

Autumn Term Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents



You may have noticed that the Office was busier than ever this last week as our **Local Authority Audit** was taking place. This planned visit happens every 4 years – our

last was in October 2011. We had the dubious honour of being selected as a pilot school for the new schedule and came through every area with confidence.

However, I have been advised that **ALL payments must, in future, be made on-line via School Money** to avoid unnecessary cash-handling in the School Office and the potential for errors. No errors HAVE ever been made, I hasten to add!

So, **from the start of next term (January 2016)** payments for dinners, trips, clubs etc must be made on-line. Only charity donations (eg the recent Children In Need Day) or payments for children's stationery items can be made in cash. This brings us in line with Secondary school procedures and helps us to be totally accountable.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Here are Paola and her friend from North London Hospice talking to us in assembly last Monday about the important work of a hospice.

After their visit, they wrote:

"Dear Mrs Yarwood

Thank you so much for allowing us to come along to the assembly today. The children were an absolute delight and so thoughtful. We were amazed at the answers they gave to our questions and their understanding of a hospice and the work that we do. We were made to feel very welcome. Trent is a wonderful school"

Dressing Up as 'Our Heroes' on Friday raised a £225 for Children In Need and the North London Hospice.



The variety of costumes promoted lots of discussion about Children In Need, about helping each other, about what makes a hero and about those we look up to for their talents, generosity and charisma. Here are some of our own charismatic and talented Year 5



David Burrowes MP visits Trent and sings to us!

Learning to understanding the word 'Democracy' has seen Trent pupils, this term, vote for their own School Council, agreeing their class rules and answering a questionnaire to tell us what they think of school and how we can make school-life even better.

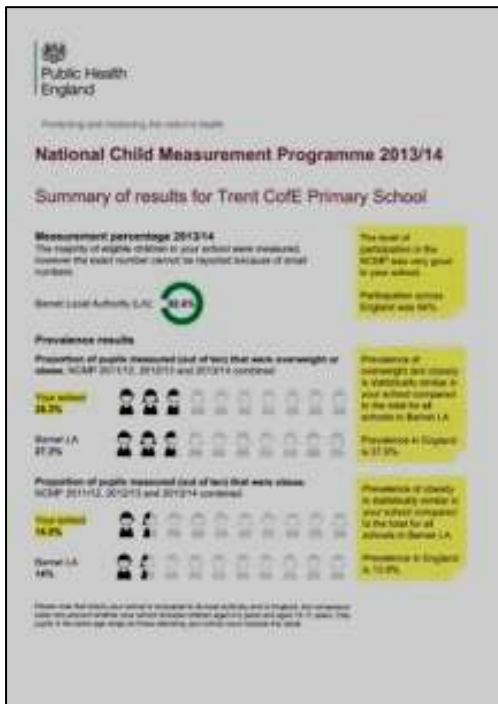
At our invitation, David Burrowes, the MP for Enfield and Southgate came to talk to us about Democracy in assembly. He sang the Big Ben Chimes Hymn and School Council gave him a good grilling – better than Question Time! After his visit he wrote:

Louise

Thank you very much for the opportunity to come to your lovely school. I was so impressed and encouraged by the explicitly Christian assembly. The children were exemplary - well behaved, attentive, and thoughtful particularly with their impromptu prayers. Thank you also for the scrummy cakes!

Best wishes

David Burrowes MP



Data from the Department for Public Health

Every year children in Reception and Year 6 have their height measured and their weight checked. The statistics are then compiled over the last 5 years to produce an amalgamation representing a typical class at Trent. It is not a measure of any specific year group or class but you may be interested to read that the prevalence for overweight or obesity at Trent (in an area of low deprivation) is above expectations for our neighbourhood. Because of the link between poverty and obesity, the Government monitor this carefully. Interestingly, we are close to the average for Barnet and National statistics.

School dinners are absolutely delicious, balanced and nutritious (see the new menus for the term ahead on our website) and so we are looking at ways that even more children can take part in active clubs before and after school – whether it be gardening, football or gymnastics and in active play at lunchtime.



Year 6 Play Leaders organise games for younger children during lunchtimes. This group were voted the best team of last half term and celebrated at The House Cafe, eating muffins. Well done girls!

Many thanks to the **PTA for the splendid Cake Sale** on Friday, raising funds for dedicated play equipment.

Friendship and Forgiveness Week starts on Monday 16th November.



Although, most of the time, the children at Trent play happily together, we want to be a 'talking school' where children understand the impact of their everyday decisions on the happiness of their peers and aim for every day to be happy for every child.

At Trent, we help children be tolerant and understanding of all others, especially those who are different to themselves.

We want to encourage fair play and shared 'power' in real friendships. We understand that every child (and adult too!) makes mistakes – it is part of growing up – and that as Christians we know that we are forgiven and can follow Christ in forgiveness.

We encourage children to be strong in words and acts, to say "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me" and know that adults will support them when relationships go wrong, re-build friendships and confidence.

In Friendship and Forgiveness week this year there is a focus on Internet safety. On Friday the school has an assembly followed by workshops in each class from Big Foot Theatre. We are dressing up with Funny Feet and 'paying' a chocolate fine for the Christmas Fayre that day. Please talk to your child about the Bible stories, the fiction books and finally the E_safety day that should make the week extra special.

For more information about on-line safety try

<http://trentceprimaryschool.co.uk/it/> or <http://gooseberryplanet.com/>



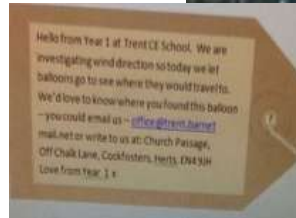
Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your generous donations – the collection box is almost too heavy to lift

Class News



Reception class make mathematical patterns with everyday objects.



Year 1 investigate wind direction with a balloon release.



Year 2 investigate Sound, making drums and guitars.

Year 3 are busy learning lines, singing and acting for their Christmas show 'Baubles' in just a few weeks.



Year 4 enjoy performing Kennings (noun-verb phrases, like shy-scraper) a favourite of the Vikings and well recorded in the Doomsday book, apparently!

And lastly, thank you to **Year 5** who illustrated our Staff List on the website with these rather complimentary portraits.

With my best wishes,
Mrs Louise Yarwood

