



Trafalgar Infant School

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Dear Parents

A Big Thank You!



What a lovely surprise this morning after drop off!

Thank you to all of you for your kind words and best wishes over the last few days and for the very generous gifts this morning - all quite overwhelming as you will see from the video on j2e!!! I managed to get a more composed photo afterwards! - see above.

It has been my privilege to be part of this tremendous Trafalgar community over these last 28 years.

Thank you for your partnership and support and for making my job as Headteacher such a joy to do each day.

End of Term Week

This last week we said 'goodbye' to the last 2 groups of our Y2 children and wished them all the best for the start of their Y3 in September. We will say goodbye on Wednesday to our Reception and Y1, many of whom have been with us since the beginning of June, along with our 'Key Worker children'. It has been a very strange time!

Tel: 020 8894 5729 Email: infantinfo@trafalgar-federation.org.uk Website: <http://www.trafalgar-inf.richmond.sch.uk/>

Y2

In previous years, as a leaving present, Year 2 have donated a book to the Library. Obviously the situation is a little different this year so we are asking for a donation and then we will buy a book on your behalf. We will put a Book Plate in each book to say who it was donated by. Please make the donation through ParentMail +Pay.

Thank you for all the donations so far to go towards replenishing our library stock books.

Y1

- Please send in a named carrier bag for your children to take home their belongings
- If your child is not in school this week please contact the school office to arrange a time to come and collect anything still in school

Reception

- Book donations - Parents have asked about how to mark their child leaving Reception. We would like our new Reception intake to have lovely new reading books as they begin their reading journey with us – please go to the wish list and make a donation – trafalgar.ourschoolwishlist.org. We need quite a few for our new intake of 90 and each one costs around £4 each!
- Please send in a named carrier bag for your children to take home their belongings
- If your child is not in school this week please contact the school office to arrange a time to come and collect anything still in school
- See attached letter regarding hearing screening

School Lunches for September

Both schools will begin the term with packed lunches only as we work out the logistics of using the Dining Hall for hot lunches whilst maintaining our system of control measures. See attached for sample menu.

Y2 children moving to Y3 in September – the cost of a packed lunch will be £2.30 per lunch, so 11.50 per week. Please note that school meal payments to the Junior school have to be made via +Pay Parentmail. The school will not accept cash or cheques. All Y2 children joining the Junior School from September 2020 will be set up on parentmail to allow parents to make all payments to the school via this method. If you are unable to access +Pay to make payments, please contact the Junior School Office by emailing juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk.

LGFL Award

You may remember last year we celebrated winning our LGFL Digital Excellence award for our use of J2e across the curriculum.

This year we are very proud to announce that we have been awarded Highly Commended for our 'innovative use of LGFL content' which is a considerable achievement as other schools entering this category included all through primary and secondary schools.

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Reminders

- Library books, maths games, reading books returned
- Phone ahead to collect any of your child's belongings
- Any unclaimed items of clothing will be recycled during the holidays
- Any scooters or bikes not collected will be disposed of during the holidays

Community Notices

Vacancy

Trafalgar Infant School is looking to recruit a Temporary Lunchtime Cover Supervisor (SMSA) to cover Maternity Leave in September. The hours are from 11.45 until 1.10 pm each day, term time only. If you are interested in applying please email Mrs Staynes on infantinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk. Closing date for applications Monday 31 August. Interviews will take place on Friday 4 September.

Vacancy

Trafalgar Junior School is looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant from September. See flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

Impact of Coronavirus

Do you live or work in West Twickenham and South Twickenham? Would you like to have your say on local priorities for your area following the impact of Coronavirus? If so, join the local Community Conversation on 18 August 2020 at 6.30pm. See flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

School Street Plan

Some of you may remember that we discussed this School Street Plan initiative at a PTA meeting some time ago. The Council has continued to look at this - see below for information from the Council.

Richmond Council has committed to delivering School Streets to support social distancing, and, in the longer term, to tackle congestion, poor air quality and road safety concerns. A School Street creates a pedestrian and cycling only zone, which prohibits non-residential traffic. This is enforced by a timed closure of the street at pick-up and drop-off times during term time. Residents, blue badge holders and emergency vehicles will be exempt from the road closure.

There are many benefits of Schools Streets including keeping the area outside the school gates free of congestion, reducing idling vehicles and improving air quality, encouraging

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active travel to school, aiding social distancing, creating a pleasant and calm atmosphere at the start and end of the school day and, of course, improving road safety.

The Travel Safety people at the Council have flagged up our school as one that would lend itself to having a School Street plan. They have highlighted Elmsleigh as possible with maybe Gothic and could also consider Third Cross Road at some point.

The earliest time it could start would be mid September and there would be an experimental order put in place by the Council which would mean they would write to residents to advise what was happening and then there would be a process of consultation/review after 6 months etc.

The Council install the signage that would say what times the street would be closed and then provide the cones for volunteers from the school community to put out and cleared away for the specified times at drop off and pick up.

We will have more information in September but ahead of that we would need to inform the Council that we have volunteers here at school who would make this happen. If you are interested please e-mail our Governor Tom Lalonde on tlalonde@trafalgarfederation.org.uk

Thrive LDN

Thrive LDN is a citywide movement to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Londoners and is supported by the Mayor of London and London Health Board partners. Its website has a wide range of resources, digital tools, webinars and helpline information to support all aspects of mental health. Visit www.thriveldn.co.uk.

Supporting Unpaid Carers e-Learning Resource

For everyone who provides care and support to a family member or friend due to their disability, health condition, frailty, mental health or health and care needs. The resource offers a variety of e-learning sessions with expert advice from Carers UK, resource guides and videos. Visit www.e-lfh.org.uk.



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NSPCC - COVID-19 and Keeping Children Safe from Abuse

The NSPCC has produced a helpful guide for parents and carers. It covers topics such as domestic abuse, teenage relationship abuse, online safety and radicalisation and it signposts to further information and support. Visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Friends of the River Crane Environment

Friends of the River Crane Environment - the 6 session FORCE Family Challenge engages children in the natural world including Enjoying Parks, Watery Words and Arty Crane. <https://www.force.org.uk/discover/family-challenge/>

Online art resources for families and schools

During lockdown, Orleans House Gallery and the Arts Service for Richmond Council, has been busy working with artists and storytellers to create online activities to do at home or at school. There are two sets of activities:

1. [See Saw at Home for early years children](#)
2. [Sunday Afternoon Art Online](#)

Reminder Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is the Reading Agency's annual scheme run in libraries to keep children aged 4-12 reading over the summer holidays. This year it is a digital version that will run until at least September. Children can sign up for the challenge at: [**www.silysquad.org.uk**](http://www.silysquad.org.uk).

A free account must be created to take part in the competition. This is a simple process and requires approval by an adult (via email). The website is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their chosen reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home.

Further information can be found on the [website](#).

Type 1 Diabetes - Letter from South East Coast & London Diabetes Network

Please find an important message from the Children and Young People's South East Coast & London Diabetes Network Manager to raise awareness of the onset of Type 1 Diabetes.

- [Letter to School Leads and parents](#)
- [Flyer](#)



[Clubs](#)

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Go to www.boundlessdance.co.uk/summer-events-covid-19 for details of Boundless Dance activities throughout the summer.

Last day of term is Wednesday 22 July – finishing time will continue from the times we have been following since we returned to school (so no early finish)



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