

Year 5 Trip to Harry Potter Studios:

We're pleased to report that our wonderful year-five muggle children had the most magical day on Tuesday at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter! Treated as VIPs from the beginning, the children enjoyed a behind-the-scenes lesson in 'costume-distressing', before the tour. It was a magic-packed day including golden-snitch hunting; screaming mandrake pulling; Forbidden Forest exploring - and, who knew we were so good at riding broomsticks? Thank you to all the parents who helped make it happen - as the studios said, 'making magic, reality - and - reality, magic!'



Year 4 Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum:

It was a fantastic day, our museum guide talked about the Ancient Greeks. We were asked to be detectives, working out the different mythical creatures on a coffin, and how they celebrated someone's life. We found out that Ancient Greeks had used clay, marble, stone, rocks, metal and gold in everyday life.

Although it was a long walk, to and from the Fitzwilliam Museum, we all gave a thumbs up to our day out!



Children in Need:

A huge thank to all the people that made Children in Need such a success. We raised £287.14!

Year 2 Trip to Clay Farm:



This is what Talulah thought:

I liked the activities in the hall as well as
I took out all the books.
I used reading books with my friends.

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>

PTA Meeting

Thursday 30th November
at 9:30am

In person at Fawcett or
via video link (see main
body of the newsletter)

Year 6 SATs information meeting for families

Monday 4th December
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

Christmas Fair at Trumpington Meadows - Time TBC

Friday 15th December

STAR Radio:

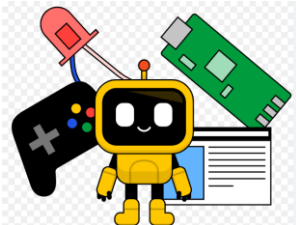
Our recording of 'Sleeps till Santa' will be aired on **Monday 27th November at 6:30am, 7:30am and 8:30am**. There is no 'listen again' facility so it is important to listen on the day. Here's how you can listen to Star Radio:

Digital Radio (DAB) across all of Cambridgeshire, 100.7 FM across most of Cambridgeshire, via smart speakers, via the Star Radio app, via the website star.radio.

Collecting for Eco Squad:

Eco Squad would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair to raise money to buy more bins for our schools. We will be making our own recycled crafts to sell and require clean milk bottles and other plastic bottles. Rather than recycling these items at home, please do send them into school. We are also looking for potted plant donations please.

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. More information about how to sign up will follow.

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.

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.

Phonics

Parents with children learning phonics. You can now help at home using the website below which includes all of the sounds your child will learn alongside an audio file to aid with pronunciation.

<https://syntheticphonics.com/the-english-alphabetic-code-with-audio/#page-content>

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:

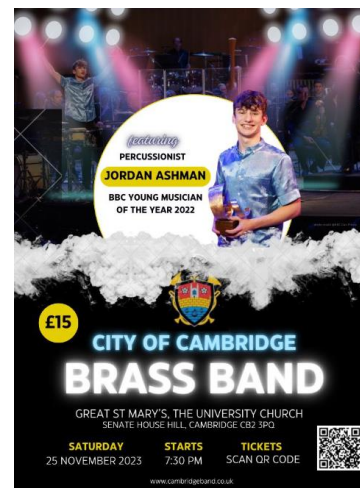
- Nursery - Red
- Reception - Orange
- Year 1 - Yellow
- Year 2 - Green
- Year 3 - Blue
- Year 4 - Purple
- Year 5 - Silver
- Year 6 - Gold

Christmas Jumper Sale Monday 4th 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!

Mrs Wills really is 'blowing her own tuba!' Concert Saturday 25th November

Our own Mrs Wills is a very talented teacher; in her spare time she plays her tuba in a brass band and would love it if you could join her in concert on Saturday. Her brass band are performing with the current Young Musician of the Year (he's from Milton so home grown talent) in Great St Mary's. See the poster - children get free entry!



PTA meeting Thursday 30th November at 9.30am:

Join virtually or in person at Fawcett PTA meeting

Google Meet joining info - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zhq-vxbs-vbj>

ROAD SAFETY!

It is really important that we remember not to ride our bikes or scooters on the school site – we don't want any crashes. Drivers, please also be extra vigilant when driving on site.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

We really value the voice of our children in the Federation and we will begin a new weekly feature to share children's highlights of the week.

Year 6 Churchill Class: Sobhia Al Ahmad, "My highlight of the week has been learning about fractions in Maths."

Year 3 Darwin Class: Manuela, "Ariadne let me take part in her game."

Year 3 Robinson Class: Hoda, 'My highlight of the week was going to Forest School.'

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

Disco Volunteers:



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 15 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:

<https://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.**