

Trafalgar Newsletter

Celebration Assemblies



16th September 2022

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week is:

Never Giving Up: Mary Seacole



Please can you help?

If you have any good quality dressing up clothes or items, or toys to do with the following topics this term, and are happy to donate them, we would love to receive them:

YR - Dolls, dolls clothes and items, home role play items

Y1 - Pirates dressing up clothes and toys

Y2 - Space themed dressing up clothes and toys.



There are two final sections of the Reception Year garden fencing that still need painting. If there are any valiant volunteers who feel able to come in and help us, please make contact with the School Office in the first instance, to discuss possible dates and times (this could be in the week, after school, or at the weekends).



Do we have any trades parents/carers who would be willing to speak to us about options for us to create a sheltered outdoor space behind our Inclusion Room? This would be for children in all year groups to access an outdoor space for e.g. larger sensory activities and includes changing a window to a door to allow easier access we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Special Events:

September 2022

23rd FTS Good As New Sale after school

30th Flu Immunisation Day (All Years)

October

14th Individual school photos being taken in school-JP Photographic 'Trafalgar Day' celebrations in school

21st Half term break

24th-28th INSET Day. School closed to the children

November

2nd Parent Consultations (Cherry Only)

3rd Parent Consultations (All Classes excl. Cherry)

9th Parent Consultations (All Classes)

10th Parent Consultations (All Classes excl. Cherry)

16th Parent Consultations (Cherry Only)

December

9th FTS Christmas Market

13th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers

14th FTS Pantomime treat

15th Y1 Performance to Parents/Carers

16th Last Day of Term

19th-2nd Jan Christmas break inclusive

January 2023

3rd Spring Term begins

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Each Friday, we have a whole school celebration assembly (our new friends in Reception will be joining us later this term once they have settled into school). The staff select two children from their class each week to be awarded a Head teacher certificate for showing the growth mindset learning behaviours, or a Wise Monkey certificate (usually for being especially kind, helpful, polite or being a super role model for their peers).

It is also a chance for us to say a 'well done' to any child who has received a certificate or medal for any activities outside of school (e.g. reading challenges, sporting achievements). So if your child receives a special certificate or award outside of school and they would like to show their friends in our celebration assembly, please send these in on a Friday (please avoid however sending in very precious items).

Miss Green and Miss Hickie
Co-Headteachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads

Flu Consents Reminder...

A reminder that the Immunisation Service are coming into school on **Friday, 30/09/2022** to offer your child the Flu vaccination. Please see the letter attached to this Newsletter, from the NHS Immunisation Team, as a reminder of the details you will need in order to give your consent online.

The online consent form will be available for completion until four working days before the session date above. If you have any difficulties completing this online form, please contact your local Immunisation team before the cut-off date, using the telephone number provided in the attached letter. **If you miss the cut off time to complete the consent form, the Immunisation Team will not be able to vaccinate your child in school on the day of the vaccination session.** The consent form will reopen one working day after the session, enabling you to submit a form for your child to be offered the vaccination at a later date, within one of the catch up clinics.

Trafalgar Day – Friday, 21st October



A reminder that as a longstanding school tradition, we will be celebrating Trafalgar Day on Friday, 21st October.

All the year groups will be engaging in a range of fun, educational, hands-on activities in their classrooms throughout Trafalgar Day. We also invite all the children (and staff) to dress up on Friday, 21st October and come to school as Horatio Nelson, a sailor, a cabin boy, Lady Hamilton or another historical character of the time.

We would also very much welcome a voluntary donation, to be brought in on the day, of £1.00 for the Trafalgar School Fund to enable us to continue to purchase additional resources for the children at Trafalgar Community Infant School.

Keeping Children Warm



With the autumn weather setting in, and the need to keep classrooms as ventilated as possible, please ensure your child wears their sweatshirt or cardigan over their polo shirt (and possibly an extra layer underneath) to school and brings a named warm coat/jacket. It helps enormously if the coat can be easily hung on a coat peg too.

Please remember



A polite reminder that due to food allergies, we do not allow children to hand out special occasion treats from the classroom after school.

No Nuts



Please be aware that 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.

Advice about Keeping Children Safe Online



1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online

You'll find lots more information on the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - or give the NSPCC a call on 0808 800 5002 to chat to one of their expert advisors.

Healthy Snacks



As you may be aware there is increasing concern nationally about rising rates of obesity and related health problems in children. At Trafalgar we encourage children to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break time (although we do recognise that we need a balanced diet).

