#### Newsletter

Date: 16th January 2023 TRINITY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL www.trinityroad.essex.sch.uk @TrinityRdPrim Trinity Road
Primary School
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#### **Head Teacher's Message**

#### **Dear Families**

Since we have all returned from the holidays and got back in to the school run routine we have seen an increase in unsafe and dangerous parking, and driving, at the drop off and pick up times around the school.

Please ensure that you are not putting the safety of pedestrians and other road users in danger and that you leave plenty of time for your journey and find a suitable parking place.

#### Story Telling Session - 31<sup>st</sup> January - by Invitation

Miss Clare is organising a family story telling session after school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. This is part of our Year Of Reading and will be focused on 'reading for pleasure'. We will be inviting families, as this is a 'trial event', and if it goes well and seems popular, we will be opening this up across the school. It definitely calls for a onesie and some hot chocolate!

#### The School Office – Open 8.00 – 3.30

Currently the school office is staffed between 8.00am -3.30pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

#### New Build - Expansion Update

Our Head Learners have written an update for you this week. They have also been invited to attend the site and meet with the Site Manager. Together we are planning a Time Capsule Ceremony for the

school, where the Head Learners will lay a time capsule in the foundations of the new build next month.

The build is on track and current work is underway to run the services to the new site.

We are looking forward to finer weather to enable us to open the field back up and get the full benefit from the school site. We have introduced a rota system for the MUGA and the gym equipment since our return in January.

We know there is a lot to get used to when the site changes, thank you for your support and understanding with this.

# <u>Chinese New Year – The Year Of The Rabbit; Special Menu on Monday</u> 23<sup>rd</sup> January

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

What does the Year of the Rabbit symbolise?

In Chinese culture the Year of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture.

It is predicted that 2023 will be a year of hope.

Albert Einstein, David Beckham and Lionel Messi were all born in the year of the Rabbit!

#### Big Garden Bird Watch – Coming Up!



The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch is happening this weekend from  $27^{th} - 29^{th}$  January. Get involved at the link below, it's totally free, you just need to sign up to get information about how to take part.

# https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?from=hphero

'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 27 and 29 January 2023.'

#### **NSPCC Numbers Day**

NSPCC Numbers Day is a charity event that we normally organise across the school. This year we recognise that there are many demands on families with the cost of living crisis and therefore have taken the decision not to take part in the same way. Instead we will be running a Marvellous Money and Me day in May across the school.

If you still wish to personally donate to the NSPCC please go directly to their website.

#### **Winter Illnesses**

As you may have seen in recent news reports, the NHS is under severe pressure this winter due to the rise in cases of flu, Covid 19 and scarlet fever.

The current advice issued by the Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is that:

- Children remain at home if they have fever and only return to school when the fever has gone, and they feel well.
- Children are helped to learn about the importance of hand washing with soap and hot water. They are taught to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and bin them immediately.

The full advice can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever

NHS Guidance on Covid and Scarlet Fever can be found in the links below.

• Advice on the symptoms of Scarlet Fever can be found here:

https://www.ouh.nhs.uk/news/article.aspx?id=1856&returnurl=/default.aspx&pi=0

• Current Covid isolation guidance can be found here:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/

If your child is unwell with a fever, then please do keep them at home until their fever has gone and they feel well enough to return to school.

If your child tests positive for Covid 19 please do keep them at home for three full days **after the day**, they have tested positive and ensure that they only return to school when they are well enough to do so.

In school we will be ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated; reminding children and staff about the importance of regular hand washing and will continue to ensure hand sanitiser is available in classrooms and communal spaces.

We know that this is a challenging time for families when illnesses are around the home, please speak to the school office to inform us, as well as if you need further support.

#### Strike Action – Teachers

I'm sure you have all seen in the news reports that strike action has been confirmed for teachers. The dates that affect our region are not all of the dates published, but include:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

I am working with the staff to take all reasonable and appropriate steps to keep the school open, for the above dates, for our most vulnerable children, SEND, disadvantaged, key worker children and children sitting upcoming external examinations. While there is no definite guarantee that we will not have to close, I will keep you updated as far in advance as I can work to enable you to make appropriate plans.

Going forward other unions are also seeking to strike and therefore we should be aware there may be additional dates in the future.

#### FOT 2023 Events - Watch This Space!

The next big fundraising event from the FoT is a big one! On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February we are excited to bring to you...



