

It is easy to take for granted just how much happens in a typical primary school week! On Friday, we were pleased to welcome Daniel Zeichner, MP for Cambridge, to Trumpington Meadows. Mr Zeichner had a school tour, met with members of the senior team and met some of Year 5 and 6 who asked him some questions about the work that he does. Mr Zeichner commented about how happy, warm and friendly our school was and thanked school staff for the work they do supporting children and families.



Staffing News

As you will be aware, Miss Buckerfield has been away from her role as Head of School since January to take on her much more important role as mum! Staff, and some pupils, have met her son on a number of occasions (including after our OFSTED inspection in June) and we can all report he is impeccably behaved and will be warmly welcomed to TM when old enough!

Miss Buckerfield has thought long and hard and has reached the decision that she will not be returning to the Federation at the end of her maternity leave. She has worked at both Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows for well over a decade and has made a huge contribution to the learning and development of hundreds of children in that time. She has also been a phenomenal colleague to work with, supportive and empathetic, and will therefore be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

You will receive more information about this next week, including a way that families who have worked with Miss Buckerfield during her time at the schools can wish her the best for the future.

Pop in the Playground!

We have seen the dance moves of the children come out this week as we launched our OPAL DJs on the playground. It was not clear whether it was the children or the adults who were more excited when the Macarena came on.



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=133>

Year 5 Harry Potter Trip
21st November

Year 4 Fitzwilliam Trip
23rd November

Year 2 Library Trip
24th November

Y3 Pantomime Trip
4th December

Christmas Lunch Day
6th December

Christmas Jumper Day
7th December

Y4 Pantomime Trip
7th December

KS1 Christmas Performance
11th December (am), 12th December (pm)

Rec Christmas Performance
13th December (9.30am)

Y5/6 Pantomime Trip
13th December

Federation Winter Fayre
15th December from 3.30pm

Last Day of Term
20th December

Winter Fair Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities for Trumpington Federation Winter Fair are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/4BBKR

Many thanks for your support with this!

Rainbow Hampers:

Each year, as part of our Christmas celebrations, we make rainbow hampers. Each class is assigned a colour and we ask members from each class to donate an item in this colour. For example, if a class is purple, children are asked to bring in purple items such as a purple candle, purple soap or bubble bath, confectionary that may be packaged in purple wrapping etc. We then raffle the hampers at our Christmas Fair which is taking place on the 15th December.



Classes have been assigned the following colours:

Nursery - Red
Reception - Orange
Year 1 - Yellow
Year 2 - Green
Year 3 - Blue
Year 4 - Purple
Year 5 - Silver
Year 6 – Gold

Children in Need

Pudsey also visited Trumpington Meadows this Friday! The school looked particularly spotty and dotty today. Thanks for the donations made – we will let you know how much was raised next week!



Lost Scooter

A scooter has been lost from the bike shed near Gate C (near Nursery) – this is a red micro scooter and was left in the bike shed on Tuesday morning. If anyone has seen this, or has accidentally taken this instead of their own, please could it be returned to school so it can be reunited with its rightful owner. Many thanks.

Road Safety

Please encourage children to be careful when moving around the roads adjacent to the school site. There are a frustrating lack of pavements and children need to be mindful that cyclists do use the route running down to the school car park to access the Park and Ride. Please be especially careful in the mornings when coming in through the gate.

Careers Related Learning (CRL):

At the Federation, we are incorporating into our curriculum a ‘careers related learning’ approach. Research (conducted by The CEC, 2021) has shown that by 6 years old children start to adopt stereotypes based on gender, ethnicity and social background. At 9 years old children start to abandon fantasy careers and start to become more aware of potential constraints on their futures. The aim of the approach is four- fold: to challenge bias and stereotypes, to make links explicit in the curriculum, to forge meaningful encounters with local employers and to engage parents.

To open up the world of work to our children, we are looking for volunteers to talk about their job and workplace at an assembly. We are also seeking out people willing to invite us into their place of work to learn more about it. If this is something that you are able to contribute to then please email the school office.

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