



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

May
6th Bank Holiday
7th Book Fair in School
8th Year 2 Summer Trip
Book Fair in School
9th Book Fair in School
17th Class Photos
27th-31st Half Term break

June
3rd INSET Day. School closed to the children
6th Year 1 Summer Trip
24th Reception Sports Morning
28th Year 1 Sports Morning

July
1st Year 2 Sports Morning
9th Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
10th Year 2 Performance to Parent/Carers
11th 3.15-4.00pm Open Afternoon
13th 1-3pm FTS Summer Fair
23rd Last Day of Term



Please remember that **Monday, 6th May is the Early May Bank Holiday** and school will be closed that day. We hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday, 7th May**.

Please also remember to join us at the Book Fair after school on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday next week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Cool Milk

For your advance notice, we have been advised by the Cool Milk Dairy Team that unfortunately, due to strict routing schedules the dairy will be unable to deliver milk on our first day back after the May Bank Holidays. Therefore, the children won't receive milk on Tuesday, 7th May.

Pollination Education Station (PES) – Can you help us?



A 'Pollination Education Station' is going to be delivered to Trafalgar CI School before half term as part of Horsham Green Spaces project (please see attached documents for more information) and Mrs Cotton will be recruiting the help of some children to prepare it and plant some pollinating plants.

Please can we ask for your help with donations of the following items to fill the bug hotel: 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.

3rd May 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Story Telling Week



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Jade Green – 97.69%

Whole School Attendance is 95.19%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.3% across all schools in the week commencing 15th April 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.7% across all schools.

Reception Year Summer Trip



Reception Year Trip to Bocketts Farm 2024

On Tuesday 30th April, the Reception children had their first school trip. We were all very excited to be going to Bocketts Farm on a coach!

We had a lovely day, meeting 'Carrot' the cow, feeding the sheep and goats and saying hello to 'Bonnie' and 'Vanilla' the horses. We also stroked 'Bolt' and 'Bubbles' the rabbits (who were very sleepy!) and 'Masie' and 'Cashew' the guinea pigs.

We had a bumpy tractor ride and could see London in the distance from the top of the hill!

It was great fun watching the pig race. We shouted really loudly and waved flags to cheer them on! The winning pig was 'Alison Gammond'!

Finally, we climbed and chased each other, slid down the tall slides and jumped high on the trampolines.

Some of us might have had a snooze on the way back on the coach!

All the children were so well behaved and were a real credit to the school. We were very proud of them and the Bocketts Farm Farmers were very impressed with them all.

Thank you so much to the parents who came along to help us and the children. We thoroughly enjoyed our day out. Look out for more photos on our Facebook page next week from the farm trip!

Pupil voice about 'favourites part of the day' from Reception Year:

"Seeing the pig race and the goats and lambs."

"I liked the pig race and the lambs."

"Stroking the rabbit, the guinea pig and seeing the lambs and seeing the donkey!"

"My favourite part was seeing 'Carrot' the cow."

"Feeding the goats, it was tickly."

The EYFS team

Health & Safety in the Playground



Please remember that the children remain the responsibility of their grown-ups until they are handed over to a member of staff at the classroom door each morning and should not be left unattended. 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 and we do not have first aiders readily available at the beginning of the day as teachers and support staff are in school setting up for the children's arrival.

Please remember that you and your children must also 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.

During the Summer term particularly, there are often before and after school clubs taking place on the playground. Therefore, we would ask that you do not arrive too early for the start of your child's school day and that you arrive on time to collect your child at the end of the day and leave the playground promptly. It is important that we are able to close the pedestrian gate at the end of the day to keep any children still on site safe and senior leaders often need to be able to get back into school for meetings. Your co-operation and support with this would be greatly appreciated.

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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Walk to School Week – 20th-24th May 2024



Walking to school is a brilliant way to get active and healthy - without even realising you are exercising. There are lots of ways you can make your walk to school fun! Look out for all the things that you miss while travelling in the car - why not take a photo of them too. If you truly live miles and miles from the school, you can perhaps park a little further from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Message from Leigh Waring, Co-Opted Governor



As we enter May, Spring is in the air and Summer's not far off on the wind, and it's a nice reminder to look back at progress made and the promise of what's still to come.

As part of the Pupil Progress Committee, I've had the opportunity of getting to see the children of Trafalgar Community Infant School learning in thriving environments, and then embedding that learning across all of their education. Having had the chance to walk around and observe lessons, see the interactions and have a particularly and deservedly proud child (or two!) explain the 'what', the 'why' and the 'who' behind their projects, it's been a warming reminder of their capacity for learning.

I've also had the pleasure of spending some time with Mrs Cotton, the Deputy Headteacher, to better understand how Trafalgar Community Infant School monitors progress and uses the data to shape the ongoing strategy for the school. This helps us as a Governing Board to understand what's going well, what learning can be applied to other areas and what, if any, changes can be made to further enhance the desired outcomes for the children and the school.

Lastly, I'd like to wish all those who have recently found out they'll be joining us at Trafalgar in the Autumn a warm welcome. Trafalgar truly is a community school and looks forward to welcoming you into the fold.

Leigh Waring, Co-Opted Governor



Did you know....?

"Sharing books with young children is not about 'teaching them to read' - it's about *helping them to discover that books are exciting and fun.*

It feeds their imagination (and interests) ... In this way, we can help our children to learn to read because they want to, not because they have to."

(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/cbeebiesgrownups/entries/c9586462-b2c7-3a75-ae43-fafee243512b>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Spend time with your child discussing what they like to read and why, and what they like to read *about* and why.

Share your own reading preferences and habits.

Visit the library (or the Trafalgar Digital Library, from home) to find more resources which match their reading interests and preferences.