



Newsletter

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Christmas Message

As the festive season approaches, we would like to reassure you that we are aware of the additional financial difficulties that many families face currently. In our school assemblies in December, we will be touching on the theme of giving and how giving can include giving time, sharing kind words, being helpful or showing kindness to others.

To support all our families this holiday season, we're doing everything we can to reduce financial pressures around our festive celebrations. As always, our aim is to make sure that no child misses out.

This year, we have the following festivities:

- Christmas Bazaar - Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1-2)
- Christmas Festive Fun Day - Key Stage 2 – (Y3-6)
- Free entry for children at the Christmas Fair
- A variety of shows and performances where children can perform as well as watch each other.
- Christmas school dinner

The financial contributions have been voluntary and with the help of so many PTA parent helpers we have been able to include all the children in the Christmas festivities. The Christmas Bazaar linked so well into our PSHE message about giving and also incorporated cross curriculum learning. We are mindful of the cost of Christmas gifts and whilst it is always lovely for staff to receive gifts, we appreciate the fact that this can be difficult for some families. Please be assured that this is not an expectation and kind words, and Christmas messages are always a joy to receive.

We are also mindful that we have a diverse school community and we do also acknowledge and celebrate some of the other festivals such as Diwali and Chinese New Year.

Throughout the school year, we unfortunately haven't been able to eliminate all the costs from extended school activities, such as trips and visits. However please do reach out to us via Mr Allen, Mrs Burton or Mrs Staynes if you have any concerns about costs regarding ongoing school events in the New Year.

Warm wishes

Sarah Keefe

Christmas Fair

We would like to say a huge **WOW** for the most **amazing Trafalgar Christmas Fair**. It was such a pleasure to see the buzz and excitement on the children's faces (and adults too!). It was a real testimony to our school community, past, present and future. Among the many visitors, we had past pupils running stalls and visiting the event; we had families of pupils hoping to join us in September next year; and of course, we had a overwhelming number of current Trafalgar families.

We recognise the amount of effort, time and passion that has gone into this event and are so very grateful to all those who helped out in any way possible and to those who attended, some with extended family and friends in tow. However, we know that this incredible event wouldn't be possible without the main Christmas Fair organisers and the group of PTA helpers who are consistently at school on an almost permanent basis. Well done and thank you on behalf of all the staff and especially the children.

Open Morning

We have a very successful Open Morning on Tuesday for prospective parents. Thank you for sharing the date with members of your family and in the community.

6S Class Assembly

Another fabulous assembly on Thursday. Well done 6S! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to watch.

Infant Bazaar

Another fabulous Infant Bazaar held this morning. The children were so excited choosing and buying their gifts, wrapping them and adding the labels. Thank you again to the PTA for organising this in the Hall and in the classrooms.

Fraser Portraits

The deadline for ordering photographs from Fraser Portraits is **Tuesday 5 December**.

Creative Projects Y3-Y6

Earlier this week, we sent families of KS2 children the Creative Project grids for the year ahead. Each child should complete one project per term and the dates are set to give you the choice between doing the projects in term time or in the half-term breaks.

We encourage children to play to their strengths and interests, and are also open to their ideas for presenting their learning in a way that may not be shown on the year group grids. The learning should, however, be linked to either of the foundation topics listed for that term. This means that they can choose between a topic they are already learning in school or they can look ahead and start researching the topic coming up in the second half of the term.

Every child will be given the opportunity to share their project with their class but please bear with us, as this can take a couple of weeks as teachers work through a handful of projects per day with their classes. If you have any questions, please see your class teacher.

Y3-6 Optional Spanish Homework

We have recently set up a tile on J2e, our online learning platform, for children in KS2 to access a Spanish language resource. The tile is simply called ESPANOL - Language Angels, and the children will soon be bringing home their logins for it. There, they have to click on PUPILS and write their usernames... and start playing. It is not compulsory but is recommended to help build confidence.

Reminders

Admissions September 2024

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 you need to apply for a place in Reception 2024, even if you already have a child attending the school. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions to make your application. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Children who are in Y2 need to also apply for a place in the Junior School in September 2024.

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Diary Dates

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Sat 2 Dec	All	Christmas tree collection (if ordered via PTA)
Tues 12 Dec	All	Festive Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term – 2.15 pm for Meadway, 2.25 for Y1-Y6
Tues 9 Jan	All	Start of Spring Term
INFANT ONLY DATES		
Wed 13 Dec	Reception	Christmas Nativity – parents and carers of Gold and Silver classes are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Thur 14 Dec	Y1 and Y2	Christmas performance – Scarlet and Green parents and carers are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Fri 15 Dec	Y1 and Y2	Christmas performance – Orange and Blue parents and carers are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming into school – more details to follow
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
Thu 7 Dec	Y3-6	Festive Fun Day (PTA event)
Wed 13 Dec	Y5-Y6	Christmas Performance at 4.00 pm
Thu 14 Dec	Y5-Y6	Christmas Performance at 4.00 pm
Wed 20 Dec	Y3-Y4	Nativity to parents
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly
13-17 May	Y6	SATS
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood