



# Trumps Green Infant School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start this newsletter by saying thank you. **Thank you** to all families for doing their absolute best during the start to this term supporting your children at home with their home learning and supporting your children in school in unusual circumstances.

We are thankful to be able to provide for our key workers and vulnerable children and currently our numbers in school just meet our risk assessment maximum ensuring we are as operationally safe as possible.

## HOME LEARNING

As we are being advised by Government, the Dfe and Surrey, the safest place for children and families is at home. We know that many of you are working from home and juggling home learning and we acknowledge how difficult this is. So well done to you all. The children will be finding a different routine challenging at times and we are asking that you do not worry if the home learning some days is more tricky, you cannot manage to juggle everything or the children are having an unmotivated day. Please do not worry and be kind to yourselves as families. We are providing a lot of learning but would expect any of our learning to be interspersed with playing in the snow, going for a walk, relaxing and perhaps tuning into the BBC learning - that may be so helpful. The most important thing is keeping safe. We are always happy to receive phone calls to provide support and advice in these difficult times, so do continue to phone us.

When life gets back to "normal" and all the children are back in school we will undertake assessments and plan future learning to plug gaps and catch up.

We love all the lovely photographs you are posting on Microsoft Teams of your children learning and playing - the snow photos were particular special. We do miss the children and it is wonderful to see them even on a screen.

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## ONLINE READING SCHEME

Alongside all the home learning the teachers are providing, we now are able to provide online reading books through Big Cat Collins online reading scheme. The FOTG have come to our rescue and agreed to finance the subscription, for which we are so grateful.

## WEEKLY LIVE SESSIONS WITH TEACHERS

We continue to discuss how we can enhance our home learning offer and so from next week each class teacher we will be having a weekly live session with small groups of children. We are thoroughly looking forward to this opportunity to have a chat "face to face" with the children in small groups. The teachers will let you know through Microsoft Teams which day and what time your child's group session will be.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

We are looking forward to our parent interviews in Microsoft Teams which you are able to book next week. We do have technical difficulties occasionally in school as some of you have also experienced. Hopefully the meetings will go smoothly but if not do not worry we will rearrange.

## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

We will be closed as usual over February half-term (Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb) and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

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## CONTACT TRACING OVER FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Where pupils or staff attending school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff attending school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (up to 3pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February), the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

The office will check emails once a day advising us of a positive case and advise contacts to self-isolate, having sought advice from Dfe and Public Health England.

Thank you for your continued messages of support of our school and our provision in these difficult times. It makes a huge difference to us. All the staff are doing a magnificent job within school. All staff are on site whether assisting the learning of children in school, leading the provision of home learning and the office running the business side of the school. All staff are working very long hours every day including weekends to ensure we are giving the absolute best we can to the children and in supporting you as families.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Sarah Morris

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## CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	TIME
<b>SPRING TERM 2021</b>		
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	
<b>SPRING TERM ENDS</b>	Thursday 1 April	1.30 pm
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	Friday 2 April - Friday 16 April	
<b>SUMMER TERM 2021</b>		
<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>	Monday 19 April	
<b>INSET DAY (School closed)</b>	Friday 28 May	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June	
<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS</b>	Tuesday 20 July	1.30 pm
<b>INSET DAY (School closed)</b>	Wednesday 21 July	

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Trumps Green Infant School is committed to safeguarding, child protection and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all members of the school community including staff, parents, carers, volunteers and governors to demonstrably share this commitment.