



Newsletter

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This week

Farewell

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sands, our School Business Manager. Mrs Sands has worked at the Schools since 2002, but having recently moved to the South Coast, will be looking forward to her new life at the seaside! We know you would want to wish her all the best for the future, and of course, we will all miss her.

Reception and KS1 Nativities

Wow!!! What amazing children – such wonderful dancing, singing, storytelling, the list of their talents goes on and on. We are so proud of how they all performed, and are indeed a credit to you all. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch, and for rehearsing with your children at home. Photographs will be included in next week's Golden Newsletter.

KS2 Christmas Performances

Well done to all of our Y3&4 children for the wonderful retelling of the nativity story earlier this week. We will include photographs in next week's Golden Newsletter.

Next week, it is the turn of our Y5&6 children who will perform their Pantomime after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will also give parents the option of donating cash on the night or parents can use the same link below.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Thank you to everyone for their being very generous when donating to the collections. If you would like to donate, please do so by ParentMail.

KS1 Postbox

Our Y2 helpers have been hard at work sorting all the Christmas cards out. It would be even more helpful for them if you could indicate which class the recipient is in by marking the corner of the envelope with a coloured spot indicating the class.

EYFS/KS1

Could you please ensure your child takes home their PE kit next week, and of course bring them back when we return on 7 January. Thank you.

Could you also send your child in with a named carrier bag next week so they can bring home various items from their class. Thank you.

Road Safety

Thank you for being considerate when bringing your children to school and picking them up every day, and not parking over residents' dropped kerbs, on the double yellow lines, or zig zag lines. There are parking bays in the surrounding roads, or even, park a little further out and walk in.

Unfortunately, however, we are still receiving photographs of cars parking illegally. The parking enforcement officers will continue to come along, and offending vehicles may well receive a ticket.

Coffee Morning

We would like to hold a coffee morning for our Ukrainian families. If you are able to help us host this in January - please get in touch.

Please also see the following link for further support in the community:

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/ukraine-1/support-ukrainian-families>

Christmas Theatre Performance (EYFS and KS1)

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their £5.00 donation towards the Christmas Theatre Performance. Please continue to do so by ParentMail.

Guinea Pigs

Is there anyone who can help look after our guinea pigs from 27 December until 6 January? Please speak to the school office on 0208 894 5729 if you can help. Thank you.

Children born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21

If you have a child born between 1.9.20 and 31.8.21 you need to apply for a place for him/her to start in Reception in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is**

15 January 2025. You need to apply even if you already have an older child attending Trafalgar Schools.

Y2 Children

Parents/Carers of children in Y2 need to apply for a place for their child to move to Trafalgar Junior School in September 2025. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions. **Closing date for applications is 15 January 2025**
Although this is just a formality, all families must complete the form.

School Admissions

Admission authorities are required to consult on their admission arrangements for the academic year 2026/27 either when changes are proposed, or at least once every seven years even if no changes have been made.

Please see the link for the public consultation on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2026/27. The closing date for comments is 6 January 2025 (at 5pm).


The proposal is to reduce the forms of entry from 3 form (90 pupils) to 2 form (60 pupils) as well as amending the criteria for over subscription. The proposal is to give a higher priority for children currently in the Infants school wishing to join the Junior School, followed by priority for children of staff members.

Please see attached flyer.

This is explained more fully via the link below.

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/school-admissions/admission-arrangements>

DIARY DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Tues 17 Dec	All	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	
Fri 20 Dec	All	Christmas-Sing-a-Long at 8.45 am in the KS1 playground – all welcome including EYFS. All children must be accompanied by an adult and Reception children must be walked back to Meadway by their adult. Last day at school – 2.15 pm for EYFS; 2.25 pm for KS1 and KS2	
Thu 6 March	All	World Book Day	
Fri 14 March	All	Red Nose Day	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Mon 16 Dec	EYFS/KS1	Christmas theatre performance. Reception to be picked up from Gothic Road at 3:00 pm. Although this is subsidised by the PTA, we are asking for a contribution of £5.00. Please pay by Parentmail.	
Thurs 6 Feb	Y2	Visit to Strawberry Hill House	
KS2 DATES			
Tues 10 Dec	Y3 and Y4	Nativity Performance at 9.10 am in Elmsleigh School Hall	
Wed 11 Dec	Y3 and Y4	Nativity Performance at 9.10 am in Elmsleigh School Hall	
Tues 17 Dec	Y5 and Y6	Pantomime (early eves time tbc)	
Wed 18 Dec			
Thus 30 Jan	6WS	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Tues 4 Feb	Y5 and Y6 Choir	Young Voices at the O2	
Thur 27 Feb	5S	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 6 Mar	4P	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 20 Mar	5AJ	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 27 Mar	3I	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 8 May	4M	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Fri 16 May – Sun 18 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall – meeting to be held in Spring term and a letter to go out. Rest day on Monday 19 May – no school for Y5.	
Thur 12 June	5B	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Thur 19 June	6D	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	
Fri 20 June – Mon 23 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood. Rest day on Tuesday 24 June – no school for Y6.	
Thur 26 June	3J	Class Assembly at 9.00 am	

COMMUNITY

Ukrainian and English Carols

Join us on **Sunday, 15 December, at 7.00 pm (doors - 6.30 pm)** at **St Mary's Church, Twickenham**, for a magical evening of classical music, Ukrainian & English carols! ✨

Tickets are available on:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/magical-evening-of-classical-favourites-tickets-1088891526869?aff=oddtcreator>

All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Rehabilitation Centre of Kamyanets-Podilskyi City Hospital in Western Ukraine.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment for an occupational therapy room and a physical therapy for children with disabilities.

Spread the word and enjoy a night of Christmas magic! ✨



Truth in 10

See attached flyers from the Climate Reality Project.