



# Trotts Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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### Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you for your support at our recent parent/carers consultations. It was good to see so many of you coming into school to talk to class teachers and to look at your child's books.

### Science Workshops

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in exciting science workshops led by our new parent governor and GSK employee Emma Richardson. Reception and Year 1 had to help Billy Bunny follow a treasure map and to solve problems involving floating and sinking, sound, friction and sorting living and non-living objects. Year 2 had lots of fun experimenting with bubbles and predicting the shape of bubbles when they used different shaped wands. All the children had a great time. Thank you Miss Richardson!



### Times Tables Practice

From 2018/2019, children in Year 6 will be tested on their times tables during SATs week. As a school we want the children to be as prepared as best they can be. Any support you can give your child at home, in support of all the work we do in school, would be appreciated.

The children have recommended the 'Hit the button' website to use at home to help them practise their multiplication facts so please encourage them to use this when possible.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

### Attendance

Good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for the last two weeks.

Classes	Week Beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017	Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017
N	92.7%	92.7%
R	94.2%	95.2%
Y1	96.3%	97.7%
Y2	100.0%	99.0%
Y3	93.4%	97.9%
Y4	99.3%	98.6%
Y5	99.3%	98.6%
Y6	96.7%	98.7%

### Year 1 Assembly

Congratulations to Year 1 for telling the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' so creatively this morning. The children sang beautifully and presented clearly to all their families, children and staff. We all enjoyed the performance and are proud of how they have grown during the year.



### Payments for School Meals

As we are now coming to the end of the spring term, please ensure that outstanding dinner money balances are paid in full before the Easter break. Thank you.

### Hertfordshire Catering

A copy of the new summer term menu was sent home via the book bags last week and can also be viewed on our school website. Please note that when we return after the Easter break, prices will be increased as follows:

**Nursery meal £2.40 per day**

**Year 3 – Year 6 meal £2.50 per day**

Children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals for the remainder of this academic year under the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative.

### Year 2 Athletics Workshop

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Leisure Centre practising their athletics skills. They participated in activities such as: javelin, long jump, chest throws, relay races and speed bumps. They also had to compete against other schools in each activity. Well done to Chashe who won in her group three times!



### Year 4 Assembly

Well done to Year 4 for presenting such an entertaining assembly including facts about The Egyptians, The Rainforest and the ten pieces performance inspired by Anna Meredith. Thank you to Mrs Chumbley and Mrs Hopkins for their input in preparing the children to present in assembly and thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

### Dance Festival

Sixteen Year 5 pupils were given the opportunity to perform in the Hertfordshire Dance Festival in St Albans. The theme of 'Read All About it' provided the stimulus for a very moving performance based on the plight of refugee children and their 'hope' for the future.

Thank you to Mr Sapsted for teaching the routine (supported by Mrs Cornish) and to Mrs Jordan and Mrs Page for their support on the day. Mr Ward also gave up his time on the rehearsal day so overall it was a worthwhile team effort.

As always the children were a credit to the school as they performed to the highest standard. It was lovely so many parents were able to watch the show and celebrate in their child's achievement.

Well done to:

**Jenson Baker**  
**Sasha Booyse**  
**Tommy Clarke**  
**Laila Fry**  
**Sienna Garner**  
**Tanaka Gono**  
**Mia Houry**  
**Tino Murove**

**Jake Norris**  
**Teddy O'Brien**  
**Connor O'Sullivan**  
**George Page**  
**Aimee Plant**  
**Rutvi Shah**  
**Jayden Thomas**  
**Isabelle Wright**

### Mobile Phones

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

[Keep safe](#) – put your phone away in the glove compartment.



### Bags2School

Please remember that the next Bags2School collection is on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am**. Please bring your bags to the school group room on this day by 9.00am. We look forward to another successful collection and are grateful to the parents who organise this.

### Footballs in School

A quick reminder to parents and children that during lunchtimes and when the children are allowed on the field, the children are allowed to bring in leather, size 4 footballs to play with. When the children are on the playground we would ask that children bring in plastic balls only as the space on the playground is very limited.

### Book of Fame

Our last book of fame assembly takes place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and will restart after the Easter break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. We enjoy finding out about children's achievements at home so please remember to send them in.

### Hertfordshire School Nursing Services



The School Nursing Service is provided by Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, for children and young people aged 5 to 19 in mainstream schools.

The service also manages a local Health for Kids website, designed to deliver topical health messages and advice for children, parents and carers, through interactive tools and creative marketing materials.

The 'Health for Kids' website, which is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, can be seen at: [www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire)

The website is kept updated with local information and events.

To contact a school nurse with any concerns, a referral form is available to complete online, via [www.hct.nhs.uk/forms/school-nursing-form.asp](http://www.hct.nhs.uk/forms/school-nursing-form.asp)

### eSafety

The 13+ rule applies for **most** social media apps, including: WhatsApp, FitBit, Musical.ly and SnapChat. Children should **not** have their own accounts with any of these apps until they are 13. Please talk to your children and explain why the rules are in place. For more support visit:

[www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/parents.shtml](http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/parents.shtml)

### School Website

You can now find all diary and calendar dates on our website along with copies of newsletters and general correspondence sent out by the school. All this information can be found under the 'News & Dates' tab on the home page of the website.



### Fundraising Events

The children's discos were well supported and enjoyed by all. A total of £421.17 was raised for school funds. Thank you to all the parents and helpers for this great success.

### Easter Break

Please be reminded, we finish for the Easter Break at **1.15pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.