



# Trotts Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

[www.trottsill.herts.sch.uk](http://www.trottsill.herts.sch.uk)

### Headteacher Transition

Mrs Evans and I met on Monday to plan staffing for September and to begin our handover. Mrs Evans joined us for a fish and chip lunch a few weeks ago and met all the staff and children which was exciting for the children (and staff)!

We are in regular contact and I am looking forward to working with her as Deputy Head teacher come September.

On Monday 17th July, the school will provide light refreshments during open evening as Mrs Evans is keen to meet parents and get to know as many families as possible prior to joining the school.

### Jenny Coles

On Tuesday 16th May the school welcomed a visit from Mrs Jenny Coles who is the Director for Children's Services in Hertfordshire. This was a special day for the school and recognised our recent 'Good' outcome during the OFSTED inspection. The children performed in assembly and were a delight as always. Mrs Altringham and I took Mrs Coles on a tour of the school to see the children learning and again their behaviour was exemplary.

Thank you to parents for ensuring your children were in school, looking smart and ready to learn on the day. Mrs Altringham and I would like to thank all the staff for their efforts in preparing for the visit.

### 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 8.5.17	w/b 15.5.17
N	93.8%	95.9%
R	97.7%	97.7%
Y1	95.3%	96.7%
Y2	97.7%	96.0%
Y3	97.9%	96.6%
Y4	97.1%	98.9%
Y5	100%	95.0%
Y6	99.3%	97.9%

Well done to the classes that have achieved the highest attendance of the week. Keep up the good work.



### Nursery Places

Please let all your friends and family know that we still have nursery spaces available. Pupil numbers are vital to the budget and how the school is funded. We can support parents to organise the 30 hours childcare and believe we offer excellent nursery provision.

If you know anyone who may like to enquire or visit the nursery, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.

### Science Assembly

Scientists don't keep their work to themselves but communicate it between each other and to the wider world. At Trotts Hill our scientists shared an aspect of their work during a special assembly. The focus was communicating clearly to others. We learned about fair testing, classification and life cycles in a range of topics including forces, animals, plants and materials.

The children who presented used lots of technical vocabulary and spoke coherently. We hope to see many of these children in science related careers in the future.



### Governor News: Clare Miller

This week I have met with members of the Senior Leadership Team to review the objectives for this current academic year. After a very successful Ofsted inspection, the school is in a strong position for Mrs Evans to begin her headship at Trotts Hill in September 2017.

### Mrs Shergill

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Shergill is expecting her second child in October. Mrs Shergill will return to school for a few weeks in September before starting her maternity leave. It is always lovely to have baby news in school and we wish her, her husband and their son Javen every happiness.

### Baby News

We are very happy to let you know, Mrs Gotham had her baby daughter on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Her little girl weighed 8lb 4oz and is called Eliza. Both mother and baby are doing well.



### Ducklings

Foundation stage had some very special visitors when ducklings came to visit for the morning. We had three little girls and one little boy. We had to make sure they were fed and had access to water during the morning. We were able to stroke them as long as we were gentle. They were very cute and their feathers were really fluffy. They made lots of noise as if they were talking to one another. They were always near one another and they could often be seen snuggled together. Other classes came to visit them and they asked questions and had discussions about where ducklings came from and we had a look at a real egg.



### Site Safety

Please walk around the outside of the school site instead of walking through the car park whenever possible. The design of the building is limiting as the front entrance is in the car park. We ask parents where possible to take the long route to the pedestrian gate.

### Sports News

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 8 children from Year 2 took part in a Rising Stars Goalball Festival. They competed with enthusiasm and determination in what was a new sport to most of them.

Well done to:

**Will Amass**  
**Edward Perry**  
**Lucas Speller**  
**Thomas Smith**  
**Sienna Schneider**  
**Lacey McCullagh**  
**Anya Cripwell**  
**Aroosa Raj**



### Hampson Park Fete

Please note there is a Fete running on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm – 4pm and families are invited to attend. The event is being organised for two charities: The Stevenage Food Bank and Carers in Hertfordshire. The school is not involved but we are more than happy to publicise the event.

### Book Showcase

Please remember the dates for the book showcase sessions:

**KS2 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

8.00am to 8.30am / 3.00pm to 3.30pm

**Reception/KS1 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

8.00am to 8.30am / 3.00pm to 3.30pm

### Railway Safety Assembly

The children enjoyed an assembly from Thameslink Railway on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Two safety officers talked to the children about keeping safe near railways and on trains. The assembly was very informative and provided children with plenty of opportunities to ask questions. Children also have the opportunity to take part in a colouring competition which will also be put on display.



### Year 3 Team Building

Year 3 had great fun at the Gordon Craig. Rising Stars had organised an exciting morning of team building. We were joined by children from three other schools and we were organised into mixed teams. The children all embraced this and enjoyed making new friends within their teams. All the activities were designed to develop skills of cooperation and listening to other people's ideas. All enjoyed retrieving the toxic waste and crossing the muddy swamp but by far the most popular was being hungry hippos. Ask your children about this! It's fun for adults too! A big thank you to the volunteers who joined us for the morning and to Rising Stars for organising the event.

### Fundraising Group

The fundraising committee have worked hard to raise money to improve the outdoor space for our children. As well as purchasing a mud kitchen for the foundation stage, they have also purchased a giant four in a row, lincabricks and two football goals for Key Stage 1 and 2. They are also providing an iPad for class use.

Your support of the fundraising committee by attending events and donating money makes a huge difference to the school. As school budgets reduce, the support of the fundraising group will become critical to running the school.

### Tesco

Thank you to Laura Rogan and the staff at the local Tesco for sponsoring our school by holding a fundraising event in store. Pupils in Year 6 sang to customers twice during the week. Thank you to those parents who were able to visit the store and Mrs Shergill, Mrs Cornish and Mrs Flack for organising the singing. Mrs Miller and Mrs Hunter also helped by walking with the children.

The money raised will be used to improve the outdoor area of the Foundation Stage which we have been working hard to update and improve. Further thanks to Emma Richardson and the Parents Fundraising Group for making links with Tesco as local sponsors are invaluable to us.

