



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the Month

During May our value of the month is honesty. Personally, I believe this is one of the most important values for us to teach our children.

“My guiding principles in life are to be honest, genuine, thoughtful and caring.”

Prince William

Please send in any examples of your child demonstrating the school values for us to share in assembly.

Smartwatches

Please be reminded that children should not bring smartwatches to school. Even staff are not permitted to wear smartwatches as part of the school's safeguarding policy. Phones and smartwatches can interfere with learning, even on silent mode. There is also a risk of eSafety issues if smartwatches are brought into school because some watches can take photographs or be used as a phone. We ask parents to support our eSafety rules to order to keep our children safe.

Reception Assembly

Well done to Reception class for their highly entertaining class assembly. They sang songs, were able to recite poems and all performed with a smile. It is lovely to see how much they have grown this year as well as how much they have learnt. Thank you to all parents for attending.

Rock Steady Assembly

On Monday 24th April, the children were enjoyed a performance by Matt from Rock Steady. He talked to the children about the differences between an orchestra and a rock band and demonstrated instruments such as the electric guitar and drums. The children enjoyed the assembly and I think many are inspired to become rock stars! Thank you to Mrs Flack for organising the morning.



Blue Whale Challenge

Please be aware of a very dangerous online challenge. Young people are targeted to complete a series of fifty challenges which become more and more dangerous. The Hertfordshire Safeguarding team have advised schools to be aware of it as it has very serious consequences.

'Fruit and Veg' Week

The children have embraced our 'Fruit and Vegetable Week' with great enthusiasm. We have seen an increase in the number of KS1 children eating their snack at break time and have been delighted with the number of KS2 children bringing in their own portions of fruit or vegetables from home. A big thank you to parents for supporting us in this drive towards healthier eating. It would be great if we could continue this initiative.

Here are a few more tips for reaching your 5 a day everyday:

- Add a portion of fruit to breakfast cereal.
- Add some vegetable sticks to lunch boxes.
- Make fruit smoothies.
- Hide vegetables in sauces like Bolognese.
- Remember dried and canned vegetables and fruit count as well as fresh.

Foyles Book Fair

Please be reminded that Foyles Book Fair will be in school on Monday 19th June. Children may bring money into school on that day and choose a book to purchase. Parents are also welcome to visit the book fair at the end of the day. Nursery parents can also visit when they collect their children at 12.00pm.

There will be a huge selection of books on sale and commission from the sales will help us buy more books to use in school for all of our children.



Safeguarding

As part of safeguarding requirements parents are asked not to wander through the school at the beginning or end of the school day. If you need to see a class teacher either go to the office and the teacher will be sent for or go to the outside classroom door and teachers will speak to you there.

When you drop your child off at breakfast club, please leave by the group room door and not through the school. Thank you for your co-operation in this as keeping children safe is the first priority of all schools.

Class Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 23rd May to take class photographs, which will be available for you to purchase before the end of term.



100% Attendance

Congratulations and well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term:

Samson Baker	Sophie Bradley
Connor Breach	Sienna Chatfield
Finn Clynes	Luke Frostick
Ethan O'Sullivan	Noah Pinchers
Evie-Grace Thomas	Lois Barden
Kacey Davies	William Drake
Scarlett Elvin	Layla Haggerty
Brooke McCullagh	Preston-James Mendelson
Aayat Raj	Bailey Smith
Jaydon Allen	Joshua Bond
Zara Cripwell	Lily-Anne Farmborough
Lilia Fernandes	Joseph Knight
Penny Leggett	Thomas Metcalfe
Katy Miller	Harry Robinson
Megh Shah	Charlie Taylor
Charlie Thomas	Oliver Tubridy
Beau Barden	Giulia Cemeli
Lois Fisher	Chashe Gono
Indiana Grayling	Hayden Ives
Olivia Jenkins	Alfie Kelly
Ashleigh Matthews	Lacey McCullagh
Edward Perry	Rizwah Qadri
Aroosa Raj	Kailan Ross-Brennan
Sienna Schneider	Eleah Sealy
Lucas Speller	Emelyn Abraham
Kenny Ahmed	George Cameron
Leo Grayling	Joscelyn Ives
Grace Kelly	Cody Leggett
Finley Mallett	Susannah Metcalfe
Florence O'Brien	Roman Page
Stanley Andrews	Chloe Bell
Megan Cameron	Riley Carr
Giselle Collier	Sadie Edwards
Olivia Green	Jessica Hale
Ruby Leggett	Ria Mehan
Georgia Merriman	Raghib Qadri
Abigail Robinson	Benjamin Williams
Isaac Worrell	Libby Wragg
Katelyn Austin	Dion Baffour
Sasha Booyse	Laila Fry
Sienna Garner	Tanaka Gono
Teddy O'Brien	Connor O'Sullivan
Aimee Plant	Khadija Qadri
Rutvi Shah	Jayden Thompson
Liam Wragg	Isabelle Wright
Erica Buckwell	Jamie Clark
Alex Craig	Isla Edwards
Lewis Hemmings	William Honeysett
Kahlen Miller-Dineen	Toni Ntiedu-Duku
William Perry	Brandon Vincent

Governors Report: Helen Altringham

As part of my role as Chair of Governors, I completed a learning walk with Miss Pidgeon this week. We visited each class and looked at pupils' books. All the children were all engaged in their learning and behaviour was exemplary. We saw a range of lessons including children enjoying story time in nursery, PE in Year 2 with Mr Web and art in Year 5. Pupils' books were of a high standard and I looked at the way teachers are adapting their marking in English to help pupils become more independent. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning and look forward to my next visit.

Attendance

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

Classes	w/b	w/b
	27.3.17	17.4.17
N	94.0%	91.7%
R	92.3%	97.2%
Y1	98.0%	99.2%
Y2	94.0%	95.0%
Y3	94.5%	98.3%
Y4	98.3%	96.4%
Y5	95.0%	95.0%
Y6	97.2%	94.8%

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

Please be reminded punctuality is just as important as good attendance. Teachers plan morning activities to support children develop their basic numeracy and literacy skills. It is important children arrive in good time to complete these tasks.



Gateway App

We are looking to move to becoming a 'paperless' school (in line with most Hertfordshire schools who already operate in this way). We will be looking to improve communications with parents with increased texts and emails via our gateway app. By using the app, you will also be able to sign up to extra-curricular clubs, notify us of pupils absence, pay and consent for school trips and keep a track of your child's attendance.

With this in mind, we would strongly urge you to download the 'Gateway' app to your phone which can be found in the Google Play and Apple app stores.

A more detailed letter outlining the benefits and how to download and use this application will be sent out shortly. Please remember, we also have our website too which contains all term dates, diary dates, letters sent home to parents and important curricular information.



Mrs Gotham

Mrs Gotham's last day with us is Friday 5th May as she leaves to have her baby girl. Mrs Gotham has been an asset to the school and a great support to Mr Ward and Year 6. I would like to wish her well with baby number three! Hopefully she will visit Year 6 with her new baby before the end of term.

Assemblies

Please note this is the last year we will offer tea and coffee after a class assembly as it poses a health and safety risk. We will continue to give parents time with their children to say well done and share in their achievement. I hope you understand the reasons behind this change.

Reminder

School is closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day Bank Holiday. All children return to school on Tuesday 2nd May 2017.