshop this term, so keep a look out for more information about this on our newsletter and website. This is a good opportunity for you to meet other families who are bilingual, and to see what the school can offer you and your child.*

If you have any comments or suggestions to make, then please do write a comment in the 'Visitor Comment book' by the School Office hatch, or email the School Office on office@trafaglarinfant.com. We also have plenty of useful information on our school website <https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk> so please take some time to look at this.



On behalf of the Trafalgar community, I wish you all a very happy and healthy half term break with the chance to enjoy the change of routine. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday, 30th October** for another exciting half term.

Miss Green, Headteacher

Staff News



We are sorry to inform you that our School Secretary, Mrs Churchill will be leaving Trafalgar Community Infant School on Friday, 19th October. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and we wish her all the very best for the future.

We look forward to welcoming Ms Penticost to our team as School Secretary on Tuesday, 30th October.

Freddie and Finley



Thank you to all the children who put forward suggestions for names for our new goldfish.

Last Friday afternoon during Celebration Assembly, suggested names were drawn and I can confirm our new fish are called Freddie (thank you to Finley for suggesting this name) and Finley (thank you to Henry for suggesting this name).

Parent Consultations – November 2018



Please remember to sign up for an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on either Wednesday, 7th November, Monday, 12th November or Thursday, 15th November via the on-line booking system at <http://trafalgarschool.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. Please contact the School Office if you require help to book an appointment on your behalf.

Individual School Photo Orders

Please remember that all school photo orders and payments must be returned to the School Office by **Thursday, 1st November**.

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 art of changing for PE, it would be incredibly helpful if every item was clearly named so that items are easily identifiable. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Poppies will be available at the School Office after half term for a donation. Please encourage your children to support this charity to provide financial, social and emotional support to millions of people who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces and their dependants. If anyone is keen to know more about the work of the British Legion, they can be contacted on **0800 802 8080** or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Parent Governor Election



Mr Diamond has been elected Parent Governor. Many thanks to all those parents/carers who voted and to both Mr Diamond and Ms Hindess for standing.

Mr Diamond would like to say a personal thank you to the parents/carers who voted for him and is very much looking forward to his time as a parent governor.

Miss Green & Mr Vose
Headteacher Chair of Governors

Term Dates 2018-2019

Autum 2018

- Monday, 3rd September to Wednesday, 19th December
- Half term is: Monday, 22nd October - Friday, 26th October

Spring 2019

- Thursday, 3rd January to Friday, 5th April
- Half term is: Monday, 18th February - Friday, 22nd February
- Easter break is: Monday, 8th April to Monday, 22nd April (inclusive)

Summer 2019

- Tuesday, 23rd April to Tuesday, 23rd July
- Half term is: Monday, 27th May - Friday, 31st May

2018-2019 INSET Days

- Monday, 3rd Sept 2018
- Monday, 29th Oct 2018
- Friday, 15th Feb 2019
- Monday, 3rd June 2019
- Friday, 21st June 2019

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Year 1 - 'Walk in the Park'



On Monday, 15th October, Year 1 had a very exciting trip to Horsham Park. As part of their learning about evergreen and deciduous trees, plants, animals and birds, the children had the chance to see what they could name and identify around Horsham Park. They also put their sketching skills to good practise by choosing their favourite tree to sketch in the park.

"I really liked running through the maze and trying to get to the dragon in the middle!"

"We saw lots of ducks in the pond and we saw black coots."

"I liked seeing a seagull chasing a heron."

"We saw lots of deciduous trees. We know that because there were lots of leaves on the floor. The leaves are red and yellow."

All children and adults had a brilliant morning and the children were fantastic role models for Trafalgar school. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parent volunteers for their help and support on this trip.

Many thanks,

Miss Piper, Miss Barrass and Mr Hallett

Sussex Police Youth Safety & Intervention Team News

We have received some important information from Sussex Police which could help you to keep your child/ren safe online.

"Check out [Parent Zone's FREE parent guides](#) for information on all the latest websites, apps and digital trends. From live-streaming platform Twitch to popular online game Fortnite, they have covered what you need to know. Take a look at the expert advice."

Message from Rocketeers Childcare & Holiday Club



We have been continuing our Autumn theme this week making conker caterpillars and muddy cornflake cakes (with chocolate!), enjoying lots of arts and craft activities as the evenings get cooler and darker. We will be planning lots of exciting topics which continue this trend over half term, making the most of exciting special days like Bonfire Night and Diwali.

We will be open on the INSET day at St. John's Primary school for full day care offering 2 different length sessions, 7.30am - 6.00pm or 9.00am - 4.00pm, with activities all about Apples planned for a Harvest themed day of fun!

Don't forget that there is no minimum booking requirements and we take ad hoc sessions so we are here to service all childcare needs - even those last minute ones! We are also offering Greenway walkovers before and after school if you have any sibling requirements. Please get in touch on enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk if we can ever help at all.



Yummy!



Conkers and Googly Eyes!