

Spring Term Newsletter 1

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Serve one another in Love

Dear Parents

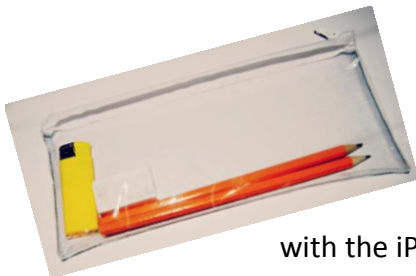


Thank you! Your generosity at Christmas time was astonishing. I had such a happy time opening my gifts and reading the many warm messages from children and parents. Trent feels especially like a family at these times, thank you for your kindness, thank you for your prayers and blessings. Thank you for making Trent a place of goodness and love. The staff and I are grateful to you.



At the start of the Spring term, I hope our annual polite reminders may be helpful:

- Make sure you come to school in a **warm waterproof coat**, preferably with a hood, for those drizzly outdoor playtimes
- Please check that **name tags** haven't faded or fallen off. There is often a pile of unnamed lost property in the playground at the end of break.
- Please be sure that **longer hair** is tied back with either brown, black, green, yellow, white or gold accessories
 - Is your child's **pencil case** fully stocked with the appropriate equipment (and nothing else)? If you would like to bring a pack of colouring pencils or felt pens to school, it would be useful to keep them in a separate second case.
 - Have you sent in some **headphones** or earphones to use with the iPads? Please make sure they are named.
- Keep reading! Everyone is working hard to **read daily** and it is a real strength of the school. The weekly **homework** tasks are also developing those important attributes of independence and responsibility.
- If there is something you are puzzled or concerned about, no matter how small, please check with Julie, then **pop in** to see the class teacher. We do our best to see parents or to chat on the 'phone later the same day.
- If your child is **too poorly** to attend school, please email the office (or telephone) on the first day to let us know. If they have vomited or had diarrhoea, then you need to leave a full 48 hours before sending them in to school – unfortunately the nasty Norovirus is highly contagious.
- Snowfall looks increasingly less likely this Winter, but IF it does happen, Trent will almost certainly be OPEN. You will receive a text, as usual, early that morning to



confirm arrangement for drop off and collection. Remember your gloves and wellies for an afternoon making snow sculptures!

Staffing news: Lovely Mrs Kakouris begins a phased return to work this term. You may see her every other Wednesday from now until her return from Maternity leave in the Summer term.

News from the Department for Education (DFE): Introduction of on-screen multiplication tables check for KS2 SATs in 2017

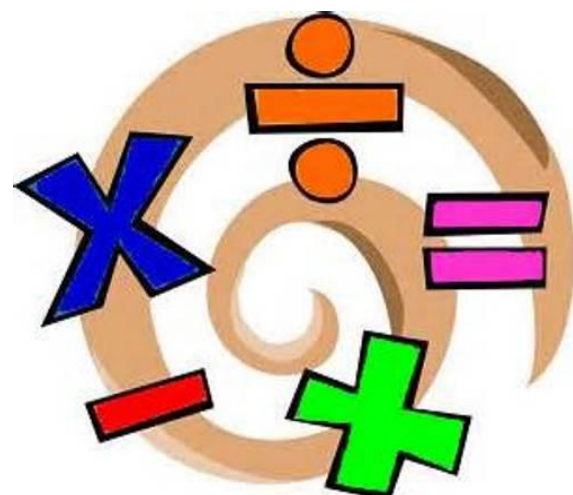
“An on-screen multiplication tables check is going to be introduced in 2017. Year 6 pupils can expect to be asked to give timed responses to a series of multiplication questions from the twelve times tables.

The new check will be trialled with approximately 3,000 pupils from 80 primary schools in June 2016, before it is rolled out nationally in 2017.

Schools selected for the trial will be contacted by the end of April.”

Trent often helps out trialling and moderating future KS2 SATs papers for the NFER (National Foundation for Education Research). Should we be asked to trial the new multiplication tables check for next year, I will let the Y6 parents know immediately!

In the meantime, I have asked Julie to attach a powerpoint alongside this Newsletter which you may want to take a look at with your child. It is set at a more simple standard than Y6, just to get you started, but do feel that you could alter the questions to suit your child’s confidence with arithmetic. We will be using software like this in class too.



Reminder of Payment methods for Breakfast and Teatime Clubs

Day	What we offer	Classes
Monday	Gym	Y1-Y6
	Dramarama	Y1-Y6
Tuesday	Choir	Y3-Y6
	Football	Y1 & Y2
	Cookery	Y4
	Scratch	Y5-Y6
	Football	Y3 & Y4
Wednes	Cookery	Y3
	Photography	Y3-Y6
	Street Dance	Y1-Y6
	Cookery	Y5 & Y6
Thrsday	Gardening	Y1-Y6
	Maths and ICT	Y1-Y6
Friday	Dramarama	Y1-Y6
	Ballet	Y1-Y4
Every day	Breakfast club	Recep-Y6
	Teatime club	Recep-Y6

The transition to becoming a ‘cashless’ school is proving quite smooth- thank you! Just a reminder of how to pay when your child attends either the Breakfast or Teatime clubs:

Please ensure your child is registered with Claire (for breakfast club) or Shuk Yi (for the Teatime club). At the end of each month, your payment will be registered with school Money for you to pay online, just as you do for all other clubs.

