



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

November

24th FTS Dress Down Day
for Christmas
Market donations
28th 9.10am Maths
Workshop

December

1st Influenza
Vaccination Day
5th Y1 Performance to
Jade Class (all) and
Lime Class A-L surname
Parents/Carers
6th Y1 Performance to
Emerald Class (all) and
Lime Class M-Z surname
Parents/Carers
8th FTS Christmas
Market & Christmas
Jumper Day
13th EasyLunch
Christmas Lunch
14th FTS Pantomime
treat
15th Last Day of Term
18th-1st Jan Christmas break
inclusive

January 2024

2nd Spring Term begins

Children in Need - Update



Thanks to the generosity of so many Trafalgar families, we can now share that we have raised a grand total of **£457.80** for Children in Need through your donations!

Special Christmas Treat!



On Thursday, 14th December, The Rainbow Theatre Company will be coming into school to give the children a seasonal treat by performing their classic fairy tale production of 'Snow White'. A big thank you to the Friends of Trafalgar for funding this very special event again.

Christmas Pantomime - Thursday, 14th December Lunch

Due to the Christmas Pantomime being set up in the Hall on Thursday, 14th December, we will be unable to serve hot lunches.

As with the Christmas Market day (Friday, 8th December), if your child usually has a Universal Infant Free School Meal please don't worry as a free lunch box will be provided instead and the children will 'picnic' in their classrooms.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

No Nuts



Please be aware that any products containing nuts could be a risk to other children in school with a nut allergy, so please avoid giving your child **anything** containing nuts to eat in their snack or lunchbox.

Thank you.

24th November 2023

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

**Being thankful, being grateful,
saying thank you.**



Attendance Update

**Highest Class
Attendance for this week goes
to:**

Emerald Green – 94.67%

Whole School Attendance is 95.96%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.7% across all schools in the **week commencing 6 November 2023**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.3% across all schools.

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Every child over the age of 5 is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18.00 per term. If your child has recently turned 5 and you would like them to continue receiving milk each day at school please contact CoolMilk direct at www.coolmilk.com to register them and pay straight away.

Alternatively, you can ask for a Registration Form at the School Office.

Year 1 Field Trip to Horsham Park



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In geography the children have been studying the local area, aerial view and map reading.

This week the Year 1 children have been using their map reading skills to walk to Horsham Park. Along the way they have been spotting landmarks and discussing human and physical features. The children had a wonderful time sharing their own knowledge of the local area. Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us.

Year 1 Team

Trafalgar's Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge!

Challenge yourself this Christmas holiday, by reading for at least 15 minutes every day.

Choose some of the challenges below to add some festive cheer to your reading experience!

You can do one challenge more than once, or even combine challenges together at the same time!

Keep a note of the dates and book titles that you read on a sheet of A4 and add drawings and/or photos around the edge of the paper to celebrate your wonderful winter reading!

Bring in your finished sheet or post it to the Trafalgar Digital Library on Google Classroom! We can't wait to see and celebrate your reading!

Read a book that is older than you!	Read a comic book!	Read a book that is younger than you!	Read a magazine!	Read a book with a front cover you love!
Read a fairy/folk/traditional tale!	Read while drinking hot chocolate!	Read the back of a packet of Christmas food!	Read while listening to Christmas music!	Read as a family for 15 minutes, without interruptions/distractions!
Read to a pet (or toy animal)!	Read while wearing a Christmas jumper and/or fuzzy socks!	Read a book about winter!	Read on Christmas day!	Read a book with a number in the title!
Read a fact book!	Read a book about reindeer!	Read by torch light or Christmas lights!	Read a version of the Nativity story!	Read a book you have borrowed!
Read to someone older than you!	Read under a Christmas tree!	Watch a Christmas film with the subtitles on!	Read a Christmas poem out loud!	Read to someone younger than you!
Read to someone over the phone!	Read in your pyjamas!	Read a book in a series!	Read to someone via video (Skype/Zoom/WhatsApp etc.)!	Read in a pillow fort or cosy den!

Christmas Trees



The Corner Newsagents at 80, Trafalgar Road will be making a donation to Trafalgar CI School for every tree sold to families of pupils at the school.

Please remember to mention us if you do purchase a Christmas Tree from them. A copy of their order form is attached to this Newsletter for your information and convenience.

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 our 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.

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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Year 2 Carol Services at Holy Trinity Church



The Year 2 children are holding a Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church, Horsham for family and friends on **Monday, 11th December** and **Tuesday, 12th December** at 6pm.

You are welcome to join us at either service but we will be requiring your child at **both** services. On each night you will need to sign your child in at the church from 5.40pm, but no later than 5.50pm please. They should be wearing school uniform and do not need anything else. The service should finish at 6.45pm and the children will be released to you one class at a time. Please be patient at this time as the safety of your child is priority.

On behalf of the Year 2 team, we look forward to you joining us.

PERFORM Drama Workshops

We were very pleased to receive visits from [Perform](#) on Monday and Tuesday morning this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Around The World](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of **Around The World**. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the **Around The World** theme.

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 they come along for a free trial session before Monday, 11th December.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **WSTK111223** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.



Did you know....?

"All talk is useful, especially when directed to the child specifically. For instance, children expand their language and vocabulary when they listen to or join in with a story or rhymes in a well-scripted children's television programme, but an adult talking about it with them adds benefits."

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Did you know, on **CBeebies**, there's a **bedtime story** read by a familiar face every night at 6.50pm? You can also watch these on iPlayer, YouTube, or on the CBeebies Storytime app. Can you incorporate these into your daily routine?

If your child loves a story which they've seen on screen make a note of the title and author and see if the school library, your local library, or your local bookshop has a copy.

The CBeebies Storytime app, also includes questions to build your child's comprehension skills, and tips for grown-ups to help you support your little one's reading development.