

A very warm welcome back to school after the Easter break – I hope you all had a restful break and the children have returned ready for the excitement of the Summer term! This is always a term full of excitement and there are a number of different events and trips planned. In assembly this week, we revisited our key values and the importance of working as a team to make our school the best place it can possibly be and we will continue to revisit our values across the term.

Meeting the Cambridge Rowers!

Year 1 have launched their new topic this week – ‘The World We Live In’ – by reading the adventures of Fitz and Will: The Cambridge Cats. They have been learning about the Oxford/Cambridge boat race and had a chance to meet one of the rowers who participated in the boat race this year (won by Cambridge of course!)



Jumpers

As the weather (hopefully) begins to warm, there is an increasing likelihood that jumpers and other items could be left outside. Please can all parents ensure their children’s clothes are clearly labelled with their name as this makes it much easier to return them. Please also check that your child has not inadvertently come home with another child’s jumper – if this is the case, please return it to school so it can be reunited with its owner.

Our University Links!

We are very pleased to welcome student teachers from George Mason University in Virginia, USA this week. They will be working with us over the next 3 weeks, observing our staff and comparing practice in the UK with the USA. This is a programme we have worked with for a number of years now and the teachers will share some information about themselves and their experiences in America with their host classes. They were welcomed on Monday with a proper dose of the fine British weather as the hailstones came down!

We are also lucky to have a trainee teacher from the University of Cambridge with us again this term. We work closely with the Faculty of Education, regularly hosting their PGCE students, and are currently involved in helping develop the Faculty’s teacher training curriculum for the next academic year.

Dates and Events

Term Dates

These can be found on our website using the link:
<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=1442>

Friday 3rd May

PTA School Disco - more information to follow

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATs week

Thursday 23rd May

Year 4 Trip to Wicken Fen

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Half Term

Monday 10th June

Year 6 Residential Meeting - details to follow

Saturday 29th June

Federation Summer Fayre

PTA

You will have received an email earlier this week from the new chair of the PTA – if you are able to contribute in some way to the PTA, big or small, please do get in touch with Ben at

ben.wp.pta@gmail.com

We will shortly be sharing information with you about a school disco at Trumpington Meadows, currently planned for Friday 3rd May and any volunteers to support with this would be gratefully received. Please do get in touch!

Giraffe trail

The giraffe trail, featuring TM's Giles, is still running in Cambridge. Hopefully, many families have been able to locate Giles and have enjoyed taking part in the trail (he lives on the first floor of the Grand Arcade, whilst his sister Gladys from Fawcett is in the Central Library). There is an app that can be downloaded – Cambridge Standing Tall – and more information can be found here: <https://www.break-charity.org/cambridge-standing-tall/>



Attendance

Evidence shows that a child's attendance at school has a direct impact on their achievement by the end of primary school. The Department of Education statistics show that in 2019 84% of children in Year 6 who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to only 40% who were persistently absent across Key Stage 2. Of course, children do become unwell and sometimes will be unable to be at school but we will continue to work with parents to try and ensure all children's attendance is good so they have the best chance to succeed.

Planting!

Years 1 and 2 have also been planting seeds this week with beans and tomatoes being planted. The classes will be looking after their plants over the coming weeks, observing their development and recording their scientific findings. The children will undoubtedly keep you updated at home about how their plant is coming along!



Careers Related Learning

As you may know, our school has been taking part in an exciting programme related to career-related learning for primary schools. As part of this, we would appreciate your support in completing a short survey the link below which asks about your understanding of the world of work for your child and what support you would like to receive from school in relation to career-related learning.

<https://impacted.typeform.com/to/ICyCXyXm>