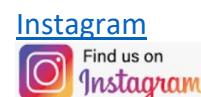




News from the Federation – 20th December 2024



As we reach the Christmas break, I thought I would write a little about the work that goes on behind the scenes to support all staff in fulfilling their roles as well as they can. Ongoing training for staff is a priority of the Federation and we have a programme of meetings, for teachers and teaching assistants, focused on our priority development areas (for example, reading and phonics, curriculum developments, supporting pupils with SEND). Teachers have all completed 'lesson study' this term where they observe each other and identify strengths and development areas in their practice.

This term, we have also had visits from the local authority to review our provision in Nursery, which was very positive and has given us some useful pointers on how to further enhance what we offer, and advisors in Maths and English who work alongside our subject leaders to review and develop our teaching. Ms Robitaille is working with a local authority advisor on new approaches to the teaching of fluency in reading, whilst we have also had visits from our OPAL advisor so we can continue to improve our outdoor provision. All staff have had annual safeguarding training whilst some of our teachers and leaders are completing, or have already completed, NPQs (national professional qualifications) in teaching, senior leadership or headship.

Improving what we offer at Trumpington Meadows is always an objective and much happens once the children have left the school to help make this happen. Please can I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break – we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 7th January.

Reception Performance

Congratulations to all the Reception children for their performance of 'Wiggly Nativity' this week – a lot of hard work had gone into the performance! Thanks to all the staff who worked on the nativity and to all the relatives and carers who came along to watch the show!



Parent Survey

Thanks to the parents who completed the survey over the past half term. We have been pleased to see that the feedback has been very positive and that the caring staff and inclusivity of our school have been celebrated by many respondents. There are also some useful next steps that we will share in the new year.

Meet the Team – Nicola Jones (SENCo)

I am delighted to join the hardworking staff team here at Trumpington Meadows School as SENCo. Having worked in several primary schools across Cambridgeshire, I am looking forward to working with you to support your children with special educational needs. I have spoken to many of you within my first few weeks, however, please feel free to introduce yourself to me or alternatively, if you have any concerns, please contact the school office to make an appointment and we can have a chat regarding your child's progress.



Dates and Events

Term Dates

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=1442>

Monday 6th January

INSET Day - schools closed.

Tuesday 7th January

First Day of Spring Term

Wednesday 5th February

Young Voices at 02

Friday 14th February

Last day of half term

Winter Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported and came along to the Federation winter fair last week! It was great to have the community come together – we are delighted to announce on behalf of the PTA that the event raised £1,019 which can now be reinvested into resources for school, including continuing to develop the OPAL project!

If you would like to get involved with school events by supporting the work of the PTA, please contact the school office who will happily point you in the right direction.