

News from the Federation – 17th December 2021



Thank you everyone for all your patience and support as we come to the end of the Autumn term and of 2021. It has undoubtedly been a very busy few weeks and we were very much hoping to invite all parents and carers into school so that you could watch the different performances by our Nursery, Reception and KS1 children. Sadly, with the COVID rates rising so rapidly, all of our festive plans have had to be adapted so that we can keep our community safe.

Please may we remind you that current guidance states that if you/or your children come into contact with a positive COVID case, you do not have to isolate as long as you carry out a daily LFT and the results are negative (for 7 days after coming into contact with the positive case).

Vouchers Scheme Reminder

We are pleased to inform you that the government will be issuing support vouchers to cover the two weeks of the holiday. All eligible families will receive a single £30 voucher over the Christmas holiday via Wonde.

Term Dates

Last day of Autumn Term:
Friday 17th December 2021

First day of Spring Term
Wednesday 5th January 2021

Spring Half Term
Monday 14th February 2022

Last day of Spring Term
Friday 31st March 2022

First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 19th April 2022

Summer Half Term
Friday 28th May 2022

Last day of Summer Term
Friday 22nd July 2022

Spring term:

Despite the latest headlines in the news about schools potentially operating in a different way after Christmas, please be reassured at this current time we are intending to re-open school on Wednesday 5th January as planned. Any changes that are announced by the Government will be communicated to you as quickly as possible; please bear in mind that we often only find out at the same time as you from the news!

INSET Day

Just a reminder we have a staff training day on Tuesday 4th January, so school will be open for children on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Christmas Hamper Winners

We are delighted to announce the Winners for our Christmas Hampers - congratulations to them and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. There were 9 hampers altogether and we separated raffle tickets for the two schools and the community. There are 3 winners for each of the groups.

They are as follows:

School/other	Winner 1	Winner 2	Winner 3
Fawcett Primary School	Anna & Milly Broadhurst	L Ovenden	Milly Y6
Trumpington Meadows	Grace W Y1	Amal Y1	Luke T Y5
Trumpington Community	Philippa Slatter	Thanasis Mourtziapis	Richard Taylor



Thank you very much for all your support and cheerfulness this term.

From everyone here at The Trumpington Federation, we wish you all a restful, peaceful and healthy festive period. We truly hope you can spend time with your loved ones.

Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



Christmas has come to Trumpington Meadows!

In the past two weeks, there have been lots of different Christmas activities taking place at school. All children in the school were able to visit the Surprise Room and buy some gifts for their adults, whilst last week we had the Christmas lunch in school, complete with pigs in blankets and crackers!

Our Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children have all been practising and performing their Christmas singing and productions. It is sad that again this year we have been unable to have parents into school to enjoy watching the shows, but hopefully you will have enjoyed seeing them online. Thanks to all the staff and children who have put in a huge amount of effort to get these productions completed this year.



Competition Winners!

Huge congratulations to Irene in Year 6, Caleigh in Year 4 and Lihini in Year 2 who have been selected by BPHA as the winners of their 'Reduce, Repair and Recycle' competition! They all win a book voucher and the honour of having their designs made into permanent signs that will be found across Trumpington. Keep your eyes peeled for them and thank you to all the other children who also produced some great designs!

Year 3 Trip to Wandlebury!

Last week, Year 3 went to Wandlebury to find out more about the Iron Age. When we arrived, we put our bags on the bench and split into our groups. After that, our group leaders told us about how they made the bread and asked us what we already knew about the Iron Age. First, we got some wheat, then we got the ears of the wheat and rubbed this so that all the grains come out into the winnowing basket. Then, we shook the basket so all the unwanted pieces flip out and after that, we added the grains into the quern to make flour. Then, our group leaders put the dough onto sticks, one each, and we cooked them on the campfire. It tasted delicious!

We went on a trip to find out about why the ditches were there and put different stickers on our sheet to mark in each area what we found. Then, in the afternoon, we ate our lunch and used Iron Age catapults with tennis balls and practised throwing them. We said goodbye to our group leaders and got on our coach to go home. It was a great day but it was little bit cold!

By Liam W (Year 3)

