

Newsletter

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TRINITY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear families,

Where is January going! This month seems like it is going so quickly, Spring and some sunshine must be around the corner. I've seen early shoots and bulbs popping up – keep an eye out and see what you can watch emerge.

Chinese New Year – The Year Of The Tiger; Tuesday 1st February

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year this year and offering children a themed lunch to bring in the Year of the Tiger! Please make your menu choices in advance.

What does the Year of the Tiger symbolise?

*In Chinese culture the Year of the Tiger will be about making big changes. This will be a **year of risk-taking and adventure**. We're finding enthusiasm again, both for ourselves and for others. Everyone is fired up; generosity is at an all-time high and social progress feels possible again.*



Big Garden Bird Watch – This Weekend!

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch is happening this weekend from 28th – 30th January.

Get involved at www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch



It's totally free, you just need to sign up to get information about how to take part.

'Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.'

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 4th February



Miss Albiston is very excited to launch Number Day at our school in conjunction with the Children's Charity NSPCC. There will be lots of activities happening across the day on Friday 4th February, including dressing up and raising money for the NSPCC through being sponsored in one of the many Number Day money raising events. Please join in and get involved in any way you can. Details about Number

Day came out to you last week, but they are on our school website and you can find the sponsor form online also.

Harry Potter Day – Friday 11th February

Miss Ball has planned a fantastic, themed learning day for the whole school on Friday 11th February to celebrate Harry Potter Book Day!

It is 25 years since the first book in the series 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was released and 21 years since the first Harry Potter film came out! We will be using this as inspiration in our reading and writing throughout the day. We invite you all to dress up on this day and Miss Ball has put together some helpful hints about how you can do this in her letter to you. You will be getting this shortly!

FOT Events – Watch This Space!

Mrs Burrells and I met with Sharon Johnson; Chair of the Friends Of Trinity (FOT) to plan out all the exciting events and occasions that you can all look forward to across Spring and Summer terms.

FOT is a charity group of volunteers, made up of parents and friends of the school, who work with the school to run fundraising events to raise money for the school. The FOT have organised and led fantastic events, most recently the Christmas Market and Santa Fun Run and last October they brought the Circus to town! Some events over the last few years have been disrupted due to COVID, yet we are putting these back on the map for the events this year.

FOT still need volunteers to support them and the school to run these events. We know everyone's time is valuable, yet we cannot run these events without more help. FOT will be sharing the exciting events that are coming up soon. We have some really fun events planned!

Expansion Build News – the date has been set!

Phase 1 of our expansion plan is due to start mid-February. TJ Evers are the construction company tasked with the phase 1 job of building us our new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the school field. The MUGA will provide the children with a playing surface that can be used all year round. Currently we must limit the use of the field during the winter months as it is often waterlogged and very muddy.

Phase 1 (the MUGA) will take approximately 8 weeks – taking us through to April. Phase 1 is all external to the school building itself, yet it will involve using some of the outside space creatively during the construction phase of the MUGA. I am meeting with TJ Evers this week to establish the space we are working with while they construct the MUGA, including how we are keeping everyone on the site safe. I will update you all with further expansion news and dates when I have them.

COVID Positive and Isolation

The guidelines change often and trying to keep up to date with what you are expected to do can be confusing. Please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Simpkin if you need further support with what to do if your child tests positive.

Here is the most recent guidance from Essex County Council:

If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately for 10 days but they do not need to get a PCR test. Positive cases should isolate for 10 full days, however, can end isolation early if they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and day 6 - they can then return to school on day 6. If they continue to test positive, then they can repeat the test the next day and each subsequent day until they get two consecutive negative results or reach the end of the 10 day isolation.

Omicron Variant

The Omicron variant is the most dominant strain, and we know that it is significantly contagious, but the effects of the virus are not as serious in most cases. Public Health Essex have shared that it is impossible to stop this variant and that it is inevitable that many of us will become infected. Currently we have cases throughout the school, in both adults and children and are maintaining face to face learning under the circumstances of staff isolating. Our attendance figure reflects the additional number of COVID absences we have at the moment, and we are asking you to assist the school by;

- Regular LFT testing – twice a week at a minimum.
- LFT testing daily if you have been sent a letter sharing your child is in a class with positive COVID cases.
- Not sending your children into school if they have COVID symptoms.
- Daily LFT testing before your child comes to school, if your child is in a household where there are positive cases

We are constantly taking advice from Public Health Essex and are reporting our figures daily. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this situation. It is one which many schools and families are facing together.

