

Another week with lots to celebrate! Please see below for celebrations and reminders. Next week is a BIG week – it marks the beginning of British Science Week and the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Event. Remember to try to cycle, walk or scoot to school from Monday 11th March. We will be holding our own STEM Event on Tuesday 12th March, 3:30pm – 5pm at Trumpington Meadows. Please do join us for lots of fun STEM activities.

This newsletter is full of important information so please do read to the end.

World Book Day

Once again, we have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as some of our favourite characters. The enthusiasm was not restricted to the younger members of our community; adults enjoyed the dressing up too!



Winners of the Potato Head Competition

We have been so very impressed by all the Potato Head entries; they were all brilliant which made judging almost impossible! However, after much agonizing, decisions have been made!



Vihaan - Year 4 - Willy Wonka



Ryan - Year 3 - Where's Wally



Amaya - Year 2 - Snow White and Seven Dwarves



Ellie - Year 1 - Supertato



Anna - Year 1 - Olaf



Leah - Year 5 - The Rabbit from Alice and Wonderland

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>

Tue 12th March, 3:30 - 5pm
Trumpington Federation STEM Event

11th - 22nd March Sustrans
Big Walk and Wheel event

Fri 15th March Red Nose Day
Do something for money and dress 'red-to-toe'

Tue 19th March
Y5 visit to the Chemistry Festival

Wed 20th March, 9 - 9:45am
Maths Café for Reception families

Thurs 21st March, 1:30pm
LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) play

Mon 25th March, 9:30am
LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) play

Wed 27th March, 11:30 - 12:30
Nursery Easter Stay and Play



Chloe - Nursery



Easter Stay and Play for Nursery

We would like to invite you all to come in to the classroom and do some Easter craft with us and then to stay for lunch. Please join us at 11.30-12.30 with your lunch boxes on Wednesday 27th March. This invitation is open to everyone, regardless of the days/times your child attends. You are welcome to bring younger siblings but you will be responsible for them. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you for supporting our book fair

Once again, the support for our book fair has been brilliant. The funds raised mean that we will be able to purchase further high quality books to support children's learning.

Red Nose Day, Friday 15th March

We are encouraging people to dress 'red-to-toe' to support Comic Relief and raise as much money as possible. The money you raise could help put food on plates and roofs over heads, keep little ones safe and help support families affected by conflict and climate change.

Class photos, Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 12th March 2024 is class picture day!

A photographer from VanCols will be taking photos of all classes within the school, so you may wish to ensure your child is picture ready for the morning – wearing clean school uniform including school jumper/cardigan and trouser/skirt.

Children who were absent last year when the individual photos were taken will also be photographed as well as new children that have started since October.

All photos will be available to be purchased by parent/carers about a week later – we will inform all parents when they are ready – your child will be given a card with the code to bring home on Tuesday; this is required for you to order, so please check your children's book bags.

Summer Term Uniform Requirements

If you order any uniform with Big Fish School Wear and order before midnight on Sunday 17.03.24 you will be eligible for free delivery into school on Thursday 21.03.24. Their contact details are:

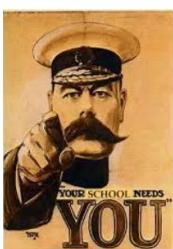
Tel: 0115 970 5762 email: sales@bigfishschoolwear.co.uk or www.bigfishschoolwear.co.uk

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/keeping-children-off-school). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on first day (and each day of absence after) to let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher or the school office know.

Dogs!

We understand that furry, four-legged friends are important family members but please note that we do not allow dogs onto our school site. The only dogs that are allowed on site are assistance dogs.



We are recruiting for After School Club. If you are interested in joining our dedicated team and share our passion for children's well-being please do get in touch. Further information on how to apply can be found on our website:

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=After+School+Club+Playworker&pid=1422>

Measles

As you will already know from previous communication from the school as well as in the news, the West Midlands is currently experiencing a large outbreak of measles with a rapid rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has therefore declared a national incident. While the outbreak has not yet spread to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, we need to be prepared in case this happens.

Two doses of the free MMR vaccination give long-lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella. Now is a good time to check that your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations. You can do this by looking at their personal health record (Red Book) or by asking your GP. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months and the second dose is given at around three years and four months. Children who have missed their routine MMR vaccination can catch up at any age so please book an appointment at your GP as soon as possible. You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that does not contain pork products from your GP, making it suitable for all faiths. Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mmr-for-all-general-leaflet>

The Community and School Age Immunisations Service is running walk-in vaccination clinics for children who are not up to date with their MMR vaccinations. No appointment is necessary. Details of upcoming clinics can be found here: <https://www.cpics.org.uk/measles>. Please check your child's vaccination status before attending one of these clinics.

Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious problems such as pneumonia, meningitis and seizures (fits). Complications are rare but some people are more at-risk including babies, people with weakened immune systems and pregnant women.

Measles symptoms to be aware of include:

- High temperature
- Cough
- Sore, red, watery eyes
- A blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms
- Spots in the mouth

Further information on measles and what to do if you think your child has measles can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>