

Children in Need

We have enjoyed supporting Children in Need today by wearing spotty, dotty and Pudsey-themed clothes and donating money to this worthy cause.



Giraffe Project – weekly update



Painting on Gladys has begun! She is enjoying her makeover and the children were relieved to discover that she wasn't in the least bit ticklish when she had her tummy painted!

STAR Radio

The recording this week went well and we will be on air on Monday 27th November at 06:30, 07:30 and 08:30. An email will be sent nearer the time with everything that you need to know (how to listen, where to listen etc). It will be important to listen live as there is no 'listen again' facility.

Children's Performance Assemblies

If your child would like to perform with a musical instrument in assembly, please do email the office to express your child's interest. The next performance assembly will be on Wednesday 29th November. We would love to have as many children as possible engaging with this.

England Rocks – Times Table Competition:

Year 4s, 5s and 6s have competed in an England-wide times table competition this week. The children have loved keeping track of their class and school on the national leader board and have performed brilliantly. The results have been announced today and out of more than 4000 schools, Fawcett has been ranked 203rd! Key Stage 2 – YOU ROCK!



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 trip to Harry Potter Studios

Tuesday 21st November

Year 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

Wednesday 22nd November

Year 2 trip to Clay Farm Library

Thursday 23rd November

Year 6 SATs information meeting for families

Monday 4th December at 4pm

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th 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
Christmas 3.30pm - 5pm
followed by TMDAG
Christmas Community
event outside school

Year 6 Cake Sale:

Year 6 are having a cake sale on Friday 24th November on the playground at the end of the school day. They are working hard to raise money to make their final year of primary school as special as possible. Please bring some pennies to purchase some treats – £1 should be plenty enough money. All the cakes will be baked by the Year 6 children themselves.



No Nuts!

We are a nut-free school! Please ensure that your child/children are not bringing food items into school that contains nuts in any form.



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.

Road Safety:

If you travel to school by car please be considerate when dropping off and driving down Alpha Terrace. We have a lot of children who cycle, scoot or walk to school and these are the encouraged modes of transport. We encourage all families to travel to school in an eco-friendly way.

Flu Vaccines:

The flu vaccination is on Monday 27th November, a reminder letter with the link to the consent form has been sent out today. These must be completed.

Stationery:

Please be reminded that it is not necessary for children to bring any of their own stationery items into school. We provide all the necessary equipment that children need in the classroom.

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

THE VOLUNTEER PAGE!

We need your help – please look at the opportunities; we can't wait to hear from you!

Disco:



We are pleased to announce that we are having a School Disco on **Friday 8th December 2023**. There will be a Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Disco from 4-5pm and then a Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Disco from 5.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon. We need your volunteers on the night to make this happen. More information to follow.

Christmas Fair Friday 15th December 2023 from 3.30-5pm:

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.