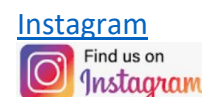


News from the Federation -20th September 2024



The weather has been glorious this week – you may have seen our new water station on the playground as part of our Opal project. The children of all ages have had a wonderful time with this new resource at breaktime and lunchtimes.

Please read to the very end of this newsletter for an update on the week as well as important information that we are sharing with you. We purposefully send this newsletter out on a Friday to share all the information in one go so we don't bombard you with emails during the week. Time and effort go into the content so I would be very grateful if you could receive it and use it as its intended purpose.

It is habitual that we ask our children. 'How was your day?' and often they respond with very little or even nothing! As you know, the days are full of learning and fun at school and therefore, I feel asking these specific questions would start a conversation with your child about their day and give you a better insight to their day.

What made you laugh today?

What is the one thing you wish you could have done differently?

What was the coolest thing you did or learnt today?

Can you think of something kind you noticed today?

Year 6 Author Visit

Year 6 were visited by the author, Nazima Pathan and Anna has written the following report: 'In this session, she talked about a book she had written. The story is set in a fictional place in India so she began her session by sharing some information about the country. We then created a plan for a fiction story where we decided on a setting, characters and magical objects. Nazima drew the plan and orally created a story using the things we had chosen. She emphasised the importance of having a plan before writing a story and shared that anyone can be a writer (she, herself, had not found writing easy at school).'



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. If you were unable to attend, all the slides and information can be found on your child's Google Classroom.

Before School Starts

Please be reminded that before school starts children should remain on the main playground. They should not be using any of the OPAL equipment e.g. mud kitchen and water area or the climbing area. This is for safety reasons and to maintain the condition of the equipment.

Year 6 families applying for admission to secondary school

If your child is attending secondary school next academic year, families must complete the application process themselves. This is not something that is completed by school. Applications are now open and must be completed by 31st October. Applications can be made online using: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

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>

Book Fair

Thursday 26th September – Wednesday 2nd October

Year 6 Trip to Duxford

Friday 4th October

Year 2 Trip to Clay Farm

Friday 4th October

Class photos

Friday 11th October

PTA Event - Disco

Friday 18th October more details to follow

Half term

28th October - 1st November

Back to school

Monday 4th November

Open Classrooms

Wednesday 6th November

Flu Immunisations

Monday 11th November

Year 2 trip to Cambridge Film Festival

Thursday 21st November

Federation Winter Fair

Friday 13th December

End of term

Friday 20th December

No Eggs



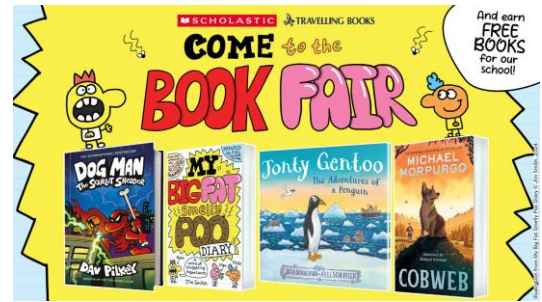
To keep children, who have allergies, safe we would like to remind families not to send their children into school with any hard boiled eggs or egg sandwiches.

Reception Children starting primary school in 2025

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2025 opens on Monday 11th September 2024. The national closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. All applications must be made to the Local Authority where the child resides (pays Council Tax to). There are posters with more information at the main contact points around the school e.g. main office. If you have any queries about the primary transfer process, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Admissions Team at: admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Book Fair Thursday 26th September – Wednesday 2nd October

The book fair will be open each day from 8:20 – 8:40am and 3:10 – 4pm. However, on Wednesday 2nd October it will only be open from 8:20 – 8:40am. We would encourage people to pay using the QR please. The main gates will open early and the book fair can be found by the main hall.



Trumpington Federation Core Rights



At the Trumpington Federation, all members of our community have three core rights

- The right to learn without unfair distraction
- The right to be safe physically and emotionally
- The right to be treated with respect

With those rights comes the responsibility to respect the rights of others and to ensure that our behaviour does not impact on the rights of other members of our community

The Federation Core Rights are at the very heart of all that we do. Respectfully, we would like to remind all adults within our community that these rights also apply to them. We would encourage everybody to bear in the foremost of their minds: 'The right to be safe physically and emotionally' and 'The right to be treated with respect'. Children learn from our actions and words so it is important to consider carefully all that we do.

Reading Volunteers

The EEF states: 'Ensuring every child has the necessary skills they need to read is an essential component of literacy education. It enables children to not only learn across the curriculum but also to access numerous aspects of daily life, influencing the opportunities that they have available to them in the future.' With this in mind, we are asking for adult volunteers to hear children read or to come into class and read to the children. If you are able to support us with reading, please contact the school office.

Communication between teachers and families

We really value open communication within our school community. Mornings are our busiest times and it is important that the day starts promptly at 8:40. Therefore communication is probably best when teachers are available on the playground at the end of each day and appointments can be made for meetings through the office. If you wish to contact a teacher via email, please ensure that emails are sent to the school office.

Snacks

In KS1 and Early Years, children are provided with a free fruit or vegetable snack at break time. In KS2, children will need to bring in their own healthy snacks from home. Please remember that chocolate is not an acceptable snack and that we are a nut-free school.

Bidwells Town and Gown Run

Bidwells are keen for local schools, their students and families to be part of the day, either by running the 3K or just coming along to support and experience the scenic route, which takes runners through the heart of Cambridge passing many landmarks, historic University College buildings and along the River Cam. On the day, there will be lots of entertainment, food stalls and goody bags at the finish line for all of the runners. Junior entries are open to children aged 9-15 years old only. There are three categories for entry:

- Junior 3K – Fundraiser 9-15 years - £10.50
- Junior 3K – General entry 9-15 years - £16.50
- Junior 3K – Running Club affiliated 9-15 years - £14.50

For any of those keen to take part, signing up is easy and we have a 10% discount code available for any student aged 9-15 years old who would like to take part. More information about the event can be found using the link: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/town-and-gown-events/cambridge-town-and-gown-2024>