



Forest School Equipment Request

Five new classes have started Forest School this term and so far are having a wonderful time. Our mud kitchen is lacking in utensils and we would like to request donations of *old spatulas, spoons, pots, bake ware, etc* to support the 'cooking'. *Garden trowels* would be welcome as well. Many of our children enjoy bird watching and bug hunting, we would also welcome donations of *small binoculars and hand lenses*. Please bring any donations into the office in a bag marked Forest School.

Eco Squad Jumble Sale Donations

As a result of our trip to the recycling centre, we have come back with lots of exciting ideas. We would like to raise money to buy some more waste bins and some new composting bins. We are hoping to have a jumble sale to raise some funds. **If you have any unwanted, high quality items (clothes, books, toys, household items), please could you donate them to our jumble sale.**

Volunteers for Trumpington Federation Science Event, Tuesday 12th March, 3:30pm – 5pm



Our annual STEM event will take place at Trumpington Meadows from 3:30pm – 5pm. It has been hugely popular in the past and we are grateful for all those members of the STEM community who have volunteered previously. In order for the event to take place this year, we will need a whole host of volunteers once more. We ask the following of volunteers:

- to plan and resource a STEM activity of your choosing.
- to run this activity from 3:30pm – 5pm.

If you have any background in STEM and would be happy to volunteer, please contact Katie Fisher (kfisher@trufed.org.uk). Please do also contact me if you have any queries about volunteering.

PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding an AGM on Tuesday 30th January at 9.30am. Please use the link below to join the meeting virtually:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bbt-tibe-jjo>

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school to improve air quality in their neighbourhood. **Join us for the 15-anniversary celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel – save the date: 11-22 March 2024.**

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>

Fri 26th January

Year 6 Cake Sale

Tue 30th January at 9:30am

PTA AGM Virtual meeting: <https://meet.google.com/bbt-tibe-jjo>

Wed 14th February

Y4 Trinity trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Thurs 15th February

Y4 Wolfson trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Fri 16th February

OPAL Non uniform day and parts donation (more information to follow)

Thurs 7th March

World Book Day and dress up day

Tue 12th March, 3:30 - 5pm

Trumpington Federation STEM Event

11th - 22nd March

SUSTRANS Big Walk and Wheel event

Keeping our grounds litter free

We are working hard to look after our school site and our pupils have been keen to sort the litter problem out. We have had lots of willing volunteers to join Mrs Wilkinson for some litter picking sessions. Well done everyone and THANKS for your help! Here are some photos from last term:



Parking enforcement changes – please think about where you park

From 1st February anyone parking on restrictions such as double yellow lines or zig zag lines near the school are far more likely to receive a parking ticket than before.

Cambridgeshire County Council was given Civil Parking Enforcement powers by the Government late last year and are doing a final push with South Cambridgeshire District Council to remind people of the change before tickets, with fines attached, begin to be issued by Civil Parking Enforcement Officers.

The safety of pupils and everyone in and around the school is really important and inconsiderate parking can make it more dangerous for people. Please use this change as an additional reminder to think about where you park.

In the past only the Police could issue tickets for illegal parking, but the changes mean it is now a civil matter and Council Civil Parking Enforcement Officers can issue the tickets for some matters.

For more details about Civil Parking Enforcement please visit Cambridgeshire County Council's [Civil Parking Enforcement page](#) of its website.

Using a knife and fork:

Mealtimes are an important aspect of family life. Children begin to develop self-feeding skills from birth. Self-feeding is a very complex task and it is common for children to have difficulty using cutlery to feed themselves. It usually takes until a child is 7 years old before they can successfully use cutlery to feed themselves without being too messy. We have noticed that this is still a struggle for a number of children in the dining. In order to support your child at home, the following website has some really useful tips

<https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/media/272351/using-a-knife-and-fork-information-sheet.pdf>

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.**

Field Friday

We will now be using the field on Fridays for playtimes. It will be muddy at times so please feel free to send your child in with some outdoor shoes or wellington boots.

Local Community News Trumpington Community College

Trumpington Community College was inspected by Ofsted in November and has been rated 'Good' with two areas of inspection – quality of education and leadership and management – judged to be 'Outstanding'. This is a wonderful achievement which has an impact on all of our community. They would like to encourage people to visit their school and they will be holding a number of Open Mornings starting Wednesday February 7th for visitors to have a tour of the College – the dates and form to sign up will be on their website www.trumpingtoncc.org.uk by the end of this week.