

Another half term draws to a close – this week the school was very lucky to have a visit from Michael Rosen. Michael shared some of his most famous poetry with the children and then led a workshop where the children co-created poems on the theme of hope for people in difficult situations around the world. The children thoroughly enjoyed having a real-life celebrity in their school and Michael and Helen Weinstein, director of Historyworks (and has worked on the *Horrible Histories* series) were very complimentary about the children during the session. I hope everyone has a restful half term break.



In sadder news, this week Trumpington Meadows said goodbye to Miss Ford, who has worked with us as a teaching assistant for 9 years. Miss Ford's creativity and compassion will be much missed by staff and children alike and we wish her all the best for the future. Miss Ford was thrilled with the banana signed by Michael Rosen that was among her leaving gifts!



Phonics Workshop:



Reception parents/carers are invited to come and find out how we teach phonics at the Federation and how families can support with reading and phonics at home. This is a really important meeting and will help considerably with understanding how to support your child's future success. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th November from 9.00 to 9.30.

Supervision

Please ensure that children playing at the park before or after school are suitable supervised. Thanks for your support with this.

Social Media:

Please give 'The Trumpington Federation' a like on Facebook, or follow us on X or Instagram!

Dates and Events

Term Dates:

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

First day of Autumn 2

Monday 30th October

Open Classrooms

Wednesday 1st November

Year 3 and 4 Bikeability

Friday 3rd November

Parent Consultations

Week beginning 6th November

Year 5 and 6 Bikeability

Monday 6th - Thursday 9th November

Year 2 Film Festival Trip

Wednesday 8th November

Odd Socks Day

Monday 13th November

Flu Vaccinations - new date

Monday 13th November

Reception Phonics Session

Wednesday 15th November

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Year 4 Fitzwilliam Trip

Thursday 23rd November

Parent Consultations:

Appointment bookings for parent consultations will be available soon and you will receive an email explaining this. We will also be hosting Open Classrooms from 3.10 to 4.00 on Wednesday 1st November which will be an opportunity for you to come in and see your child's books and classroom. We hope to see many of you there!

Year 2 Dioramas:

Year 2 have been learning about habitats in Science and have put their new knowledge into practice by creating some fantastic dioramas!



Name Labels

Please do ensure that all items of clothing in school are labelled clearly with your child's name. If items are left lying around, it is very difficult to work out which green jumper belongs to who, without this!

Flu Vaccinations

You will be aware that previously, the Vaccination team were delayed when visiting TM and were therefore unable to complete the flu vaccinations for all children who had been signed up. As a result, we have been able to ensure that their second visit is moved forward and will now take place on Monday 13th November. If you have not already signed up for your child to receive the vaccination, the information will be sent out to you again today.

Cambridge Zero Art Project:

Cambridge Zero have invited us to take part in their 'Climate Resilient Communities: Participate, Engage, Act' art exhibition. Children and classes have been asked to create pieces of art around the themes of climate and resilience. The Art exhibition will be part of a Community Day on Saturday 18th November, held at Pembroke College's new lecture theatre in Cambridge. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Giraffe Project:

The children's fantastic designs have now been amalgamated and the painting on the giraffe has now begun! The giraffe has been spotted in different places around school.