

Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

October

- 13th Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic
- 19th Whole School 'Let's Get Creative'
- 20th 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school
- 23rd-27th Half term break
- 30th INSET Day. School closed to the children

November

- 8th 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

Trafalgar School Core Values



As usual at the start of the academic year, the children are learning about our Core Values. These are displayed on the sails of our Trafalgar ship.

Children are being praised when we spot them demonstrating one of the values e.g. 'we are kind' or 'we are healthy and active'. Please do emphasise these at home too, and remind your child that it is important to e.g. be kind, and if someone is unkind to them, to say 'no, please stop' and tell an adult straight away.

We have also been talking to the children about how 'we learn everywhere' so please do ensure that you talk to your child about how we come to school to learn, and it is important that they listen carefully, share their great ideas, and try their best.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Miss Hickie

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

22nd September 2023

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

Co-operation

Attendance Update

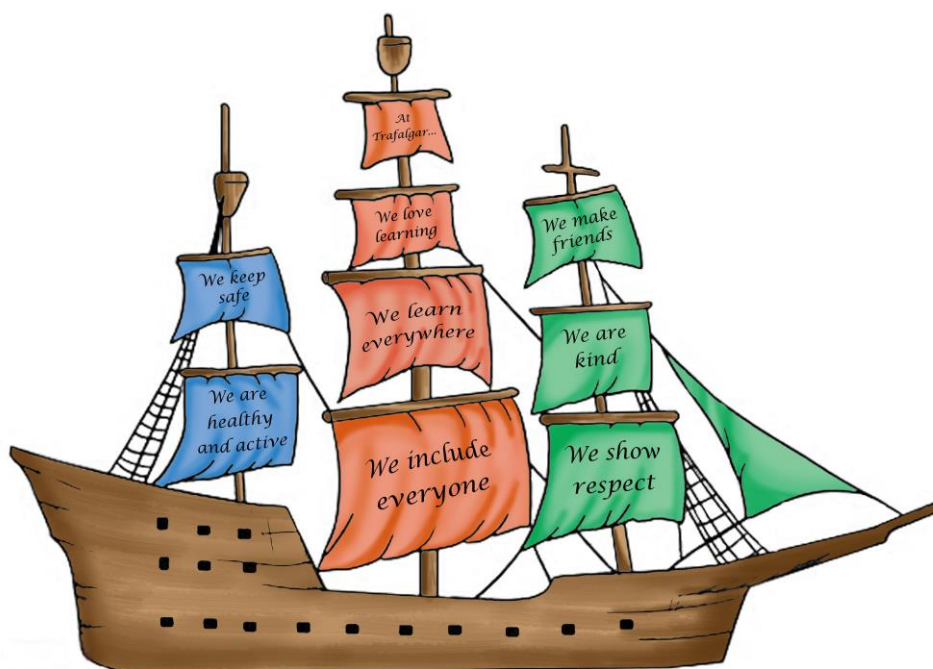
Highest Class
Attendance for this week goes to:

Lime Green Class – 99.54%

Whole School Attendance is 96.94%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

Core Values Ship



Website Translator



A reminder that our website can be translated at the touch of a button to another language... by clicking on the 'select language' menu at the top of the home page.

Message from the Governing Body



The Governing Body would like to welcome everyone in the Trafalgar Community Infant School community to the new academic year and in particular those families who have joined the school community for the first time.

Last week the governors held their first meeting of the academic year and have been appointed to various committees and into roles for the year ahead. I have been re-elected as Chair of Governors and Holly Prescott has been re-elected as Vice Chair. We also welcomed a new co-opted governor, Reverend Sam Maginnis to the Governing Body.

There will be updates from the governors in future newsletters, which will include sharing the work of the Governing Body. The governors can always be contacted via the School Office.

Sarah Brockhurst
Chair of Governing Body

Flu Vaccinations – Friday, 1st December



For your advance notice, the Immunisation Service are coming into school on **Friday, 1st December 2023** to offer your child the Flu vaccination. Further information will follow in due course, giving all the details you will need in order to give your consent online.



Holy Trinity Church Harvest Barn Dance with Ploughman's Supper

To book your places please go to
<https://www.holytrinityhorsham.co.uk/service-tickets/> or
there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Pupil Premium Funding

You may be aware that the Government allocates additional funding to schools in the form of the 'Pupil Premium Grant'. In order to be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant a parent or carer must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit **only**, provided your annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190. **Anyone entitled to Working Tax Credit is not entitled to free meals regardless of income.**
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit).
- Universal Credit (with no element of Working Tax Credit).

If you qualify for this allowance your child will be eligible for the following additional benefits here at Trafalgar -

- No charge for school trips and visitors to school.
- No charge for before or after school club (one a term).
- No charge for a complete set of school uniform to include a sweatshirt or cardigan; PE kit (including t-shirt, shorts and gym bag) and a book bag.

We also use the Pupil Premium Grant to fund a wide range of additional support in school. This may involve either small group work or one-to-one tuition and is one aspect of our drive to continually raise standards. The Pupil Premium Grant can be used to support children regardless of their ability. If you claim this funding, then we can allocate Pupil Premium Funding to provide additional opportunities and challenges for your child with the aim of enriching their educational experience at school in ways that best meet their individual needs.

Even if your circumstances change, and you are no longer receiving one of the benefits listed, your child's school continues to receive additional funding. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

To apply, please complete a Registration Form which can be obtained from the School Office in confidence. Alternatively go to

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>.

Lost Property & Labelling



The blue lost property 'bin' is located outside the main Reception front door for ease of access. Anything left in it that is not clearly named will periodically be sent for recycling. There are often some very good quality items in lost property and you are urged to seek out your lost goods. The habit will also help the children begin to learn the value of taking care of possessions and not always replenishing old with new! The 'bin' is always available outside the School Office should you want to come in and reclaim your property.

A reminder too of the importance of labelling your child's school clothes - particularly coats and jumpers. We have many unnamed items in our Lost Property 'bin' and they are all recycled on a regular basis. However, clearly labelled clothes can be returned to the relevant owner easily and without upset for you and your child. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. It is really important that bikes, scooters and safety helmets are clearly named too. We thank you for your assistance.

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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Tesco are running trial collections of broken, hard plastic toys for recycling in [selected Tesco stores](#) in East and West Sussex between the 4 Sept 2023 and 4 Dec 2023, and are inviting schools with pupils aged 2 to 11 years of age in these areas to take part.

If any recycled items are registered to our school, then our school gets points on the scheme's 'School Leaderboard'. If the school 'ranks' in the top 50 of schools at the end, we'd get some book vouchers (worth more the higher up the board we 'rank'). No matter where in East or West Sussex, you can log your donated recycled toys to our school to get us points, so any and all relatives/friends' donations count so long as they register the donation to us. Every school that gets at least one donation (even if we're not in the top 50 schools) gets a code for a discount on books from their catalogue.

<https://recycleto.read.org/>



Did you know....?

"Routine reading at bedtime or allocated reading time teaches your child self-discipline and provides stability through achievable routines. Longer attention spans and better memory retention are key benefits of reading to your child, just before or during bedtime, allowing for a cosy and concrete sleeping pattern."

(<https://www.inthebook.com/en-gb/blog/benefits-of-reading-to-children/>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Keep actively **making** and **taking opportunities to read**.

"It doesn't matter what it is - pick up a newspaper or magazine, look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in - if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?"

(<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>)