



Trafalgar Newsletter

8th September 2023



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 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 2024. Please spread the word amongst friends and family.

Miss Hickie
Headteachers 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 Green, Miss Hickie or your child's class teacher. It may be necessary for our SENCO, Mrs Edgal, to enter into 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:

**Claws the 'curious' cat.
Growth mindset story.**

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. 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. Please also avoid smoking near the school gates.

Special Events:

September

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

October

13th Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic
20th 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
23rd-27th Half term break
30th INSET Day. School closed to the children

November

4th 4-7pm Parent Consultations
15th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
16th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
17th Children in Need

December

1st Influenza Vaccination Day
5th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
6th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
8th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
14th FTS Pantomime treat
15th Last Day of Term
18th-1st Jan Christmas break inclusive

January 2024

2nd Spring Term begins

The School Office



The School Office is efficiently managed by Ms Dendy, Bursar, Mrs Bauldry, 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 by all children 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.

Girls grey pinafore dress, skirt or grey trousers, white blouse/collar or polo neck; school sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or dark green cardigan; if tights are worn in the winter, they should be green, grey or black.

Boys grey shorts or trousers; grey or white shirt/collar or polo neck; school sweatshirt or dark green pullover; grey or black socks.

PE Kit green shorts with a white or school t-shirt. PE kit should be put in a drawstring bag, clearly named. Jewellery should not be worn and long hair tied back.

Suitable Footwear

Both boys and girls should at all times wear black, brown or navy shoes that are of a suitable style, except for PE lessons when all children should wear black plimsolls or trainers with elastic or Velcro fronts.

The following items can be purchased via the School Office:

Sweatshirts	Sweat cardigans	PE t-shirts
PE shorts	Safari caps	Gym bags
Water bottles	Bookbags	

Polar fleeces and showerproof fleeces can also be ordered from the School Office.

Please ensure all items are named.



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.

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.

No Nuts



Please 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. Thank you.

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: Turquoise, Ms Bowles - Team Leader/Senior Teacher / Mrs Abbruzzese
Sky, Miss Fisher / Miss Risby - Class Teachers
Navy, Miss Carne - Class Teacher

Year One: Emerald, Miss Barrass - Class Teacher
Lime, Mrs Lucas - Class Teacher
Jade, Miss Power - Team Leader/Senior Teacher

Year Two: Cherry, Mrs Yeomans / Mrs Cotton - Class Teachers
Poppy, Mrs Brown - Team Leader/Senior Teacher
Ruby, Mr Hallett - Class Teacher

PPA cover: Mrs Duffell-Canham, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Lung and Mrs Wallace 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)

Inclusion Team: Mrs Edgal, Inclusion Leader, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Knapp (pms) and Mrs Brooks

Term Dates 2022/2023

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:

16 April - 23 July 2024

- Half Term 27 - 31 May

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

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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).

Chocolate biscuit bars are not acceptable healthy snacks and should not be brought in to school for morning break time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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 Jade 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.

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.



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.