More details are to follow where you can find out the cost of breaking the rules and which rules the children can break!

Have a super week everyone.

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Natasha Outhwaite Headteacher







#### Our schools attendance target is 95%

Outstanding ~ 98.6-100% Good ~ 95—98.5%

Could do better ~ 94.9% and below

# **Last weeks attendance was 93.3%**

McKee	Could do better
Donaldson	Could do better
Deacon	Could do better
James	Good
Jeffers	Good
Rosen	Could do better
Cowell	Could do better
Pichon	Good
Sachar	Good
Rauf	Outstanding
Ho-Yen	Could do better

## **Super Writer & PAP Star certificates**



### **Respect & Be Your Best Badges**

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 and Be Your Best badges are given to the children every Friday and then handed back the following Friday for the next children.

Class	Learning Star	PAP Star	Respect Badge	Be Your Best Badge
Donaldson			Bella	Beau
McKee			Luca	
Deacon	Whole class	Whole class	Leila	Hazel
James	Whole class	Jibraeel	Chloe	George
Jeffers	Olivier	Eden	Nico	Ethie
Rosen	Sophia	Kian	Freddie	Laila
Cowell	Luke	Sara	Aadhavishwar	Elia
Pichon	Lucas	Zaffira	Anila	Ellie
Sachar	Sebastian	Jack	Ali	Eduard
Rauf	Sapphire-Rio	Aava	Bella	Orson
Ho-Yen	Ishaan	Wali	Megan	Owen



### Week 3

#### **LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK**

Letter to Parents re Film and TV Classifications—Whole school
Year 4 Superstars—Year 4
Years 1 and 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo—Years 1 and 2 only
Cowell Class Trip to Pizza Express—Cowell class only
Rosen Class Trip to Pizza Express—Rosen class only
Pichon Class Trip to Pizza Express—Pichon class only
Years 5 and 6 Trip to Essex Police Museum—Years 5 and 6 only
EYFS Measurement Check Letter—EYFS only

All letters can be found on the school website: www.trinityroad.essex.sch.uk



## HEAD LEARNER NEWS



Dear Families,

We are the four Head Learners; Thomas, Ishaan, Jessica and Ffion.





We are starting to write for the newsletter. Our first piece will hopefully give you an insight to the construction site.



The lunch bar demolition has been successful and work on the foundations have started, there are construction workers and machinery on site digging. We (the four head learners) will be walking onto the site to meet the site manager Mr Bragg every month. Despite the delays the construction team are here every day to ensure the lunch bar is finished as soon as possible. Massive thanks to the construction team who are working incredibly hard to ensure we stay on plan and minimise disruption.

Next month we are organising a time capsule ceremony for the school. We look forward to writing to you again.

The four head learners, Thomas, Ishaan, Jessica, Ffion.

# **TERM DATES \* denotes new**

Date	Time	Event	Information
16/01/23		Clubs start	Morning and after school clubs start this week
17/01/23	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Learner Confer- ences via Zoom	All classes (except James and Jeffers class. Please book an appointment with the class teacher via Scopay.
18/01/23	4.30pm to 7.00pm	Face-to-Face Learner Confer- ences	All classes (except James and Jeffers class. Please book an appointment with the class teacher via Scopay.
19/01/23 *	In school time	Cowell Class trip to Pizza Express	Letters have been sent home
02/02/23 *	In school time	Rosen Class trip to Pizza Express	Letters have been sent home
07/02/23	3.30pm to 5.30pm	James and Jeffers Class Learner Confer- ences via Zoom	James and Jeffers classes only
08/02/23	In school time	Year 4 Super- stars	Letters have been sent to Year 4 parents
08/02/23	4.30pm to 7.00pm	James and Jeffers Class Face-to-Face Learner Confer- ences	James and Jeffers classes only
13/02/23 to 17/02/23 *		Half Term	

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Date	Time	Event	Information
20/02/23 *	8.45am	Return to school	
02/03/23 *	In school time	Pichon Class trip to Pizza Express	Letters have been sent home
07/03/23 *	In school time	Sachar Class trip to Essex Police Museum	Letters have been sent home
08/03/23 *	In school time	Rauf Class trip to Essex Police Museum	Letters have been sent home
09/03/23 *	In school time	Ho-Yen Class trip to Essex Police Museum	Letters have been sent home
16/03/23 *	In school time	Years 1 and 2 trip to Colches- ter Zoo	Deacon, James and Jeffers class. Letters have been sent home