Would YOU like to get involved in school-life? Calling all grandparents too!

Would you like to join the **Gardening Club on Friday afternoon**? Tim is happy to share your own gardening conundrums whilst supporting our school gardeners.

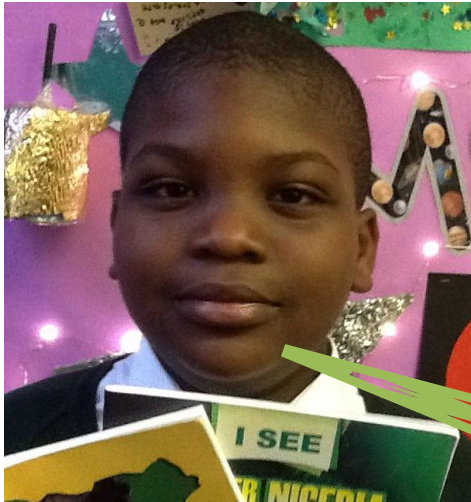
Maybe you are more musical and would like to help set up the **school band**? Friday morning would be a good time to volunteer for this one!

Whatever you would like to do, as long as you could make a regular commitment, I'm sure we would find it useful too. Please give Julie a call if you'd like to get involved.



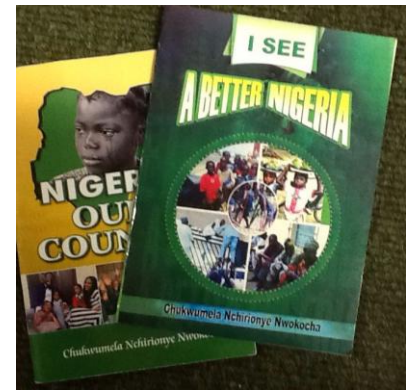
Assemblies for the Spring Term

Boring Bible...		
<i>You thought the Bible was full of stories about goody-two shoes? Here are some of the Bible's gruesome and bizarre stories.</i>		
w/b	Value/ theme	Assembly title & Bible ref.
04/01/16 Welcome Service	New starts and resolutions	Brother Murder Genesis 4
11/01/16 World Faith Study starts	Friendship	A Talking donkey Numbers 22:21-35
18/01/16	Hope	Walls came tumbling down Joshua 5:13-6:27
25/01/16	Truth	The day the sun stood still Joshua 10:1-15
01/02/16	(Love!)	Sliced in the belly Judges 3:12-30
08/02/16 Ash Wednesday service	Under-standing/ Tolerance	A splitting headache Judges 4
Half Term		
22/02/16	Generosity	Hungry? Luke 4:1-4, Numbers 11:1-9 Deut 8:3
29/02/16	The power of prayer	Tough odds Judges 7
07/03/16	Justice	Jaw-me-dead Judges 15
14/03/16	Trust	A perfectly good belt Jeremiah 13:1-11
21/03/16	Forgiveness	Head on a platter Matthew 14:1-12
28/03/16	Easter	Easter service Cross and resurrection Matthew 27:27-28- 28:10
Easter Holidays		



Class News

Year 3 has an International author... The best books are often based on real-life experience. I am very proud to know that we have an international author in our school. Writing about his mother-country, I was told:



I wanted to do something to help the people of Nigeria. There is too much sadness and death. I pray for them and I am so happy to be in Trent, with my friends.



Year 2 have a wonderful MESSY FRIDAY! Thank you to the parent helpers ... and to our patient cleaners!

Following a helpful suggestion from a parent on the recent surveys, we are organising an electronic calendar available for all parents – it's almost ready. In the meantime please check the Curriculum Information letters for your class dates. These are available on the website under 'Curriculum'.

Parent Consultations this term are Wednesday and Thursday before half term: 10th and 11th February, except for Year 2 who are Tuesday and Wednesday 9th and 10th February as Miss Paschali is supporting Barnet Recruitment Fair in Brighton on Thursday.

School Closure as we are polling station for the London Mayoral GLA elections which will be held on Thursday 5 May 2016. (Please note due to news coverage it is expected that a EU Referendum election could take place later this year, if this is the case we will let you know as soon as we receive confirmation that our school is needed.)

And lastly... after the marathon of last term, it was a delight to see the children's beaming, refreshed faces starting the New Year on Tuesday. The Spring term has begun calmly and with enthusiasm. Long may it last!

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and blessed 2016, with my best wishes for the New Year,

Mrs Louise Yarwood Headteacher