

Another fun and busy week at school has been completed. Our recording of 'Sleeps till Santa' was aired on Monday 27th November and it was a huge success – we are so proud of all our children who sang so beautifully. If you missed it or want to listen again, recording links can be found on your child's Google Classroom (KS1 and KS2 only).



Christmas Jumper Sale Monday 4 December 3:15pm

Fed up with wearing the same Christmas jumper each year? Wanting a new look for this year's Christmas Jumper Day (Thursday 7th December). The answer to your wardrobe worries is our Christmas Jumper Swap! We are asking people to donate their unwanted Christmas jumpers so that we can hold a Christmas Jumper Sale. Jumpers will be priced at no more than £2 (please try and bring plenty of loose change) and the money will go towards our school trips fund which supports families who are unable to make a voluntary contribution. Please bring in your unwanted jumpers by Friday 1st December; we will only be able to hold the sale if enough jumpers are donated!

Eco Squad Trip to Waterbeach Recycling Centre

As part of our ongoing collaboration with The Perse School, we were invited to join their Green Team on their trip to the recycling centre to pick up tips to help our community to become more environmentally friendly. It was wonderful to share ideas with each other and to find out how our environmentalists are helping their schools to be more 'green'. At The Perse, they regularly recycle their pens and their crisps packets – initiatives which we will be introducing to our schools. We also learnt lots of interesting facts such as: it takes 7 plastic water bottles to make an England football shirt; the UK drinks 36 million bottles of water per day (of which only 19 million are recycled) and batteries are a real fire hazard if they are thrown away in bins. We also had the opportunity to look around the site, wearing the appropriate safety gear.



Dates and Events

Term Dates:

These can be found on our website using the link:
<https://www.trumpington-federation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Year 6 SATs information meeting for families

Monday 4th December 4pm
virtual

Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale

Monday 4th December
3.15pm in School hall

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December

School Disco

Friday 8th December
Years 1, 2 and 3: 4-5pm
Years 4, 5 and 6: 5.30-6.30pm

Surprise Room

Tuesday 12th December

Reception Christmas Play

Wednesday 13th December
at 9:30am

KS1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December
at 2pm

KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 15th December at
9:15am

Federation Winter Fair at Trumpington Meadows

Friday 15th December
3.30pm - 5pm followed by
TMDAG Christmas
Community event outside
school

Goodbye to Gladys

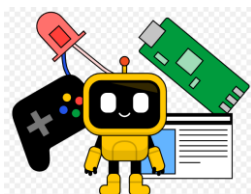
Gladys has finally finished her make over and is looking fabulous! She will be collected shortly, ready to be out and about in Cambridge for Spring 2024.



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.

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 19th 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.

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.

Year 6 Cake Sale:

Congratulation to the Year 6s for raising £192.27 at their bake sale. Thank you to all families for their incredible support. All funds raised will be go towards Year 6 activities later in the year.

Disco

Tickets are on sale at the school office – come and buy yours today!
The disco is on Friday 8th December in the school dining hall. We have Years 1, 2 and 3 dancing from 4-5pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 dancing from 5.30-6.30pm.



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. When then raffle the hampers at our Christmas Fair. Example hampers are below:



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

Surprise Room Tuesday 12th December for all children

As we approach Christmas we like to give the children a chance to buy gifts for special people at home. So we have the Surprise Room back again this year. It will take place on Tuesday 12th December – all children will have the opportunity to buy a maximum of 2 gifts for their adults at home at £1.50 per present. If they choose to participate, this will happen during the day on 12th December and the children will come home with a maximum of two gifts to put under the tree.

Head lice

There have been cases of head lice in the school, please check your child's head for head lice and treat them where necessary, thank you.

THE VOLUNTEER SECTION!

Christmas Fair Friday 15th 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

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

Thank you for volunteering!

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.