

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super start to this term with children loving their new topics: Reception "Toys", Year 1 "Exploring where we live" and Year 2 "Exploring the World". Here are some photos of the children enjoying their school life - I am sure the children will enjoy talking about their learning with you.













BEHAVIOUR HUB PROGRAMME We are taking part in this National Programme. We are extremely fortunate as a school to be accepted on this programme and have been chosen as we "possess the ambition, integrity and will to improve behaviour cultures and practices". As you may hear in the media, there is an increase in challenges in all schools with anxiety, mental health and struggles for many children. We have been working hard over the last two/three years focusing on all our training being on SEND/behaviour. We are very well trained as a whole staff and passionate and dedicated to providing ALL children with the learning and nurturing environment to flourish and feel special and loved. Any improvement/enhancement in knowledge, skills and understanding helps ALL children. Anecdotally, all staff did Dyslexia training in January - a whole days course. The parting golden nugget is that any supportive practice that may be designed for a child with dyslexia will help everyone in the classroom.

Mrs Hazell and I are taking part in this years programme and will visit schools far and wide gaining bespoke high quality training, working collaboratively with other school leaders. All this will be cascaded to all staff and Governors. As such, over the next few months we will be sharing with you all any enhanced practices we put in place at school.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

These are taking place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February as a reminder. The sign up sheets will be on the classroom doors from Monday 29th January.





FEELING GOOD WEEK We are looking forward to "Feeling Good Week". We are planning all sorts of exciting and meaningful learning focusing on how we feel, how others feel, how to feel good and what we can do to help ourselves in challenges. I look forward to sharing with you all in February's newsletter photos from the week's events.

FOREST SCHOOL

We are looking forward to the children all going to Forest School in March. I will write to you all shortly with arrangements - the dates are as follows:

Year 1 - Monday 4th March

Year 2 - Monday 11th March

Reception - Monday 25th March

I haven't forgotten that this is Reception's first visit and in honour of equal opportunity Reception's sessions will be made equal in the Summer term.

**ILLNESS** 

There has been a lot of illness, both children and staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding on occasions when there are different teachers at the classroom doors. We are so fortunate at Trumps that we can almost always cover staff illness with staff the children know. This is always best for the children. We do award the children for class attendance each fortnight with the class with the highest attendance receiving the trophy. As a school we encourage good attendance and punctuality however we appreciate that children are poorly and that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances regarding traffic etc. As you all know, I always say to you and also to the children regularly that we like you to be here safely, that is what is important.





#### **ATTENDANCE**

As per our attendance policy that you can find on our website in full, the Headteacher is not obliged to accept a parent's explanation for absence. A letter, email or telephone message from a parent does not in itself authorise an absence. If no explanation is received, absences will not be authorised.

Absence during term time can only be approved in "exceptional circumstances". The following reasons are examples of absence that will not be authorised:

- · Persistent nonspecific illness e.g. poorly/unwell
- Absence of siblings if one child is ill
- Parental illness or medical appointments
- Oversleeping
- · Inadequate clothing/uniform
- · Confusion over school dates
- Medical/dental appointments of more than half a day without very good reason
- · Child's/family birthday or fun day out
- · Shopping trip
- · Family Holidays (with some rare exceptions).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Take care everyone.

Sarah Morris





### **CALENDAR**

EVENT	DATE	TIME
SPRING TERM 2024		
HALF TERM	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	
SPRING TERM ENDS	Thursday 28 March	1.15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	
SUMMER TERM 2024		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Monday 15 April	
SCHOOL STARTS	Tuesday 16 April	9.00 am
BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)	Monday 6 May	
INSET DAY (School closed)	Friday 24 May	
HALF TERM	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	
SCHOOL STARTS	Monday 3 June	9.00 am
SUMMER TERM ENDS	Tuesday 23 July	1.15 pm





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EVENT	DATE	TIME
SPRING TERM 2024		
Year 2 SATs Meeting	твс	
Feeling Good Week	Monday 5 - Friday 9 February	
Scholastics Travelling Book Fair	Tue 27 February - Fri 1 March	3.00 - 3.30 PM
Parent Interviews All Year Groups	Tuesday 6 February Thursday 8 February	3:20 - 6:00 PM
HALF TERM	Monday 12 - Friday 16 February	
World Book Day	Thursday 7 March	
Movie Night	Saturday 23 March	
Forest School	Year 1 - Monday 4 March Year 2 - Monday 11 March Reception - Monday 25 March	
Mother's Day Craft	Friday 8 March	
Comic Relief	Friday 15 March	
Learning sharing for parents	Thursday 21 March	2.30 PM
Future Selves Week	Monday 25 - Friday 29 March	
Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt	Tuesday 26 March	
SPRING TERM ENDS	Thursday 28 March	1:15 PM
Easter Holidays	Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April	
SUMMER TERM 2024		
INSET DAY (School closed)	Monday 15 April	
SCHOOL STARTS	Tuesday 16 April	
Class Photos	Wednesday 24 April	
Bags2School	Thursday 25 April	
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 6 May	
INSET DAY (School closed)	Friday 24 May	
HALF TERM	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May	
Father's Day Craft	Friday 14 June	
Reports to parents	Monday 15 July	
Learning sharing for parents	Thursday 18 July	
School Summer Fair	ТВС	
SUMMER TERM ENDS	Tuesday 23 July	1:15 PM

