



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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New Secretary

We are very pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new office secretary. Mrs Gillian Thomas will work alongside Mrs Amott and Mrs Desborough the week commencing the 17th October and be fully in post after half term. Mrs Thomas has previous experience working in a busy Hertfordshire primary school and is looking forward to joining our team. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation. Mrs Amott and Mrs Desborough are working hard to keep the office running as normal.

Lost property



Please label your child's clothing. If items are labelled with the year group and child's initials, we can return clothing to children when it is found. We will be disposing of lost property more regularly, so please check for lost items and label items including jumpers, cardigans, coats and footwear.

Attendance

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

Classes	w/b 5.9.16	w/b 12.9.16	w/b 19.9.16
N	100%	92.5%	95.3%
R	97.5%	94.7%	95.9%
Y1	96%	100%	99.3%
Y2	99.3%	97.7%	100%
Y3	99.3%	99%	99%
Y4	97.9%	99.3%	98.6%
Y5	100%	98.7%	99.7%
Y6	98.3%	95%	96%

Well done to all of the classes that have achieved 100% attendance. Keep up the good work.

Punctuality

Please may I also remind you of the importance of punctuality. KS2 lessons will begin promptly after the registers are taken at 8.45am. In KS1, lessons begin after the registers are taken at 8.55am. Please ensure that your morning routines are good and your child does not miss out on important learning. Breakfast club is available to help children settle in the morning. Thank you for your co-operation.

Value of the month

"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork, and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."
Mattie Stepanek

This month we are exploring 'Unity'. Please send in any book of fame nominations for examples of 'Unity' that your child shows outside of school.

Diaries and Reading Certificates

Please return summer holiday diaries by Monday 26th September so that Mrs Shergill and I can read them all before the week beginning 4th October when we plan to award prizes and hold our afternoon tea celebrations.



Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding

I would like to remind parents **who are on income support or jobseekers allowance that you should still register for free school meals** as your child is eligible for pupil premium funding which comes direct to the school to support their learning and development. This can be done by telephone on 0300 123 4048 or on-line via:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/can-help/>

PE Kit

Children are encouraged to keep their PE kit in school during the week so that they can take part in lunchtime or after school activities easily. As autumn months settle in, please ensure pupils have warm enough clothing for outdoor sports.

KS2 SAT preparation

Mr Ward is organising meetings for Year 5 and 6 parents on 5th October to help you support your child at home. As you will be aware, the expectations at the end of KS 2 have increased and we want to equip pupils as early as possible with the skills they need to prepare them for the tests at the end of Year 6 and to ensure they are ready for secondary school.

Governors Report: Ms Da-Silver

Sharing assembly on the 16th September was a little different in that all children shared poems that they had learnt during the summer holiday. It was a delight to hear each poem presented in such a professional way, from Receptions rendition of 'If you see a crocodile', Year 1's 'One, Two, Buckle my Shoe, Year 2's Monday's Child, Year 3's 'The Sound Collector', Year 4's 'Night Train', Year 5's 'The Daffodils' through to Year 6's 'If'. The presentation could not be faulted with each child taking part, speaking out clearly and obviously enjoying reciting their poem from memory. They will never forget the poems they have memorised, I know I can still remember the poems I learnt at school.

Thank you to all the staff for organising and rehearsing the poems but most of all thank you children of Trotts Hill for such an uplifting start to the day.

e-safety

Please remember that age restrictions apply for different apps and websites. These age restrictions are there to protect all children. There is a poster detailing these outside each classroom.

Please visit www.saferinternet.org.uk. This website provides news and information to ensure you have parental control at home. Also make sure that antivirus software is up to date and also any privacy settings on you own social media accounts are in place.

Site safety

Please remember to walk around the outside of the nursery playground when dropping and collecting your child from nursery. When you come through the pedestrian gate, please turn right, walking past years 3 and 4 classrooms towards nursery. Please avoid walking through the car park for your own safety and that of your child's. Thank you.