

### News from the Federation – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023



It is getting rather festive here in school! Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to the parent helpers this week that have volunteered their time to wrap presents in school or at home for the surprise room next week. We have now finished wrapping all the presents and your support has been greatly appreciated. Thank you!

#### Celebrating Christmas at Fawcett

Teachers have been getting into the festive spirit by decorating their classroom doors with the help of the children in their class.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

#### Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day

Crackers have been pulled, bad jokes have been told and Christmas lunches have been enjoyed. It is safe to say that our Christmas Jumper and Lunch day was enjoyed by all!



#### 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>

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Surprise Room

Christmas Event for Nursery families  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30

Reception Christmas Play  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am

KS1 Christmas performance  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

KS1 Christmas performance  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am

Christmas Fair at Trumpington Meadows  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30 - 5pm

Last day of this term  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

First day of the Spring term  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024



### **Next week is the Surprise Room on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Please remember to send your children into school with a maximum for £3 on Tuesday if they would like to join in with the Surprise Room. All children will have the opportunity to buy a maximum of 2 gifts for their adults at home at £1.50 per present. Again, thank you to the elves that have helped wrap the many presents needed to make this possible.

### **Reception Christmas Play and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Play**



We are all looking forward to the play performances next week. To ensure that there is enough space for all, please only take up 2 spaces per family for each performance. Please ensure that you arrive at least 10 minutes before the performance is due to start.

Please make your way through the main school gates and across the playground where you will be warmly greeted at the main doors. We do allow filming to take place but this is for personal use only and must not be shared on any social media site.

Reception Christmas play will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.

### **Rainbow hampers – Final Donations by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

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. When then raffle the hampers at our Christmas Fair.

### **Temporary Tattoos**

A number of children are coming into school with temporary tattoos on their skin. Please make sure that tattoos are used during the holidays not during term time as these are proving to be a distraction during learning time. Thank you for your support with this.

## **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

### **Christmas Fair Friday 15 December 3:30pm – 5pm**

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](http://volunteersignup.org/4BBKR)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!



## **PTA Chair Person Vacancy**

The formal role of the chair is to lead and ensure good decision making in the meetings of the trustees of the PTA. These set overall strategy for the PTA and review that the fundraising events and spending is consistent with this strategy. In practice for our PTA this will mean the chair needs to ensure we have the right number of trustees and that they are appropriately engaged; that during meetings of trustees clear decisions are made on what types of fundraising events and spending we want to support; and that at reasonably regular intervals (perhaps every 6 months) the trustees briefly review the fundraising and spending.

In addition we would also of course welcome the chair taking part in initiating, planning and carrying out the fundraising events but these are not formal parts of the role and can be delegated to other members of PTA or parents so long as the overall policies of the PTA are followed.

If you would like to apply for this position, please contact the office to express your interest. We would love to welcome you to the team!



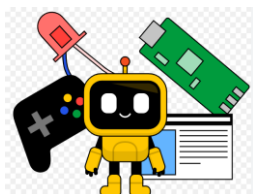
## **Donations for Accelerated Reader Prizes**

Each month, to encourage children to read for pleasure, we are setting a golden envelope challenge. The winner of the golden envelope challenge will receive a prize. We would like to reward children's enthusiasm for reading, by giving them a book by way of a prize. We are asking for high quality book donations to help us build our bank of book prizes.

## **OPAL**

The OPAL Project- please see our school's social media pages on Facebook, X and Instagram to see what we are collecting to improve our playtimes. If you can help, please drop off your donations at the allocated points for your school.

## **Code Club**



Code Breaking News! A parent volunteer, who is also a STEM Ambassador, has kindly offered to start a code club after Christmas. It will be a Friday club, starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, from 3:15 – 4:10. The club is capped at 12 children and is open to Years 5 and 6 for children who are new to coding. More information about how to sign up will follow.

## **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 Miss Fisher: [kfisher@trufed.org.uk](mailto:kfisher@trufed.org.uk).**