

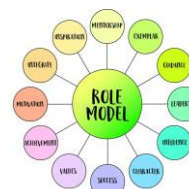
# Trafalgar Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for this week is:

**What is a role model?**



## Attendance Update

**Highest Class**

**Attendance for this week goes to:**

**Mouse Class – 100%**

**Whole School Attendance is 97.16%**

**(National Expectation is 96% or better)**

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 95.2% across all schools in the week commencing 09 September 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 4.8%. across all schools.

### Special Events:

#### Autumn Term 2024

October  
8<sup>th</sup> 9.10-9.40am Maths Workshop in School  
11<sup>th</sup> Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic  
18<sup>th</sup> 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations  
28<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Nov Half term break

#### November

6<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm Parent Consultations  
12<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccination Day 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations  
13<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations  
15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

#### December

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

#### Spring Term 2025

#### January 2025

6<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins

#### February

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

#### March

#### April

7<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Easter holidays  
22<sup>nd</sup> Summer term begins

## Reception Year 6-week-in Parent/Carers Meeting Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October



Please remember to email the School Office ([office@trafalgarinfant.com](mailto:office@trafalgarinfant.com)) if you are able to attend the Reception Year 6-week-in Parents/Carers meeting that will be taking place in the School Hall on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

This is an opportunity, now that your YR child has settled, to learn even more about how and what they will be learning, and how you can help with this, as we know that educating your child is a joint-venture! The YR teachers will be sharing tips with you, so please do try to come along. If you can avoid bringing children on this occasion, you will probably find the meeting more beneficial.

The meeting will last around 1 hour.

Miss Hickie  
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Courteous Communication



We are really proud of our community and the way parents, staff and children work together. We want you, as parents and carers, to always feel you can speak to us with any concerns or ideas. However, we ask that all adults treat each other with respect and kindness, just as we teach the children to do.

Please be aware that when dropping off in the morning, staff's priority is on welcoming the children. It can be very difficult for them to address any concerns with you at this point and it may inadvertently unsettle your own or others' children as they start their day. It is important that, as adults, we do not talk about concerns with our own or others' children in front of them.

The best way to share information with class teachers in the morning is to send an email or phone the School Office so that class teachers can get back to you at a time when they are not with the children.

**"Blast Off Like A Rocket" –  
Y2 PERFORM Workshop**



## Year 2 "Blast off like a Rocket" - Perform Workshop



We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#) on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The Year 2 children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Outer Space](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Trafalgar Community Infant School if you go along for a free trial session before Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting WSTK211124 or book a Free Trial Session online at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try).

Some quotes from the children included:

*"I loved sprinkling the friendship dust on the high commander to make him happier."*

*"It was fun blasting off in the rocket and eating a piece of the moon."*

*"I liked hula hooping, pretending we were the rings around Saturn."*

Miss Power and the Year 2 team

## Individual School Photos – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October



Please remember to let the School Office know by Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October if you **do not** wish your child to have their individual school photograph taken next Friday and let your child know too.

A reminder that if you would like siblings who **do not** attend Trafalgar to have their photographs taken together, please be ready at school for 8.00am and go straight to the Hall.

## Parent/Carer Workshops

It was good to see those parents/carers who were able to join Miss Power at the English Workshop on Thursday morning. If you were not able to attend, the materials presented at the meeting will be shared to all parents/carers via your child's Trafalgar Google Classroom account by Wednesday next week.



It's not too late to book on the **Maths Workshop** next **Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** at 9.10am. Please just contact the School Office to let us know.

## Term Dates 2024/2025

### Autumn Term:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

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

### Spring Term:

6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

- Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Easter break 7<sup>th</sup> April - 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Summer Term:

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

- Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

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

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## Do you have a Fridge looking for a new home?



This is a longshot but, if anyone has a counter top (mini) or below counter fridge that is surplus to requirements, in good, clean condition and working order that they would be willing to donate to the school, we would be very happy to hear from you.

## Google Classroom



Across the school we use Google Classroom as one of the ways we communicate with parents; therefore, it is really important please that you log-in to your child's Trafalgar Google Classroom account on a weekly basis as it provides you with information you may need for the week ahead and it also has useful and important announcements, dates and events.

We would ask you please to join your child's current classroom if you haven't already.

Often posted to your child's Year Group Google Classroom will be:

- A weekly overview about what we will be teaching the following week. This will include any important messages about special events or things to remember for the coming week.
- An overview of the learning we will be doing over each term.
- Copies of any materials given out at meetings.
- Any information we have that may be useful to families to support your child's learning and development, e.g. book lists, toileting guidance.

**If you are unable to access Google Classroom or need a password reset please speak to the School Office in the first instance.**



### Did you know....?

“Ensuring children become fluent and engaged readers at the very *earliest* stages also helps avoid the vicious circle of reading difficulty and demotivation that makes later intervention more challenging.”

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1000986/Reading\\_framework\\_Teaching\\_the\\_foundations\\_of\\_literacy\\_-\\_July-2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1000986/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July-2021.pdf)

### Challenge(s) of the week...

Set aside some **time to learn more about 'phonics' and the terminology of 'phonics'** (e.g. phoneme, grapheme, digraph, trigraph, split digraph, tricky word, high-frequency word, segmenting, blending, decoding).

These websites are good starting points:

1. <https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/what-phonics/>
2. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>
3. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/swindon/in-the-know/all-about-phonics>