



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

February

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

March

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

April

- 15th Return to school

Visit from Ofsted

As you will be aware, Ofsted visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It was a busy couple of days for all staff and governors, and the children worked hard (as usual) and made us all very proud.

It was an ungraded inspection but we feel pleased with how it went and Ofsted will give us our report in around two months time. We will share this as soon as we receive it.

Thank you to those parent/carers who completed the Parent View questionnaire or spoke to the inspector, as your input will be used to inform the final judgement. We always value your thoughts and opinions to enable us to continually make improvements.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Year 1 – Visit from Horsham Museum



Thanks to the generosity of a number of our Year 1 parent/carers who made inflated voluntary donations, we have now reached the **100%** figure meaning the visit will definitely go ahead.

This really will be a wonderful experience for our Year 1s!

Year 1 Team

Advance Notice: Summer Trips



A reminder that each year group tends to do one school trip in the summer term linked to the topic, which costs in the region of £25 per child. We feel it's useful to give families warning about this additional cost well in advance, particularly if you have siblings also in our school.

Trip letters will start to go home later this term.

2nd February 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Monday's Assembly will be led by Pastor Jon White from Horsham Baptist church.



Our School Assemblies this week will be linked to Children's Mental Health Week and our theme of feeling proud and sharing our thoughts and feelings with others.

Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Lime Green – 100%

Whole School Attendance is 94.77% (National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.4% across all schools in the **week commencing 8 January 2024**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.6% 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 - Design & Technology (DT)

During DT Year 2 have been testing ingredients for pizzas and even created our own! First, we chose what base we would like. Next, we added our chosen ingredients and cooked them! The children said:

"This is delicious, thanks for letting us make pizza."

"Nice and tasty."

What would you do differently next time?

"Make it bigger!"

How many stars out of 5 would you give it?

"Infinity."

Mrs Brown and the Year 2 Team



Children's Mental Health Week 2024



Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. We want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

At Trafalgar, during this week we will be celebrating all the things that make us proud and how we can share our ideas and feelings with others.

Use this link to find out more about activities that can be done at home:
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

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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New Year 2 Classroom Rugs



Poppy and Cherry classes are enjoying their new classroom rugs thanks to donations from the FTS and parent/carer voluntary donations. **Thank you everyone!**



World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March**, and we hope you will join us as we come together to encourage every child in the school to be a reader and love books.

To celebrate World Book Day, we are:

- Inviting the children to come into school on 7th March 2024, **dressed up as their favourite book character for a £1.00 voluntary donation (which can be cash via the classroom or by card at the School Office)**. You can find lots of creative ideas at worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas.
- The FTS will be running a second-hand book sale.
- Inviting the children to **bring in a (named) book from home** to share with a friend/their class.
- Inviting families and caregivers to **share a photograph of someone in the family reading a favourite story that we can display in our Library**.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day with you. Don't forget to put Thursday, 7th March in your diaries!



Did you know....?

"Comprehension does not refer to reading itself but, rather, to the way in which we *make sense of* words, sentences and the wider language we hear or read."

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_k_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Share a book with your child that they have not read/heard before. Before you read it, what do they think it will be about from the front cover/title/blurb?

If it is a book with pictures, show them one picture, and make up a story that could go with the picture; then choose another and ask them to do the same.

If the book has no pictures, after reading the first chapter, ask your child if they could retell that chapter for a younger child by drawing pictures to tell the story.