



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

13th January 2017

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Welcome

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We would like to welcome Mrs Murphy who will be teaching Year 3 on Thursday and Friday with Mrs Sweeney. We also welcome two new Mid-day Supervisors to our team: Liane Cheung and Catherine Hunter.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Desborough after five years in the school office, on 20th January. Mrs Desborough has two granddaughters and another grandchild on the way who will keep her very busy during her retirement. We wish her well and are grateful to her for all her work in the office over the years.

We welcome Mrs Hopcraft as her replacement, who some of you may have met over the last few days and Mrs Amott who has returned to the office as administration support in the afternoons.

The office is a busy place and we hope the extra staff will keep everything running smoothly.

School Closures

In the event of severe weather conditions, we will endeavour to keep the school open. We will keep parents/carers informed on whether the school will be open or closed as follows:

- By text message via Schoolcomms as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you keep school informed of your current mobile phone numbers to ensure you receive our text messages.

- A newflash will be placed on our school website as soon as possible.



- The new HCC county information bulletin sending messages direct to your phone. Sign up for this service via:

Member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

Aspiration Day

Friday 6th January was a fantastic day in school. All the children had the opportunity to dress up and share their aspirations for the future. Thank you to parents for putting in so much effort with the children's costumes.

On the day, George Fouche gave an inspirational talk about his life and how to overcome difficulties and achieve against the odds.



Value of the Month

In January we will be learning about:

Determination

"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction."

George Lorimer

Please send in examples of times when your child has shown examples of determination at home.

Choir Singing at Martins Wood

In December the Year 3 and 4 choir were invited to sing some carols to the residents of the Martins Wood care home. The choir sang beautifully and put a smile on their faces. They also went and spoke to them and spent time with them. It is always a pleasure to take the choir out as their behaviour is impeccable and they are a real credit to our school.

We are hoping to visit the home again in the spring. Well done everyone involved in the choir, you should be very proud.



Governor's Report: Richard Webb

I have met with Mr Ward to discuss how the Sports Premium is being spent. The gymnastic training provided last term was successful and teachers found it very useful. Sports participation is a priority in the school and Mr Ward is working hard with Mrs Mehan to give children a range of opportunities to take part in different events. I am happy to see that the funding is being used effectively to enhance the PE provision in school.

Uniform

Please be reminded about the expectations of uniform. It is important children look smart ready to learn. School jumpers and cardigans may be worn in school time; fleeces and other cardigans may be worn out side. Please avoid extreme haircuts and large fashionable hair bows.

Passports

As a school, we support parents by countersigning passports free of charge. To assist with this, please help us by:

- Providing five days' notice for completion
- Completing all the paperwork in advance
- Cutting out any photographs ready to sign

This will help us to countersign the passports accurately and efficiently.

Elves Enterprise: Mrs Shergill

Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children in Year 6 with their Elves Enterprise project. The children had worked really hard to stick to their budget of £50, baking as many cakes and biscuits as possible. The event was a huge success and the children made a profit of £200 which they are using to purchase new sports equipment for the school. This was a fantastic achievement for the whole class who worked extremely well as a team. We would also like say a big thank you to Aldi supermarket in Stevenage, who donated £20 worth of ingredients to support the project.



Nursery Applications

Nursery applications open from Monday 6th February with the closing date Friday 17th March 2017, for all children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. Admissions will be sending out information to parents on week commencing 31st January with further details.

Open Morning: Monday 27th February

You can also visit their website:

www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

Parent fundraising Group

The fundraising group provide valuable resources to school and over the years have contributed towards

- Furniture for children in the library
- The willow dome in the playground
- Money towards trips and visits
- Purchasing trophies for Year 6

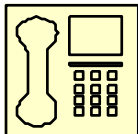
The parents are now keen to use the money raised for a project that will make a difference to the school and the children. The school has agreed to raise money to improve the outdoor environment for pupils at playtime.

Monies raised since our last newsletter:

Stick-ins labels	£ 52.80
Bags2School	£132.00
School Disco	£410.23
Christmas Cards	£317.47
Wrapping room	£477.44

Absence

Please telephone or email the office if your child is unable to attend school. We have a duty of care for children and must record in the register why they are not in school. The office telephone number is 01438 314189 and a messages will be picked up outside the office hours 8am – 4pm.



Attendance

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

Classes	w/b 5 th Dec	w/b 12 th Dec	w/b 19 th Dec
N	93.3%	100%	96.6%
R	91.9%	95.2%	95.7%
Y1	98.7%	98.0%	93.9%
Y2	97.0%	95.0%	95.2%
Y3	98.3%	98.3%	90.6%
Y4	96.9%	93.4%	96.6%
Y5	96.7%	97.3%	98.3%
Y6	99.3%	97.0%	94.4%

100% Autumn Term Attendance

We would like to offer congratulations to the following children who achieved 100% attendance during the autumn term 2016. A great achievement, well done!

Lucy Baldock
Thomas D'Gama
William Honeysett
Toni Ntiedu-Duku
Mia Schneider
Katelyn Austin
Ollie Carr
Jake Merriman
Jake Norris
Connor O'Sullivan
Stanley Andrews
Giselle Collier
Ruby Leggett
Georgia Merriman
Abbigail Robinson
Jack Swain
Emelyn Abraham
Grace Kelly
Susannah Metcalfe
Koray Pekoz
Charlie Ware
Poppy Crane
Lois Fisher
Indiana Grayling
Olivia Jenkins
Carlo Khoury
Ashleigh Matthews
Sienna Schneider
Filip Baczmaga
Owen Conder
Lilia Fernandes
Penny Leggett
Alfie Morgan
Brighton Osasolor
Charlie Swain
Madison Thomas
Brooke McCullagh
Alanna Gallagher-Smith
Preston-James Mendelson

Jamie Clark
Lewis Hemmings
Ellie Johnston
Caitlin O'Sullivan
Brandon Vincent
Sasha Booyse
Laila Fry
Tino Murove
Teddy O'Brien
Aimee Plant
Riley Carr
Lily Hogg
Ria Mehan
Darcie Redmond
Ben Swain
Isaac Worrell
Harry Green
Kayla Murove
Florence O'Brien
Georgia Stewart
Beau Barden
Anya Cripwell
Chashe Gono
Hayden Ives
Alfie Kelly
Lacey McCullagh
Aroosa Raj
Lucas Speller
Joshua Bond
Zara Cripwell
Joseph Knight
Thomas Metcalfe
Tynan Sealy
Megh Shah
Charlie Thomas
Oliver Tubridy
Lacey Haggerty
Lois Barden

Once again, we urge you to support us in our drive to improve attendance. Hopefully, this term we will see children remaining healthy and attending school regularly.