



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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September

We are pleased to let you know the class teachers for September.

Nursery - Mrs Flack

Reception - Mrs Mandell (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Taylor (Friday)

Year1 - Mrs Dent

Year 2 - Miss Williams

Year 3 - Mrs Sweeney (Monday to Wednesday) and Miss Pidgeon (Thursday to Friday)

Year 4 - Mrs Chumbley (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Mennie (Friday)

Year 5 - Mrs Jordan

Year 6 - Mrs Sturrock

Mrs Shergill will be at school for a few weeks before beginning her maternity leave.

A Moment in Time

Mrs Chumbley has led the school in a community wide project called 'A Moment in Time'. A current photograph of the school was taken to contrast a photograph taken when Stevenage was first developed. Mrs Norman and the School Council took the photographs of the local area and with Mrs Murrill's help created a display of the images. Many local schools have taken part in the project and all the photographs are being taken on a local tour for the community to share. All children have taken home a leaflet which includes the dates and venues of the tour.



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 22.5.17	w/b 5.6.17
N	93.1%	90.5%
R	93.5%	97.6%
Y1	99.3%	99.2%
Y2	97.3%	90.4%
Y3	97.2%	94.4%
Y4	100%	97.4%
Y5	96.3%	99.2%
Y6	96.2%	93.1%

Well done to the classes that have achieved the highest attendance each week. Well done to Year 4 for achieving 100%.

Toys

We allow children to bring small toys to play with at break time and lunchtime. Please help your child to make sensible choices that encourage positive play. We also ask that children limit their toys to one item or a set of items as any more can become impractical in the classroom. As a school, we do not take responsibility for any toys that are damaged or broken.

School Discos

We look forward to seeing you at the school disco this evening. May we remind you that pupils are not allowed mobile phones at the disco. For safeguarding reasons, we also ask that parents do not take photographs or video clips of their children at the disco either.



Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Hertfordshire libraries are currently preparing this year's Summer Reading Challenge '**Animal Agents**' 2017. It is the UK's biggest promotion of children's reading – last year over 20,000 Hertfordshire children took part, and it's free! The 'Animal Agents' packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries, from Saturday 15th July until Saturday 9th September 2017, while stocks last. Further information can be found at: www.hertsdirect.org/libraries

Holiday Diary and Summer Reading Challenge

Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like your child to complete a summer holiday diary. This year we are encouraging one diary per family. All Year 5 children will be given a diary as preparation for Year 6. We also invite as many children as possible to take part in the reading challenge. Remember children who do both challenges will be invited to a tea party with Mrs Evans and me. We had lots of fun last year so let's see how many of you take part this summer.

French Postcard

Children are invited to write and design a French postcard in preparation for a French Day on the 14th July. Mrs Cornish is organising the event and is sharing her plans with children in their French lessons over the next couple of weeks.



Sunflower Seed Competition

Well done to all the children in the Foundation Stage for their fantastic entries in the sponsored 'Find Things Smaller than a Sunflower Seed' competition. We had some very imaginative items including thorns, googly eyes, staples and even an eye lash! Once we have received all the entries we will announce the winners. We have raised £299.05 towards play equipment. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Mock Election

On 8th June, all classes took part in a mock general election by voting for the party they would like to see lead the country. The election was a valuable opportunity to teach children about British Values and the role of democracy in this country. The majority of children voted for the labour party and we know the outcome of the actual election was far more complex than this. There is valuable learning for children in this scenario. We will explore the election further as it unfolds.

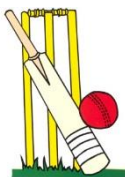
Trotts Hill Facebook Page

Our Facebook page provides an invaluable service for up to date information such as the recent PGL trip. However, we would like to remind parents that this is not a social forum and purely for information only. Therefore we kindly ask if you could refrain from leaving comments.

Please be reminded about the impact of using social media inappropriately and how comments impact on others. When social media is used well it is a valuable resource.

Year 5 Cricket

The weather could not have been better for Year 5's cricket workshop – run by Rising Stars - in the idyllic surroundings of Datchworth. There were smiles all day as the children practised new skills and made new friends. It was impressive how their bowling skills in particular improved as the day progressed.



Year 4 Whipsnade

Year 4 had a fabulous day at Whipsnade Zoo on Tuesday 13th June. The children really enjoyed seeing all of the different animals and were amazed at how close they got to the giraffes and elephants. They loved watching the baby elephant, Elizabeth, rolling around in the pool and playing football! The children were a pleasure to take out and were a credit to the school.

Year 3 Verulamium

Despite a soggy start to the day, Year 3 had a great time at the Verulamium Museum. The children touched artefacts found at the site which were 2000 years old. They learnt how the Romans cooked, built their houses and even how they cleaned themselves. All enjoyed exploring the museum and seeing the large mosaic made of 220,000 individual tiles. A big thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the day.

Sports Day

Please note the date and times for each sports day next week:

KS2: Tuesday 20th June 9.30 – 12.00pm

KS1: Tuesday 20th June 1.30 - 3.00pm

Nursery: Thursday 22nd June 11am

Book Showcase

Please remember the dates for the book showcase sessions:

KS2 – Tuesday 27th June 2017

8.00am to 8.30am / 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Reception/KS1 – Thursday 29th June 2017

8.00am to 8.30am / 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Active Kids Vouchers

Please note the last date for Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to be handed into school is **Friday 30th June**. These vouchers are valuable to the school as we purchase equipment for outside as well as to supplement our resources for PE.



Dates for Your Diary 2017/18

Please put the following school closure dates in your diary for the next academic year:

INSET DAYS:

Thursday 31st August 2017

Friday 1st September 2017

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Monday 16th April 2018

Wednesday 25th July 2018

OCCASIONAL DAYS:

Wednesday 30th August 2017

Monday 27th November 2017

Friday 15th June 2018

Monday 18th June 2018

Thursday 26th July 2018

Friday 27th July 2018

Please refer to the school website for up to date information regarding these dates as occasionally unavoidable changes may need to be made.