



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

December
8th FTS Christmas Market & Christmas Jumper Day
Open Afternoon - Poppy and Ruby classrooms
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

Christmas Celebrations Reminders



A reminder that on Wednesday next week EasyLunch will be serving a Christmas Lunch to all those children who have a hot meal each day. If your child brings their own packed lunch to school, you may wish to give them something a little festive in their lunchbox on this day. Please remember 'No Nuts' though.

On Thursday, 14th December the touring pantomime 'Snow White' will be in school and children will be picnicing with EasyLunch lunchboxes in their classrooms as the Hall will not be available to serve hot lunches.

We will also be having a celebration assembly on Thursday where end of term certificates will be given out. In addition, we are also hoping Father Christmas will be visiting the children outside their classrooms on Friday. We believe that if each class behaves really well next week they will receive a present from Santa's grotto.

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

8th December 2023

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

How do Christians celebrate Christmas around the world?



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Sky Class – 99.11%

Whole School Attendance is 95.35%

(National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.0% across all schools in the **week commencing 20 November 2023**. The absence rate was, therefore, 7.0% across all schools.

Staff News



We are sad to be saying farewell to Miss Fisher, Sky Class teacher and Mrs Huisman, Learning Assistant, at the end of term.

Miss Fisher has worked with us for four of years and has been a fantastic member of our team with her cheerfulness and dedication to the job.

Mrs Huisman, Learning Assistant has worked at Trafalgar for two years and has been a valuable member of our team. Mrs Huisman's last day in school will be Thursday, 14th December.

Both will be hugely missed and we are sure you will join with us in wishing them both the best of luck for the future.

Year 1 Performance – 'Magical Christmas Journey'



The year 1 children delighted parents and school friends this week with their wonderful performance of 'A Magical Christmas Journey'.

We were invited to join the children on their journey to the stable to meet the new born king. Along the way we were greeted by all the wonderful characters from the nativity, lots of joyful songs and dancing to get Christmas started.

Huge thank you to Miss Barrass for directing the performance and the year 1 team for supporting the children. The children were absolutely amazing and we are so proud of you all. Well done!

Upcoming Events That May be of Interest....

Please come and join us for
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**
Rushams Road, Horsham
Saturday 16th Dec. 5 - 7pm



**BRASS
BAND**

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Switching on the Christmas Lights
- ❖ Children's Songs and Carols
- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ Traditional Carols
- ❖ Firepit on the Lawn
- ❖ Christmas Tree in Church



**Hot Dogs & Mince Pies,
Soup and Mulled Wine**



**FARAH'S LOOM BAND AND
BAKE SALE!!!!**

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER OUTSIDE THE OFFICE!!!



**£1 FOR EACH CAKE
£1 FOR DOUBLE LOOM BAND BRACELETS AND 50P FOR A SINGLE
LOOM BAND BRACELET.
ALL THE MONEY THAT IS RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE
TRAFALGAR SCHOOL BY FARAH!**



**Children's
Christmas Nature
Crafts**

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER
HORSHAM PARK BARN

Start the festive season with Christmas arts & crafts
Hourly sessions from 10.00am - 3.15pm
£1.00 per child

Booking is essential
www.bookwhen.com/horshamdistrictcouncil

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District
Council**


**12 DAYS OF
CHRISTMAS**

GIVING BACK TO OUR
COMMUNITIES

**FREE KIDS'
SAUSAGE & CHIPS**

NO PURCHASE REQUIRED

**EVERY SUNDAY - THURSDAY
UNTIL DECEMBER 22ND**

FOR UNDER 13s

*Child must be accompanied by an adult. One portion per child, no purchase required. Offer runs every Sunday - Thursday from 10.00am - 3.00pm. 22nd December. Available all day within operating hours. Takeaway only. Not available for outdoor orders.

Spring Term – Before and After School Clubs



It's not too late to book your child's place on our Year 1 (Friday before school) and Year 2 (Monday before school) MultiSkills Clubs and Book Club (Friday after school).

If you require a duplicate Club letter please don't hesitate to contact the School Office.

Payment can be made by cash, card or cheque direct to the School Office please; we will contact you in due course to confirm your child's place.

In Case of Snow!



In the event of snowfall, Trafalgar School will do everything it can to stay open. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

Advice for Parents/Carers -

- We use ParentMail to keep Parents/Carers up to date in the event of snow and if we need to close school early then we will inform you via ParentMail which will be in the form of an email or text to your mobile phone. We will endeavour to inform you of a closure by 8.00am. If you hear no news from us, then school will be open as usual.
- Check website - we will update our Trafalgar website.
- If we do open it may be with the minimum amount of staff and therefore will be a disrupted day. We will try to make a decision on the morning of our opening times but they may be between the hours of 10.00am and 2.00pm. This is to enable our school community to get into school and home safely. A significant number of our staff do not live in Horsham, and some of our children travel quite a distance to get to us, often on public transport. In more extreme circumstances, we may need to close some classes, if we have reduced staffing.
- If we are open on a snow day, please provide a packed lunch (even if your child has a Universal Free School Meal each day), drink and snack as there is unlikely to be a hot lunch, milk or fruit delivery.
- Your children do not need to wear school uniform but will need warm sensible clothes, including warm, sensible boots, as if safe to do so, they may still be going outside in the snow.
- If you are available to support in school, assisting with clearing snow etc. on a snow day please let the School Office know.
- If you do not feel that it is safe to travel to school on a snow day, then please contact the School Office.
- **Please check your phones/ParentMail regularly during a snow day, and ensure that we have your most up-to-date contact numbers/email address in the School Office.**

Thank you for your understanding.

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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FTS Christmas Market

A very big **thank you** to the FTS for organising another wonderful Children's Christmas Market day today. The Hall looked absolutely magical this morning!



For Advance Notice for current YR & Y1 families

2024/2025 Academic Year INSET Days

Monday, 2nd September 2024

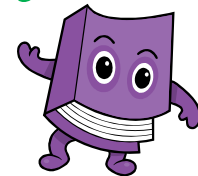
Tuesday, 3rd September 2024

Monday, 24th February 2025

Monday, 2nd June 2025

Tuesday, 22nd July 2025
(last day of term)

Trafalgar School Books



Please, please remember to look for any Trafalgar School books you may have lurking under beds, in drawers or down beside sofa cushions and return them to school before the end of term ... no questions asked!

Thank you very much.



Did you know....?

"Making sure that children become engaged with reading from the beginning is one of the most important ways to make a difference to their life chances, whatever their socio-economic background. For this to happen, however, children need to learn to read as fluently as possible and be motivated to continue reading."

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...

Help your child to retell a favourite story through drama!

There are so many ways to make stories come alive this way.

You might pretend to be the characters. They could draw the characters, attach the drawings to sticks/strips of card, and do a 'puppet theatre' performance of the story! You could chat with your child about why certain characters might have made the choices they did (e.g. the 'baddies' in traditional tales), and then they could pretend to be that character and tell their own story. You could pretend to do a news interview with a character. You could use drawings or playdough models to recreate the story through photos, and put the photos together to make a 'stop motion' video!