

News from the Federation – 11th March 2022

With the recent successful OFSTED at Fawcett and the relaxation of some of the measures we have had to have in place as a result of COVID, we are looking to the future and have some exciting plans we look forward to sharing with you. We have **Platinum Jubilee celebrations** planned for next term. Watch this space and read our newsletter each week to find out more.

Most importantly, we are looking forward to being able to welcome parents back into the school and we may even have our first **live performances**, in two years, **from Years 3 and 4** in our school halls at the end of this term. The planned dates for these are (TBC):

Fawcett – 29th March at 9.15am and 30th March at 1.30pm

Trumpington Meadows – 29th March at 2pm and 30th March at 9.15am

A number of protective measures remain in place in our schools and we are not yet having whole school assemblies. We continue to have additional cleaning and protective measures in place. Staffing this half term remains difficult with staff and children still contracting COVID but we are very much looking forward to bringing the community back into school and being able to share with you in person the fabulous things taking place across the Federation.

Tall Trees

We are delighted to have been selected for the Tall Trees planting project, which will enable us to extend our Forest Schools provision and provide training for staff.

Open Classrooms

We will be having an open classroom event after the Easter holiday (dates to follow) when parents will be able to drop into school and visit their child's class.

Science Fest!

A reminder that we have our wonderful Science Festival next week - our first whole Federation event in a long time. We hope you will be able to join us - Tuesday 15th March from 4:30 - 6:30 at Trumpington Meadows Primary School.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March

This year, children are invited to wear something red and bring a joke with them to school so that we can create our own joke book! Donations of £1 are welcome.

Communications update

As we shared with you previously, and as a result of feedback in our annual parents' questionnaire, we have been trying to improve communications between home and school and, where possible, are sending out the majority of non-urgent communications to parents on a Friday. Please make sure you check your junk email box and remember to click the links in your weekly parent mail to ensure you receive our weekly newsletters, year group information and class letters.

World Book Day in the Cambridge News

Photographs of some of our children in their World book Day costumes will be featured in the Cambridge News this Saturday.

Time Keeping

Please ensure children arrive promptly for the start of the school day. Many children are still arriving to school after 8.40am and therefore too late for the morning register.

Traffic on Alpha Terrace

Please can we remind all visitors driving to the Fawcett school site to observe the speed limit, not park in the turning circle or block residents' access. We encourage you to walk or cycle to school.

Visit from Anthony Browne MP

Trumpington Meadows were pleased to welcome Anthony Brown on 10th March for a tour of the school and discussions with governors, staff and pupils. From left to right: Anthony Brown MP, Oriana Dalton, Governors: Co Chair – Gavin Davies and Liz Woodham.



Term Dates & Events

Science Event

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Class Photos – Fawcett

Tuesday 15th March 2022

Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March

Earth Watch- Mini Forest

Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Last day of Spring Term

Thursday 31st March 2022

First day of Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Summer Half Term starts (schools closed)

Friday 27th May 2022

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June

Last day of Summer Term

Friday 22nd July 2022

Mobile Phones

Children should not bring mobile phones to school unless absolutely necessary (if parents prefer them to have one for safety reasons when walking home alone for example). Mobiles are to be handed to the class teacher at registration and taken to the office. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

Parent's evenings

We hope that you found the recent parent consultations useful. Please do get in contact with the office to arrange a meeting if you have not yet had one.

Ukraine

Images and reports of the conflict in Ukraine are everywhere and can be unsettling for children – the Local Authority have gathered some suggested resources that you may wish to use to support you in talking to your child about what is happening:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/useful-resources-for-talking-about-ukraine-and-russia/>

[Newsround - Advice if you're upset by the news](#)

[Mental Health Foundation - Talking to your children scary world news](#)