Chocolate biscuit bars are not acceptable healthy snacks and should not be brought in to school for morning break time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Labelling of SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please, please remember to label your child's school clothes - in particular PE kits, coats, jumpers and cardigans.

With our Reception children still mastering the school routine, it would be incredibly helpful if every item was clearly named so that items are easily identifiable. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please come and look in the blue lost property 'bin' if your child has mislaid anything. Unnamed items that have not been claimed are regularly recycled.

Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term:

1 Sept - 16 Dec 2022

- Half Term 24 -28 Oct
- Christmas break 19 Dec - 2 Jan

Spring Term:

3 Jan - 31 March 2023

- Half Term 13-17 Feb
- Easter break 31 Mar-14 April

Summer Term:

17 April-21 July 2022

- Half Term 29 May - 2 June

Proposed Inset Days for the 2022/2023 academic year.

- Thursday, 1st September
- Friday, 2nd September
- Monday, 31st October
- Monday, 20th February
- Monday, 5th June

Reading Volunteers



We are keen to hear from you if you are able to come in and listen to some children read on a regular basis. For more information, please see the poster attached to this Newsletter.

Story Sacks

from Trafalgar Community Infant School!

What? A story sack is a bag filled with books and resources, all linked to a particular theme.











Why? To bring books to life for some fantastic story time fun with your family!

How long? You can take home any of these story sacks for a week at a time. If you would like to keep it for more time, just let the office know and we will see what we can do!

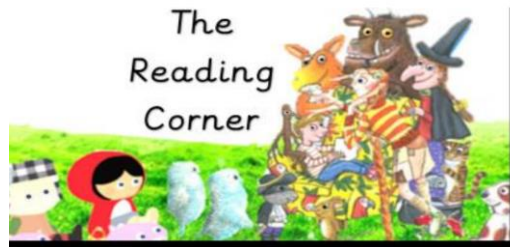
How? Email the office (office@trafalgarinfant.com) with the name of the story sack you would like to borrow, and your child's name and class. If the story sack is not on loan, it will be given to your child to take home asap!

Every story sack has a mixture of content and can be accessed by children in any year group!

Our ten Story Sacks and their contents:

 <p>Art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 picture book • 1 non-fiction book • 1 bees-and-birds art book • 1 colouring book • 1 pad of erasing paper (for the colouring book) • 1 pencil case (with a pencil, rubber, sharpener, and a set of colouring pencils in it) • 1 colour vocabulary sheet 	 <p>Caterpillars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 non-fiction book • 1 dual language (Spanish and English) copy of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' picture book • 1 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' word mat • 1 double sided 'Caterpillar' how you could sum 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' into a sensory poem • 1 double sided 'Caterpillar' craft interraction sheet • 1 soft clay caterpillar 	 <p>Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 pop-up picture book • 1 picture book • 2 non-fiction books • 1 poetry book • 1 shell • 1 soft clay sea • 1 toothy shark • 1 'Water Area' word mat • 1 'Water Cycle Experiment' sheet • 1 poster of 'The Water Cycle' 	 <p>Cat Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 picture books • 1 non-fiction book • 1 book of poetry • 1 CD audiobook of a chester book • 1 soft clay cat • 1 original cat interraction sheet • 1 'Kitten Care - Essential Facts' sheet 	 <p>Christmas Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 picture books • 1 non-fiction creative craft book • 1 'Christmas Greetings Around the World' poster • 1 'Fisher Christmas Around the World' poster • 1 set of 8 'Christmas Around the World' face cards
 <p>Bedtime Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 'story collections' books • 1 soft camp-fire (felt, handmade: 1 'tent', 1 'log' and a bag of 'coal') • 1 sheet of 'Top Tips for a Good Night's Sleep' 	 <p>Maths Mats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 maths games • 1 set of 7 Numicon pieces • 6 non-fiction books • 1 'Maths in Everyday Life' poster • 1 A4 folder of 12 'Famous Mathematicians' posters 	 <p>Teeth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 non-fiction books • 2 models of human teeth • 1 dental colouring book • 1 pad of erasing paper (for the colouring book) 	 <p>Toys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 origami games • 4 non-fiction books • 3 picture books • 1 'Old and New Toys' word mat 	 <p>Cinderella Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 picture books • 1 Cinderella ballet CD (Prokofiev) • 1 packet of pumpkin seeds • 1 'Cinderella' word mat

The Reading Corner



Did you know....?

"Evidence suggests that children who *read for enjoyment every day* not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures."

(<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 some time this week to read the reading section of our school website: <https://trafalgar.eschools.co.uk/web/english/176619>
- Make a resolution to spend at least 10 minutes every day reading a story (or chapter of a story) to your child/children.