



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the Month

In March we will be learning about the value of patience.

'Have patience with all things, But, first of all with yourself'

Saint Francis de Sales

We will share examples of patience within school, but would also like to hear of any examples from home to share during our Friday sharing assemblies.

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 6 th Feb	w/b 20 th Feb
N	91.3%	94.7%
R	95.2%	96.8%
Y1	97.7%	95.3%
Y2	96.7%	98.7%
Y3	96.6%	96.2%
Y4	100%	99.3%
Y5	91.7%	98.0%
Y6	97.7%	99.3%

As a result of the OFSTED inspection, I will be meeting with parents and pupils who are regularly late or absent to discuss the reasons why.

Daffodil Appeal

Once again, we are supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Appeal. The daffodils will be on sale from the school office from Wednesday 1st March to Wednesday 29th March. The children can place their donations in the box which will go towards helping nurse people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. Thank you for your support.



Recycling Assembly

On 20th February, the whole school enjoyed an informative recycling assembly led by Monika Koziara. Year 3 then had the opportunity to follow up on their learning in science through a workshop about materials and the importance of recycling. Thank you to Mrs Jordan for organising the event. It was a useful reminder to us all about our own responsibility for the planet.

Governor Report: Jennifer Da Silva

Yesterday was book day as I am sure you know! Unfortunately I was not around to admire all the hard work which went into creating the wonderful costumes to illustrate your child's favourite book character.



What a lovely surprise when I came into school today to see that I had not missed out entirely. Each class had decorated their classroom door in such a way to describe the story of their favourite book. Such a range of stories pictured in such an imaginative way. Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to the gorgeous displays from an ardent lover of books.

Talent Show

Applications for the talent show this year are now open. We look forward to this event and are excited about the different performances children will be presenting at the end of term. If you have any special requests, please let Mrs Cornish know via the school office.

The talent show is on Friday 31st March 2017

Sports News

A team of Year 6 girls took part in a table tennis tournament with local schools on Friday 24th February. It was a new opportunity and the girls showed great improvement over the series of matches that they played. Well done to:

Lucy Baldock
Kahlen Miller-Dineen
Caitlin O'Sullivan
Mia Schneider
Gutjera Sirvelyte
Erica Buckwell
Maddie Brooks
Tolu Ogunmiloyo



The girls' football team won their football match 4-0 against Giles Junior School which is a wonderful result for the team. As always they play with determination and a good sense of fairness.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please remember to continue to bring in your Sainsbury's vouchers, which are a great way to gain valuable equipment and resources for our children at no cost to the school. Please spread the word to your family, friends and colleagues. Thank you.

World Book Day

Thank for supporting your children with dressing up costumes yesterday. Mrs Mandell led the staff in a fun day which celebrated books and promoted reading for pleasure. We all had plenty of opportunities to read during the day and we enjoyed the fancy dress parade in the morning.

The winning children were:

Nursery: Finn Clynes

Reception: Hannah Fahim

Year 1: Charlie Thomas

Year 2: Anya Cripwell

Year 3: Finley Mallett

Year 4: Cody Davies

Year 5: Harley Grayling

Year 6: Tom D’Gama

Today, I had a very difficult job of choosing the winning book cover themed door competition! All the classes worked hard to produce imaginative and original displays for their doors based on different books.

The winning class were Year 4 for a door inspired by the book “Journey to the River Sea”.

Love in a Box Collection

Thank you for all your contributions of food and toiletries for the food bank which go directly to families in Stevenage who need our support.

The Children received a thank you card from Anne Brown for their generous donations which was read out in assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Norman and the School Council for organising the event.



School Discos

Please remember that the school discos are tonight, Friday 3rd March:

Nursery, Reception & KS1: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

KS2: 7.00pm to 8.00pm:

Thank you in advance to the parents who support the school by organising the disco and making the evening so much fun for our children.

Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bags2School

Please note that the next Bags2School collection is on Monday 20th March at 9.00am. Please bring your bags to the school group room on the day of the collection by 9.00am. We look forward to another successful collection. Thank you in advance to the parents who organise and sort the bags ready for collection.

Gateway APP

We are looking to modernise the systems for communication and making payments via the office. We are encouraging all families to sign up to the Gateway APP.

The advantages to the school are:

- Reduction in paper and photocopying
- Reduction in cash handling and chasing of monies
- Reduction in the costs of administration
- Improved recording and reporting systems
- Free text service

The advantages to families are:

- Improved communication
- Free text service
- Ability to make payments online
- Up to date billing and access to your accounts
- Emails and letters are saved to your phone
- Consent for trips can be provided via the APP
- Registration for clubs and after school activities.

If you are unsure or have any other questions about the APP, please talk to Mrs Thomas.

500 words competition

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who have entered a story into the Radio 2 ‘500 Words’ competition. Mr Ward was proud of all the pupils’ stories and how effectively they used each word to create a story that captured the attention of the reader.

Dates

Here are some key dates for the term ahead. It does not include all the small group activities or sporting activities some pupils are involved in. Please refer to individual letters and the school website.

6th March - Nursery open morning

7th March - FS/KS1 parent/carer consultations

8th March - K’Nex Challenge

9th March - Year 4 class assembly

14th March - St Albans Dance festival for Year 5

17th March - Year 1 class assembly

20th March - Bags2School collection

22nd March - Year 1 athletics day

24th March - Cake sale

24th March - Quiz night

30th March - Year 6 Easter Journey

31st March - Talent show and 1.15pm finish



For more details and times of events, please check the school website or ask in the office for more information.