



### News from the Federation –13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



#### Welcome Back

This week has seen a change in the weather, feeling cooler and with heavy downpours. Please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate coat and wellies so we can continue to enjoy the outdoor spaces, whatever the weather. We have continued to embed the high expectations of behaviour, presentation and uniform we have of the children and they are raising their own expectations and standards in response to this. Well done everyone! As you read this newsletter, you will see some of the exciting learning opportunities that have been taking place in the classroom. We have also started a new-look singing assembly on a Tuesday - ask your child about it! I hope you have a restful weekend, I think everyone is tired after the first full week, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.



Year 4 making place value pockets



Year 6 enjoying the WWII Hook Day



Year 2's model text on display



An enticing Year 5 Reading Corner

We are so proud of our Reception children who have completed their first full week. Here are some of the activities that the children have been engaged with.



#### Snacks

In KS1 and Early Years, children are provided with a free fruit or vegetable snack at break time. In KS2, children will need to bring in their own healthy snacks from home. Please remember that chocolate is not an acceptable snack and that we are a nut-free school.

#### Dates and Events

##### Term Dates

These can be found on our website using the link:  
<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

##### Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the Teacher

See timetable opposite.

##### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Book Fair

##### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 Trip to Duxford

##### 28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November

Half term

##### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Back to school

#### Communication between teachers and families

We really value open communication within our school community. Mornings are our busiest times and it is important that the day starts promptly at 8:40. Therefore communication is probably best when teachers are available on the playground at the end of each day and appointments can be made for meetings through the office. If you wish to contact a teacher via email, please ensure that emails are sent to the school office.

## Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher sessions will take place in person; this gives families the chance to meet their child's/children's new teacher and for teachers to share essential information. The slides will also be posted onto Google Classroom for people who are unable to attend. There are ample opportunities throughout the school year for families to engage with teachers e.g. open classrooms, parent consultations etc. Communication is key; should you ever wish to speak to a teacher or member of the SLT then please do approach them on the playground or make an appointment through the office.

Year Group	Date and Time
Year 4	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September @ 8:50
Year 5	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30
Year 3	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September @ 8:50
Year 1	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30
Year 2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September @ 2:30
Year 6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September @ 8:50

## Choir

We are very excited to offer the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 the opportunity to participate in our school choir on **Wednesdays** from **3:10 - 4pm**. There will be no charge for this club but there does need to be a commitment to attend each week unless circumstances prevent this. There is no requirement to read music, all that we ask is that the children enjoy singing and want to sing with others. We will also be offering the opportunity to attend the Young Voices concert in The O2 Arena, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025. A letter has been sent home to these year groups.

## E Bikes and E Scooters

Please be reminded that whilst we absolutely encourage children to travel to school in an eco-friendly manner, E-bikes and E-scooters must not be ridden in the playground for safety reasons. To this effect, we also ask bike riders and scooter riders to be careful around the various school entrances.

## Year 6 families applying for admission to secondary school

If your child is attending secondary school next academic year, families must complete the application process themselves. This is not something that is completed by school. Applications are now open and must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Applications can be made online using:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

## Reception Children starting primary school in 2025

The application process for children due to start primary school in September 2025 opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The national closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. All applications must be made to the Local Authority where the child resides (pays Council Tax to). There are posters with more information at the main contact points around the school e.g. main office. If you have any queries about the primary transfer process, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Admissions Team at

[admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Attendance Changes This Year

High standards of attendance are extremely important for giving children the best opportunities at school. A letter from the local authority informing parents of changes to the national attendance procedures was sent out last week. This includes changes to the requirements for term-time leave and thresholds for penalty notices. At the Federation, we will be updating our policies and procedures to reflect this new guidance but please do read the letter as it is important all families are aware of the new DfE guidelines.

## Behaviour Policy

We would encourage families to read our behaviour policy so that the adults are as familiar with it as the children are. This will ensure that the messages are clear and consistent. Please use the link to our Federation website to access the policy: <https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=77>