



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

Autumn Term 2024

November

4 th	Return to school
6 th	4-7pm Parent Consultations
12 th	Flu Vaccination Day 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
13 th	3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
15 th	Children in Need

December

10 th	Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
11 th	Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
13 th	FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
17 th	FTS Pantomime treat
20 th	Last Day of Term
23 rd - 3 rd	Jan Christmas break

Spring Term 2025

January 2025

6 th	Spring Term begins
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February

17 th -21 st	Half Term break
24 th	INSET Day (school closed to the children)

March

April

7 th -21 st	Easter holidays
22 nd	Summer term begins

Voluntary Contributions



A very big thank you to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to Trafalgar CI School fund. It is very much appreciated.

We have received a total of £670 so far and this will go towards additional items for the sensory room (the majority of this project is being funded by the FTS,) new exciting topic books across all classes and outside learning signage for Reception and Woodland Area.

Donations can still be made directly to the school fund via BACS or card payments, cheques or cash at the School Office.

BACS details are:

Account Number: 35398568
Sort Code: 30-90-89
Account Name: Trafalgar CI School fund
Reference: Child's Name & 'VC'

Please be reassured that if you prefer to remain anonymous when making a donation that is absolutely fine. Please just put 'VC' as a subject. We only ask for a child's name in order to be able to thank the donating family.

We have been asked by a number of families if a monthly donation would be acceptable, rather than a termly donation, and this would be absolutely fine too. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Reminder: Get 'Spotty' on Friday, 15th November for Children in Need



On Friday, 15th November we would like to invite the Trafalgar children (and staff) to come to school wearing something 'spotty'. This can be something to complement their school uniform or an entirely spotty outfit for a donation to 'Children in Need'.

Get SPOTacular and help us raise funds to support children and young people across the UK by fundraising for BBC Children in Need! Please make donations via our fundraising page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/trafalgar-community-infant-school-1729601727532>

8th November 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week is:

Respect
(Theme for anti-bullying week)



Attendance Update

Highest Class
Attendance for this week goes to:

Rabbit Class – 99.15%

Whole School Attendance is 96.20%
(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.0% across all schools in the week commencing 21 October 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.0% across all schools.

'First Class' Souvenir Edition

Just a reminder that if you would like to pre-order discounted copies of the West Sussex County Times 'First Class' Souvenir Edition, the deadline is **10th November**.

Pre-ordered copies are £1.45 a copy instead of £1.80 each! To order online visit westsussexcountytimes.eventbrite.co.uk. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees, which are set and charged by Eventbrite. To order by phone call 0330 403 3004, lines open 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Pre-ordered copies will be delivered to school for collection on the day of publication. Don't miss out!

Harvest Festival Donations 2024

Our Harvest donations totalled 164.3kg of food which will help put food on the table of many local families currently experiencing hardship. So far this year, Horsham District Foodbank have provided almost 7,000 individual food parcels, and they expect demand to increase as winter approaches. They could not offer the support they do without the generous support from their school community.



Trafalgar Clothes and Food Banks



Don't forget that we have our Food Bank in our car park, which you are welcome to use, or contribute to, at any point during the term time or school holidays.

We also have a clothes/fabric bank, and we would welcome any donations!

Not only is recycling good for our planet, but our school also gets some money in return for your donations.

Woodland Time – Year 2



Each Year 2 class will have a Woodland Time session with Mrs Cotton, who is a trained Forest School Leader, this half term. We will be linking to their science topic and finding out all about animals and what they need to survive. They will also have time to explore nature, manage risk and work collaboratively.

We will go out whatever the weather (unless there are thunderstorms).

Clothing...

On their Woodland Time day please send your child in school uniform as usual.

Please make sure your child has a rain coat and jumper (even if it looks sunny) and gloves and a warm hat if it is cold.

If it looks wet, please bring a named pair of wellies into school in a carrier bag. You may also like to bring waterproof trousers or an old pair of trousers/tracksuit bottoms that they can change into.

Dates:

- Fox - Wednesday, 13th November
- Badger - Wednesday, 20th November
- Deer - Wednesday, 27th November

Buddy Bench Donation

This Buddy Bench was donated by Trafalgar Road Baptist Church in memory of Joy Turner, who died aged 101. Joy lived near to the school and loved children, praying for them as they went past her window each day and was an active member of the church.

She is remembered as a friend to all and this Buddy Bench has been placed in the school playground to encourage children to behave in the same way. If a child is looking for a friend at playtime, they can use this bench. Children in the school will know to look out for children on the bench and invite them to join in their games.



Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term:

2nd Sept - 20th Dec 2024

- Half Term 28th Oct - 1st Nov
- Christmas break 23rd Dec 2024 - 3rd Jan 2025

Spring Term:

6th Jan - 4th April 2025

- Half Term 17th - 21st Feb
- Easter break 7th April - 21st April

Summer Term:

22nd April - 22nd July 2025

- Half Term 26th - 30th May

Inset Days

- Monday, 2nd Sept 2024
- Tuesday, 3rd Sept 2024
- Monday, 24th Feb 2025
- Monday, 2nd June 2025
- Tuesday, 22nd July 2025

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Do you have subtitles on when you watch films/telly?

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of them becoming good at reading. Yes, really!

Here is a link to some of the key evidence: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/research/>

You can turn on subtitles on live television, on streaming services, on YouTube, and, of course, on DVDs!

It's simple to do, just Google it if you're unsure how to on your device.

10 seconds to do it, and lifetime's impact for your children. All backed up by decades of scientific research.

One academic study of 2,350 children found that 34% became good readers with schooling alone, but, when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%! The studies also found that most children *didn't notice* they were absorbing the words of the subtitles, but were *benefitting* from them being on *anyway!*

So, let's turn those subtitles on and happy reading whilst watching!



Did you know....?

C.S. Lewis (Who wrote 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe'), said:
"It is a good rule after reading a new book, never to allow yourself another new one till you have read an old one in between."

What do you think?

Challenge(s) of the week...

Good listening vitally underpins phonics, reading, and so many other areas of learning!

Help your child to develop their listening skills by showing them what good listening looks like, making your listening more explicit - e.g.: 'Wait a minute, I need to listen carefully.' 'Let's be quiet so I can concentrate on what you're saying.'

Take opportunities to praise your child(ren) when they show good listening to reinforce this skill and habit. Some ideas:

- 'I could tell you were going to say something interesting: I could see you were listening carefully and concentrating.'
- 'You must have listened carefully to have remembered that!'
- 'Well done for using that special word from the story yesterday. I am pleased you listened hard.'