Making Our School Street Safer

Last week parking enforcement attended Trinity Road outside the school. The current congestion at drop-off and pick-up times is dangerous and causes issues for pedestrians and other road users, as well as the local residents. The council are monitoring the situation at our school and parking enforcement will be back to support a safer school street for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this matter.

Have a super week everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'N. Outhwaite'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'N' and a circular flourish around the 'O'.

Natasha Outhwaite

Headteacher

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Our schools attendance target is 96.5%

Outstanding ~ 98.6-100%

Good ~ 96.1—98.5%

Could do better ~ 96% and below

Last weeks attendance was 89.5%

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|-----------|-----------------|
| Crystal | Good |
| Sapphire | Could do better |
| Amber | Could do better |
| Citrine | Could do better |
| Jasper | Could do better |
| Opal | Could do better |
| Jet | Could do better |
| Jade | Could do better |
| Ruby | Could do better |
| Emerald | Could do better |
| Turquoise | Could do better |

On The Menu

Week 2

Trinity Road Primary School – Winter Menu 2021 – Week 2

Option 1

Option 2

Dessert

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Ashlyn's Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole, served with New Potatoes, Broccoli & Gravy | Salmon, Red Pepper & Tomato Pasta served with a Mixed Salad | Roast Gammon served with Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy | Sticky Chicken served with Wholesome Rice & Peas | MSC Stuffed Cod served with Onion Chips & Baked Beans |
| Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole, Served with New Potatoes, Broccoli & Gravy | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with a Mixed Salad & Coleslaw | Roast Vegetable & Lentil Burger served with Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy | Chicken & Aubergine Tagine served with Wholesome Rice & Peas | Cheese, Potato & Onion Wafel served with Onion Chips & Baked Beans |
| Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Homemade Fruit Flapjack | Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt | Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Homemade Banana Muffin | Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt | Freshly Cut Fruit or Organic Fruit Yoghurt or Ice Cream |

Week commencing – 8th November, 20th November, 3rd January, 24th January, 2nd February, 14th March

All of our meat is Farm Assured and is locally sourced. Our fish is Marine Stewardship Council approved.

Available Daily
Jarvis Potato with strong
Wholesome bread
Choice of salads
Water



This QR code can be read by any barcode
scanner app on your smart phone to access
the allergen and nutritional data.

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LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Teddy Olympics (new date) - Selected children

Number Day 2022—Whole school

Number Day Sponsorship Form

Harry Potter Book Day—Whole school

All letters can be found
on the school website:

www.trinityroad.essex.sch.uk

Super Writer & Learning Star certificates

The table below shows who the awards were won by this week. The certificates will be sent home one week after they are awarded. The Respect badges are given to the children every Friday and then handed back the following Friday for the next children.

| Class | Learning Star Award | Super Writer Award | Respect Badge |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Crystal | Leo | Ffion | Edie |
| Sapphire | Edie | Hanah | Calida |
| Amber | Toby | Ivy | Mia |
| Citrine | Izzy | Aimee | Danny |
| Jasper | Jack | Danial | Nelliie |
| Opal | Michael | Wren | Alexander |
| Jet | Amy | Luca-Rose | Lucas |
| Jade | Eduard | Aava | Zachary |
| Ruby | Harley | Elsie | Elija |
| Emerald | Nathan | Chloe | Matthew |
| Turquoise | Talia | Grace | Ethan |

TERM DATES * denotes new

| Date | Time | Event | Information |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 04/02/22 | In school time | NSPCC Number Day | A letter and sponsorship form have been sent home |
| 27/01/22 | All day | Opal class Learner Conferences | Opal class only. Letter has been sent home. |
| 11/02/22 | In school time | Harry Potter Book Day | A letter has been sent home |
| 14/02/22 to 20/02/22 | | Half Term | |
| 03/03/22 | In school time | World Book Day | More information to follow |
| 29/03/22 * | In school time | Teddy Olympics | Rescheduled date—a letter has been sent home to selected children |
| 23/05/22 | All day | Young Voices | Rescheduled date |

Improving School Communications with ParentMail and Our School App

Please be aware that we have two parent communications:

Our School App – is a communication system that we use to enable you to book Learner Conferences, pay online for school meals and trips. Please download this App on your mobile device.



Parentmail App – is a communication system that we use purely for emailing parents. By downloading this App, any emails that are sent by the school will show directly in here, rather than being mixed in with your outlook/gmail inbox.



Please download both Apps in order to keep yourself updated