

We had a very successful move-up day on Monday where all the children spent the day with their new teachers. It was great to have our new staff with us from Fawcett and hopefully your children came home positive, and excited for the new academic year. We will continue to clarify classrooms and support staff and will communicate this in due course. Transition into the next year group is something we take seriously, and teachers and teaching assistants will all meet over the coming weeks to ensure information is handed over and they are ready to hit the ground running in September.

A note also to remind you that the last day of this academic year is Friday 19th July and school is closed on Monday 22nd July. The Autumn term will begin for children in Y1-6 on Thursday 5th September – the Tuesday and Wednesday that week will be staff training days. Reception will have slightly different arrangements that will be communicated with you separately.

We will be saying goodbye to some staff at the end of the year: Mrs Arkle will be leaving us – she has been the Inclusion Co-ordinator at Trumpington Meadows for a number of years and has provided a great deal of support to many families and children. She will be greatly missed. Miss Childs will also be leaving us next week – she has been teaching Y3 this year and again, has made a big contribution to our school this year. Miss Rose, Teaching Assistant in Y6, will also be relocating and we wish her all the best for her new home on the coast!

Election!

Whilst some may argue the Westminster elections were the main political event of the week, in school we have had a much more important vote: electing our Head Boy and Head Girl for next year! On general election day, the whole school (children and staff) cast their votes for one of the three candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl – these children had written a letter of application and been interviewed before shortlisting. They then presented their case to the school before the whole-school vote! The elected Head Girl is Karolina with 45% of the vote, and Head Boy is Liam winning with 39% in an extremely close election. Well done to all the children who joined in with the process so enthusiastically.



Year 5/6 Performance – Aladdin

A huge well done to all our Year 5 and 6s for their fantastic performance of Aladdin. There was some particularly fantastic singing on show and hopefully, all those who came along really enjoyed the performance. Well done and thanks to all the staff, parents and children involved in putting the performance together, as well as organising costumes and the set!



Summer Fair

Last Saturday saw the Federation community out in force at our Summer Fair. The sun was shining and it was so wonderful to see so many families taking advantage of the weather and the activities that the PTA had put on offer. Particular thanks to all the children, and adults, who contributed much needed funds so enthusiastically at the 'sponge the teacher' stall. Thank you to all those people who made this such a successful and enjoyable event – we look forward to continuing to build the PTA into the new academic year.

Dates and Events

Term Dates

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=1442>

Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th July

Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 10th July

Reception Sporty Fun - 9.05am

Wednesday 10th July

Nursery Sporty Fun - 11am

Wednesday 17th July

Year 6 Disco (pm)

Friday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July

Last day of term

Tuesday 3rd September

INSET Day - school closed

Wednesday 4th September

INSET Day - school closed

Thursday 5th September

Start of Autumn Term

Free School Meals

Your family may be eligible for free school meals! Even if your child is in KS1 and receives universal infant free school meals, the school can benefit from pupil premium funding if you are eligible. To find out more information and to apply, please go to the following website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

A message from Mrs Dalton

Dear All,

I just wanted to thank you all for your support over the last 7 years that I have been the executive HT at the federation. It has been an incredible time and we have achieved so much together. This has been achieved by staff, governors, children and parents working in partnership for the benefit of the children of Trumpington. I know that I am leaving the federation in great hands and a good place although school funding is becoming harder and harder and difficult decisions will have to be made by all schools moving forward.

The staff at the federation really are incredible. They put your children first every day. The OPAL project has transformed playtime and lunchtime. The curriculum staff have designed is brought to life through meaningful trips and visits and the enthusiasm staff have for the subjects and curriculum content they deliver. We have a swimming pool. Forest schools is part of our curriculum and provides the opportunity for children to learn and appreciate the outdoors, work together and supports their emotional wellbeing. Many staff give up their time to run clubs and after school activities. It can be sometimes easy to take these things for granted.

The involvement of parents and your support is and has been essential. The difference you can make by reading with your child for 5 minutes every day is measurable and makes a long-term difference to outcomes, employment and life expectancy! We believe in teamwork and collaboration.

Post COVID, things have been difficult for many families. Inflation and increased costs are putting pressure on family and school budgets. We are all being asked to do more with less. Our family support workers and inclusion team are there to support and help. Believe me not all schools offer this level of support.

Sometimes, it is easy to take for granted what is provided. We know that we can always do better and are constantly seeking to improve. However, what has happened post COVID for all schools, local authorities and OFSTED is an increase in the number of complaints. At the federation, we believe in catching pupils in. We know that being persistently positive is what makes a difference and inspires and motivates pupils to reach for the moon.

So, as I leave the team at the federation, what I would ask is that you put trust and faith in the professionals that the staff at the federation are. It takes many years of training to become a teacher, and school leader. Our support staff are highly skilled and qualified. Our governors are volunteers who invest their time, knowledge and skills in contributing to the development of our schools. Each and every child counts at the federation and we all want the best for your child/children. This has to be achieved within an inclusive community of learners with finite resources and by working together.