

It has been a rather wet and windy return to school this week – we will do our best to keep the children outside at break and lunch where it is safe to do so, so do make sure children have coats and wellies in school! As is always the case when November arrives, attention is already beginning to turn to Christmas! There are some initial dates for some of the traditional Christmas events in this newsletter – one of the plans is to take Key Stage 2 to the pantomime at the Cambridge Arts Theatre in December (more information to come!).

Open Classrooms:

Thanks to the parents who joined us for Open Classrooms this week and took the opportunity to see their child's classroom and books. Hopefully, you saw some of the learning they have been achieving across the curriculum reflected in the classroom environments.



Birthdays:

Birthdays are important and we want to be able to celebrate them at school. If children wish to mark the occasion with their class, we feel that the best way to do this is to donate a book to the library. As we are a healthy eating school, we discourage all members of our community from bringing in sweet treats.

Forest School

As you are hopefully aware, all children will have the opportunity to have Forest School sessions this year and we know that the children currently taking part are enjoying these. Forest School is research-backed and shown to develop a whole range of children's skills, and their self-confidence, and we are really seeing the benefits of the investment being put in Forest School this year.

To help Forest School to run, our teachers would be grateful for any possible adult support, especially for Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. If you were interested in helping out, please contact the school office.



Dates and Events

Term Dates:

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

Parent Consultations

Week beginning 6th November

Years 5 and 6 Bikeability

Mon 6th - Thu 9th November

Year 2 Film Festival Trip

Wednesday 8th November

Odd Socks Day

Mon 13th November

Flu Vaccinations - new date

Mon 13th November

Reception Phonics Session

Wed 15th November

Children in Need

Fri 17th November

Year 4 Fitzwilliam Trip

Thu 23rd November

Y3 Pantomime Trip

Mon 4th December

Christmas Lunch Day

Wed 6th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thu 7th December

Y4 Pantomime Trip

Thu 7th December

KS1 Christmas Performance

Mon 11th December (am),

Tue 12th December (pm)

Rec Christmas Performance

Wed 13th December (9.30am)

Y5/6 Pantomime Trip

Wed 13th December

Federation Winter Fayre

Fri 15th December from
3.30pm

Last Day of Term

Wed 20th December

Parent Consultations:

These will be held over the next two weeks. The meetings will be virtual and we hope that families will make the most of this opportunity to discuss their children's progress with the teachers. A parent mail should have been sent to families so that they can make an appointment. If you are having any issues, please get in touch with the school office.

**Phonics Session**

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.

Wednesday 15th Nov - 9 - 9.30am - Phonics and Reading Information Session - Reception Parents/Carers

Giraffe Project – weekly update:

The painting of the giraffe is underway and Miss Woolsey is particularly proud of the Trumpington Meadows logo that can be found on the base!

**Cambridge Zero Art Project:**

Unfortunately, due to issues with the venue, the organisers have had to postpone the event until February (date TBC). We will update with any information as soon as we have it.