

News from the Federation – 28th January 2022

Time is flying by this half term and we are all enjoying the milder weather this week as children are making the most of the outdoors.

Playground Updates

Both schools at the Federation are hoping to develop the outdoor areas with new playground markings to enable all children to engage in stimulating games. We have waited a long time for this and are excited to have them ready for next half term. In addition to this, we are also working on the EYFS area and markings will also be added there to allow children to use them as part of their continuous provision.

COVID update at the Federation

Whilst restrictions have been relaxed nationally, in Primary Schools rates of COVID are rising and we are struggling with staffing and have high numbers of children off school, as a result of having COVID. Please ensure if you or your child have a positive lateral flow test that you record this on the web site. <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please also remember that when coming onto the premises, either outside or inside, that you wear a facemask. We need to keep our staff safe to be able to keep our classes open.

Monthly Year Group Newsletters

From next week, we will be introducing a monthly newsletter from all classes at our schools. This will allow parents and carers to gain a valuable snapshot into the learning that has been taking place in the previous month. We understand that since COVID there have not been many opportunities to invite families into school to share the lovely work and fun activities that children engage in and hope that this will give you all a much-awaited insight.

LEGO Engineering Regional Competition

We are very proud to announce that our Y5 children at Trumpington Meadows have won the award for “Breakthrough Best New Team” in the FIRST Lego league with the Department of Engineering at Cambridge University. The children have worked incredibly hard using teamwork, collaboration and determination (all of which form part of our core values) to come up with their end result. It’s wonderful to see their hard work has been acknowledged.

Term Dates

Spring Half Term
Monday 14th February 2022

Last day of Spring Term
Thursday 31st March 2022

Inset Day
Friday 1st April 2022

First day of Summer Term
Tuesday 19th April 2022

Summer Half Term
Friday 27th May 2022

Last day of Summer Term
Friday 22nd July 2022

Parent Volunteers Welcome

We always welcome parent volunteers into school to help with the children’s learning and were delighted to have our first volunteer come into school last week. If you do have some spare time on your hands and would like to come in and help, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Ms Barham or Mr Monro.

End of Day Messages

Apologies, the time was incorrect in last week’s newsletter. Messages should be received, to the office by **2:45pm**, to allow enough time to pass on to the teacher.



Meet Mr Monro

Mr Monro is the Assistant Head based full-time at Trumpington Meadows. During his eight years at the Federation, he has worked in various roles including class teacher in various year groups at both schools, leader of Maths and developing the curriculum. His responsibilities include working with our staff in developing the teaching and curriculum at the federation, and supporting children with their learning, wellbeing and behaviour. He is also a designated safeguarding lead and works closely with the Inclusion team and Miss Buckerfield to ensure all our children are happy and successful in school. He is often on the gate at the start or end of the day so if you do have any concerns, please do speak to him there or get in touch via the office.