

Trafalgar Day



Trafalgar Day – Friday, 18th October



Thank you very much for your contributions sent in for Trafalgar Day. We have raised a grand total of **£92.00** with your current donations and this money will be used to purchase additional resources for the children at Trafalgar Community Infant School. We saw some amazing costumes on the day and we thank you again for your support.



'A Christmas Recipe' – Year 1 Performance

Our Year 1 children and staff are beginning to get ready for the shows at the end of term and are getting excited to perform it for you all. The Year 1 children will be performing for up to a maximum of two parents/carers at 9.30am on the mornings of Tuesday, 10th December and Wednesday, 11th December. The Tuesday performance will be for Mouse class (all) and Otter class A-K surnames and the Wednesday performance will be for Squirrel class (all) and Otter class L-Z surnames.

Three cooks set about creating the ultimate Christmas recipe. There are plenty of ingredients to stir in: a pinch of presents, a hint of angels, a few robins, several snowflakes and even Father Christmas! All these ingredients are stirred into the mix one by one, until there is just one vital ingredient left to add: the baby in the manger! Finally they have it: the recipe for a perfect Christmas.



We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Year 1 Team

Ms Bowles, Miss Barrass and Mrs Lucas

To help the school to continue to provide the best possible resources for the children, there will be collection buckets and a QR code available for donations into our school fund, no matter how small. Any contribution which you are able to make is really valuable to us.
Many thanks for your support.

Message from Sarah Brockhurst, Chair of Governing Body



The Governing Body have now had their first full governing body meeting of the academic year. The two committees (Assets & Resources and Pupil, Progress and Curriculum) have also met. As always, we have been looking at the School's priorities for 2024/2025 and considering other strategic issues. Some parents/carers may recall that in recent years the Governing Body had been considering whether academisation would be in the best interest of the children at the School. However, we have decided to pause this for the time being, due to a number of factors.

By way of update on governors, Mr Mancini, a parent governor, has decided to step down from the Governing Body. This means we are now looking for two new parent governors and you hopefully saw the communication about this opportunity last week. To help provide some insight into what the governors do, our impact statement can be found here trafalgar.eschools.co.uk/web/documents/395716. Please do have a read of this statement, which also provides insight into the governing body constitution, role of governors and our plans for 2024/2025. A copy will also be displayed on the governor noticeboard by the School Office. If you would like to speak to a governor, please contact the School Office.

Sarah Brockhurst
Chair of Governors

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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FIS Trafalgar Tea Towels

Please look out for the Trafalgar Tea Towel order forms that came home with your child this week.

Pre-orders (order form and payment) will need to be back at the School Office by Monday, 4th October.

Message from our local Scout Group

2nd Horsham is based in Swindon Road. We bring Scouting adventures and Skills for Life to over 150 young people from our local community. We have opportunities for new adults to join us as volunteers: to help our young people, while getting involved in the adventures yourself - from caving to climbing, shooting to hiking, it is all possible as part of The Scouts. We are particularly looking for new adults to help at:

- Squirrels (4-6yr olds) Thursdays, 5-6pm
- Beavers (6-8yrs old) Mondays, 6-7.15pm
- Explorers (14-18yr olds) Thursdays, 8-10pm

No Scout skills needed - just a love of the outdoors and the desire to help our young people, all training provided and a supportive team is here to help you settle in. We have long waiting lists, but we offer priority places to the children of our adult members, as we want to keep families together in one Scout Group.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Caroline at gsl@2ndhorsham.org.uk



Did you know....?

“*Book-related talk* introduces children to language that they might not hear in ordinary conversation, especially the vocabulary of the book itself. This primes them to understand what they read later, in their leisure reading and across the curriculum.”

(<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Set aside time to read:

10 top tips for parents to support children to read (written by the Department for Education):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

This one-page document full of **tips to help your child to develop a love of reading:**

https://cdn.literacytrust.org.uk/media/documents/ROGO_-_Top_tips_for_parents_to_encourage_reading_enjoyment.pdf