



Newsletter

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OFSTED visit – Infants

As many of you are aware, the Infants School received an OFSTED visit earlier this week. There were 2 inspectors who visited all Year 1 and 2 classes as well as Reception classes at Meadway over 2 days. There have been significant changes to the OFSTED framework since the school was last inspected in 2011 and the current inspection framework was described by the Chief Inspector as 'much more demanding'. That said, we did our very best to show the great things that Trafalgar does under the revised OFSTED categories: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Early Years and Leadership and Management

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your amazing support. We had an overwhelming number of positive responses from the parent survey as well as lovely feedback from those who spoke to the inspectors at the gate at Elmsleigh Rd and Meadway. We also received some lovely cards and wishes as well as treats - 'Heros' for our staff who have worked so hard. The children did an amazing job with their learning, and many got to speak directly with the inspectors to talk about their roles and responsibilities in school.

The process will now take up to a month and we expect to receive the final report and grade early in the new year. In the meantime, we will remain optimistic for a positive outcome.

Punctuality

It is very important that your child arrives on time for school. Registration for KS1 and KS2 is at 8.55 am, and for EYFS registration is at 9.05 am. Children who are late miss their phonics session which follows registration, and also affects their friends in the class whose lesson gets disrupted. Thank you.

Christmas Post Box (Reception Y1 and Y2)

The Christmas Post Box for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be officially open from Monday! If your child wishes to send a Christmas card to any of their friends, please write on the outside of the envelope the child's name whom it is being sent (first name and surname), and class along with a coloured dot to represent the class colour to help the children when sorting the cards for delivery.

Festive Fun Day

What a fun day the children had! The hall was buzzing with excitement as the children took part in all the activities. Many thanks once again to the PTA for organising this fabulous event.

Help Choosing Books as Gifts

If you are thinking of buying books as presents for children this festive season, you may find the following guidance helpful - especially as there are so many wonderful titles to choose from!

- Follow **Spark!** on 'X' (formerly Twitter) for their '12 Books of Christmas Countdown'. Spark is one of the few children's books awards competitions voted for by children with diversity at the heart of what they do; they currently have their long list of titles which will be reduced to the final shortlist which is then shared with schools and parents in the new year: **@sparkbookaward**
- Ask anyone in **The Alligator's Mouth**. This is an independent bookstore in Richmond that we work with regularly. As children's books specialists, their knowledge and stock is second to none!
- For a longer 'Best of 2023' check out the Book Trusts lists **here** which are organised into age groups.
- The Guardian have a similar 'Best of 2023' list **here**
- Finally, for a list that includes classics as well, check out the BBC's top 20 children's books ever **here**

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		
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>		
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
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 – please send in your voluntary £5 contribution by ParentMail. This wonderful pantomime is largely funded by the PTA, so thank you.
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
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 at 9.30 am at All Saints Church, Campbell Road, Twickenham, TW2 5BY
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



COMMUNITY

Bu'sen Martial Arts & Sports Trust

Tai-Chi, Yoga, Boxercise and BoxFit, Karate, Gymnastics, 1-2-1 Personal Training, Judo and Ju-Jitsu, and Weight Training Gym, at 244 Stanley Road, Twickenham, Telephone 020 377 81164, info@bu-sentrust.org.uk

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If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat everynight or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!) FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!

Sign up today to get **FREE lifetime membership** – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click the green Join Now button now to get free membership!