



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Year 6 SATs

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who demonstrated an excellent attitude towards their end of KS2 tests this week. Throughout the year, all pupils have shown diligence, perseverance and managed well under pressure. They have tried their best and as parents you can feel very proud.

Thank you to Mr Ward, Mrs Cornish and the Year 6 team including those teachers who provided booster classes and a range of extra support. The results will become available at the beginning of July and shared with pupils before being sent home as part of the end of year report.



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 24.04.17	w/b 01.05.17
N	97.2	92.2
R	92.6	97.6
Y1	89.7	94.6
Y2	99.3	96.7
Y3	98.3	95.7
Y4	88.9	97.3
Y5	98.3	99.2
Y6	99.0	99.1

Well done to the classes that have achieved the highest attendance of the week.

Schoolcomms

We are currently in the process of streamlining school administration and communication. We plan to upgrade the online system: Schoolcomms to reduce paper and eventually become cashless. The benefits of Schoolcomms will mean that parents can check attendance, give consent and make payment for trips, sign up for extra-curricular clubs and pre-book any breakfast or after school clubs on a school calendar.

We would ask parents to register with Schoolcomms and download their app 'School Gateway' to their smartphone. This app is free and is available in the Google Play and Apple app stores.

So far 61% of parents have downloaded the App which is very encouraging. A letter advising parents on the changeover and detailing how to register will be issued shortly.

Nursery Places

Please let friends and family know that we still have places available in our nursery for September



2017. Anyone who would like to enquire about a place should contact a member of the school office on 01438 314189 or email the school at admin@trottschill.herts.sch.uk.

Free School Meals

Please note the following information has been provided by Hertfordshire County Council regarding the provision of free school meals for pupils who receive school meals based on income.

- **Parents/carers do not need to re-apply for free school meals for September 2017.**
- **Any child receiving a free meal will be renewed for September 2017.**
- **Letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a free meal.**

If you think your child is entitled to free school meals, please let the office know and they will provide the guidance you need to apply.

Office Re-organisation

We are pleased to let you know that we have finally re-organised the office roles to provide more support in the overall running of the school. Following a Hertfordshire 'Business Management Review', the school has appointed Mrs Thomas as the Office Manager and Mrs Mehan and Mrs Amott as the School Secretaries in a job share. Mrs Mehan and Mrs Amott will be the first point of contact for parents and Mrs Thomas will ensure the smooth running of the office.

During the past few months, Mrs Amott and Mrs Thomas have gone above and beyond to keep the office running smoothly and I am indebted to them for their dedication to the school.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's have now stopped issuing school vouchers. Please could you send in any remaining vouchers that you have at home for us to return and use to purchase equipment for the school.



Governors Report: Helen Altringham

We are looking to appoint a co-opted governor for September 2017. A candidate cannot be a parent or employee of the school but can be a friend or local person with an interest in supporting the school within the community.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this role and could bring their expertise to our current governing body, please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office. If you would like more information about the role, please ask to speak to me or Miss Pidgeon.

Chairs for sale

If you would like to purchase any nursery size school chairs for your children to use at home, please contact Mrs Norman in reception class and she will organise chairs for collection. A donation of £4.00 per chair will go towards the school fund.



Pirate Day

Year 3 enjoyed a very exciting day with Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Murrill dressed as pirates. The class costumes were imaginative and great fun. The children took part in different reading activities and class discussions which will lead to some interesting written work next week. They also made a hook (an essential for any pirate) and searched for treasure. Thank you to parents for providing pupils with costumes on the day.

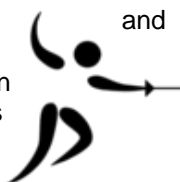
Sports News

Two teams from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Boys Football Festival held at Round Diamond School on Tuesday 25th April. Both teams played extremely well and won the overall trophy for their positive attitude, teamwork and sportsmanship.

On Thursday 27th April the Year 5/6 Girls Football Team competed in their last league match of the season against Woolenwick School. A fantastic 5-0 result for the girls who have remained unbeaten in their league winning the overall division.

The Year 5/6 Boys Football Team went to Codicote School on Friday 28th April to play their last game of the season. It was a well-played match losing out to Codicote 2-0.

A Rising Stars Fencing Festival was held at the Gordon Craig Leisure Centre on Friday 28th April involving ten children from Years 2-6. Trotts Hill remained determined throughout in what was a relatively new sport to most of them. Well done to Riley Carr for winning Year 4 boys and Chashe Gono and Jayden Thompson for being runners up in Year 2 girls and Year 5 boys respectively.



Year 1 St Nicholas Church

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to St Nicholas church on Tuesday 9th May. They had time to explore the church and find out about the significance of different parts of the building. Mr Forster showed the class how babies are christened and explained the significance of the font.

The class were a credit and enjoyed their morning. Thank you to the volunteers who helped on the trip.

Year 2 Class Assembly

Well done to Year 2 for presenting such an entertaining and informative assembly this morning. We enjoyed finding out about all their learning this year including: The Great Fire of London, 'Mini Beast' topic and computing skills. All the children performed well and spoke clearly. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along. It was lovely way to end the week.

Rainforest Day

On Friday 5th May, Year 4 enjoyed making rainforest theme toys with Mrs Mennie and a team of parent helpers. The children made a variety of animals including fish and snakes linked to their 'Rainforest' topic. The children have produced some high quality needlework and I look forward to seeing them completed. Thank you to the parents who came in to help with the sewing project.



Christians against Poverty

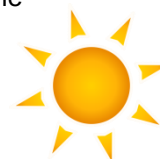
'Christians against Poverty' is a locally run organisation who support people with financial planning or difficulties with debt. Although, it is a Christian organisation, it is open to anyone who feels they need help. If you have any money worries, please ask the office and we can signpost you to guidance or please go to their website: www.capuk.org

School Dates

School closes at 3.00pm on Friday 26th May and children return to school on Tuesday 6th June.

Please may I also remind you that we have Inset days on the following dates in the summer term:

Monday 5th June
Monday 24th July



School will close for the summer holidays at 1.15pm on Friday 21st July.