



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the Month

In February we will be learning about the value of 'love'. Please talk to your children about love and what it means to them and you as a family.

"I love you to the moon- and back"
Big Nutbrown Hare

Please share examples in sharing assembly.

Firefighter Visit to Foundation Stage

We had a fun-filled morning when White Watch came to visit. We were all very excited when we sat inside the fire engine and could pretend to be 'real' firefighters wearing their helmets and spraying the water.

The fire fighters spoke to us about the special clothes they need to wear to keep them safe and Mrs Mandel and Mrs Carr were dressed up as fire fighters too. They also taught us the special number we need to remember in an emergency.



Applying for a Nursery Place 2017/18

The online application system for Nursery places opens on Monday 6th February for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.

Applications should be made online at www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions

Please ensure that your application is made by the closing date of Friday 17th March 2017.



The school is currently considering different options for helping to support parents with the 30 hours free childcare entitlement. We would be interested to hear from any prospective or current parents how they would best like to use this funding to help us in our decision making process.

OFSTED Inspection

As you are aware, the school was inspected by OFSTED on Wednesday 8th February. I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the visit. Thank you to all those parents who were able to complete the parent questionnaire and of course thank you to all your children for their part in the day too. The findings from the inspection will be available shortly after half term when the report is completed and sent to the school.

School Uniform

Thank you to those families who follow the guidelines for school uniform. We pride ourselves in having high standards and the correct uniform sets a positive tone for school and also keeps children safe. Please check the website or ask at the office for a copy of the guidance for uniform.

Book Showcase

Thank you to those parents and carers, who were able to spend time with their children looking at their books and talking about their learning this week. The children enjoy sharing what they have been finding out in class and it is an opportunity we know many parents and carers value too.

Parents' consultation dates are as follows:

KS2: Tuesday 28th February 2017
Foundation Stage/ KS1: 7th March 2017

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on these dates.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's vouchers are back in stores. Please remember to collect your vouchers and send them into school. We are able to purchase valuable resources for our children through this scheme. Please remind other family members too. Thank you for your support as it makes a big difference to the school.

World Thinking Day and Founders Day

Wednesday 22nd February is World Thinking Day and Founders Day. Children are invited to wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts uniforms to school on this day. It is always lovely to see so many children dressed in their uniforms in school.

Drama Workshops

On the 31st of January, Nursery, Reception, and Years 1 and 2 went on an adventure with The Funky Fairy to the Fairy-tale Forest when the Perform Drama group came to run workshops. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and were engrossed in their mission to rescue the Fairy-tale book from the evil Red Queen. Lisa-Marie from 'Perform' said how welcome she was made to feel at Trots Hill and how well behaved the children were. A fun morning was had by all!



Litter Poster Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the school council poster competition. The two winners were sent to the Schools Parliament to be used as part of a local campaign.

Arun Mehan and Erica Buckwell, both in Year 6, were the worthy winners. Well done to everyone who took part.

Love in a Box

School Council have successfully organised another Love in the Box event in collaboration with other local schools in Stevenage.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who donated so generously. All the products collected are going to the 'Food Bank' to support families in need. Thank you to the School Council and Mrs Norman for all their work organising the event.



Cleaner

The school is looking to appoint another cleaner to join the team. If you know anyone who would be interested, please ask them to collect an application form from the office. Trots Hill School is committed to safeguarding its pupils. Any applicant will be vetted and subject to background checks.

Attendance

I would like to remind you that good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for the last two weeks.

Classes	w/b 23 rd Jan	w/b 30 th Jan
N	89.9%	96.0%
R	99.7%	97.7%
Y1	98.3%	98.7%
Y2	99.3%	100.0%
Y3	96.7%	97.3%
Y4	98.6%	99.3%
Y5	96.3%	96.0%
Y6	98.7%	97.0%

Poster Competition

Well done to the sixty-eight children who took part in the 'What is Love' poster competition. The school council have raised £20.00 and will decide how to spend this money with Mrs Dent and Mrs Norman.

The winners of the competition were:

Aroosa Raj in Year 2 and

Rutvi Shah in Year 5

Well done everyone who took part.

Talent Show

Mrs Cornish is organising this year's talent show and the information will be available to parents and children after half term. The talent show will be on Friday 31st March. It is a lovely way to end the term and I'm looking forward to seeing what the children have in store for us all.

Maths Day

Well Done to the children in Year 6 who went to the Challenge Maths Day at Almond Hill. Mrs Cornish said the children were a credit to the school and demonstrated some excellent thinking and skills in maths.

Well done to:

Tallulah Ridley

Toni Ntiedu-Duku

William Honeysett

Joshua Booyse

Alex Craig

Thomas D'Gama



Half Term

Half Term is next week, from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. **Children return to school on Monday 20th February.**