



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

November

- 8th 4-7pm Parent Consultations
- 10th FTS Dress Down Day for Christmas Market donations
- 15th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
- 16th 3.30-5pm Parent Consultations
- 17th Children in Need - 'Spotty'
- 24th FTS Dress Down Day for Christmas Market donations
- 28th Maths Workshop

December

- 1st Influenza Vaccination Day
- 5th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers
- 6th Y1 Performance to 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

Voluntary Contributions

THANK YOU!

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 £340 so far and this will go towards enabling us to replace the projector in the Hall which is in daily use supporting staff and children at Assemblies, PE sessions and parent/carer Workshops etc.

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.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

3rd November 2023

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

How do we keep safe at School?

Attendance Update

Highest Class

Attendance for this week goes to:

Lime Green – 98.81%

Whole School Attendance is 96.64%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.7% across all schools in the **week commencing 9 October 2023**. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.3%.

Get 'Spotty' on Friday, 17th November for Children in Need



On Friday, 17th 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 the fundraising page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/trafalgar-community-infant-school-1697464956155>

'First Class' Special Edition

Just a reminder to our Reception parent/carers that if you would like to pre-order discounted copies of the West Sussex County Times 'First Class' Souvenir Edition, the deadline is **6th November**.

Pre-ordered copies are discounted to £1.30 a copy from £1.60. You can pre-order either via their Event partner website: westsussexcountytimes.eventbrite.co.uk or by calling the West Sussex contact centre on 0330 403 3004. Please note that website orders are subject to additional fees which are charged by Eventbrite.

Pre-ordered copies will be delivered to school for collection on the day of publication. Don't miss out!



Reception Year – Woodland Time – Monday, 6th November



**Woodland Time for Navy, Sky and Turquoise will be on
Monday 6th November.**

Each Reception class has the opportunity to spend some time outdoors exploring and learning in the 'woodland area' behind the school huts this term.

As each child may get muddy and it could drizzle with rain, each child will need to come to school wearing their own clothes suitable to be outside and bring a named bag with outdoor shoes/wellies, waterproof trousers or a spare change of trousers and a waterproof coat.

To avoid our carpets getting muddy, please may we ask the children to **wear their normal shoes into school** so these can be changed back into when they return to their classroom after their woodland time.

Reception Year Team

Individual Photo Orders



A reminder that all photo orders need to be placed on-line before **Sunday, 5th November** by going to www.photoprinting.co.uk if you would like them to be delivered FREE to Trafalgar CI School.

Rehome and Recycle for Books for Your School

REHOME and RECYCLE toys to
care for the planet and get books
for your school

Do you have any unwanted toys (including broken plastic toys) that you could recycle or rehome?

Either give the toy(s) to someone new (including family and friends) or to a charity shop, or bring it to the 'Recycle to Read' collection point at Horsham Tesco Extra (RH12 3YU).

Then go on the Recycle to Read website (<https://recycleto.read.org/registration-recycle/>) and register your donation to get points for our school.

It is just a quick online form (see below).

For recycled toys at Tesco Extra

Parent / Carer Email: *

School you would like to give your points to: *

Please Select

If you can't find the school you are looking for, they haven't registered yet!

Tesco Stores: *

Please Select

Number of broken plastic toys recycled (roughly): *

0

Please remember! You can only get one Parent / Carer Point for recycling and one Parent / Carer Point for recycling each day.

SUBMIT FORM

For re-homed toys

Parent / Carer Email: *

School you would like to give your points to: *

Please Select

If you can't find the school you are looking for, they haven't registered yet!

Number of toys rehomed (roughly): *

0

Please remember! You can only get one Parent / Carer Point for rehoming and one Parent / Carer Point for recycling each day.

Upload photo of your toys in their new home:

 Drop a file here or click to upload
Maximum file size: 268,435,456

You don't have to upload a photo but if you do, you will be entered into our prize draw! (No cashed-in vouchers and book tokens PLEASE, and 1000000 words)

SUBMIT FORM

The **more points** our school gets, the **more books** our school has a chance of getting when the **competition ends on December 4th**!

You can see how our school is doing on the School Points Leaderboard (<https://recycleto.read.org/leaderboard/>).



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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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!

Happy reading whilst watching!



Did you know....?

"Reading *for pleasure* can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health."
[\(https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/why-is-reading-important-for-children/\)](https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/why-is-reading-important-for-children/)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Talk with your child about the differences between fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, picture books, and poetry. Are they ever more than one thing? Can they find an example of each? **What else might you read** (e.g. adverts, leaflets, top trump cards, cereal boxes)? What do they like reading most? Why?

Can they make a poster (or posters!) for the school library to explain to others about the many different types of things that you can read?