



Dear Parents,

How lovely it was to see so many people at Parent Consultations earlier this week, an opportunity for us to enjoy the achievements of Trent's fabulous pupils and the powerful partnership we have between home and school. Teachers have asked me to pass on their gratitude for your support and thanks for their hard work... so "Thank you!"

A Serious reminder:

WhatsApp Groups are for INFORMATION not opinion.



Sadly, some parents have recently told me that they are very concerned about and upset by the type of messages being posted by other parents on their class WhatsApp group. These groups are really handy for reminding everyone of class information (for example: "Don't forget your packed lunch today- we're off on a class trip"). They are not for comments, disagreements or opinions. The

'Parents' Code of Conduct' is very clear about the school's attitude to social media. In future, the Governors will be made aware of any individual not meeting the expectation of this Code and may consider taking appropriate consequences.

Please remember to always be positive and encouraging ambassadors of everyone at Trent Primary school, and to maintain the good reputation of our lovely school at all times. If you are concerned or worried about something in school, please let us know; we want to help. We pride ourselves in being 'the family of Trent': sharing our good times and our hard times together. We trust that our school is a truly happy environment for everyone to feel safe, valued and loved. As parents you are very important, please be mindful that you are a positive part of making that happen. Together as staff, children, parents and carers, our common purpose is to 'Serve One Another in Love'.

PTA news

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTA AGM. We were blown away by the incredible support shown. As you would have seen from the minutes circulated, Sarah Paraskeva has stepped down as secretary of the PTA. We would like to thank Sarah for all of hard work and commitment for the last 7 years as part of the PTA. We welcome Maria Eleftheriou to the role of new secretary and wish her all the very best in her new role. If you'd like to find out more about the PTA, news and events, included with the newsletter today is a PTA newsletter containing lots of useful information.



What is DoodleMaths? After half term we will be using this, to accelerate children's progress in Maths across the school

- DoodleMaths is an App that can be used at home and school.
- It has been proven to help children make progress in both their ability and confidence in Maths.
- By using the App for 10 minutes a day it has been shown to help children make up to 3 month's progress in just 1 month.
- Doodle Maths learns what your child's strengths are, and what they need to work on, then builds a programme just for them.
- Is fun and engaging!



It's easy for you to be involved at home by using the Parent Connect app and the Parent Dashboard to track their progress. Look out for a letter from Mr Mealey after half term or take a look at the DoodleMaths FAQ page:

<https://www.doodlemaths.com> to find out more.

TeaTime Club – a message from Mrs Ring: Following our survey, we are pleased to announce that TeaTime Club will now be open until 5.45pm EVERY DAY after school. Please email the Office to book your child's place after half term.

Mrs Vassiliou's Special award

You may have heard your child talking about the 'Shout Out Book' this half term. This is a book where all members of staff write down anything they'd like to 'shout out' about a child. This varies from- holding doors open for members of staff, being a kind friend, tidying up even when not directly asked to. The lucky children who are mentioned more than once in the book get a special 'Head Teacher's sticker' . Alongside this, we also have Mrs. Vassiliou's special certificate. This is awarded for children who go over and above what is expected from them on a day to day basis. All of these children's names are then put into a hat and every half term we draw out a winner to receive an extra special prize! This half term's prize is two tickets to the theatre and the lucky winner was **Georgia Demetriou in Year 6.**



Class News



Year 3 have really enjoyed working in maths this term. They have been using the equipment, then representing calculations pictorially before moving onto the abstract concept by using their problem solving and reasoning skills developed over the course of the lesson. Great stuff Year 3!

Year 6 visited Trent Park and Barnet Museum : 'We found out more about World War 2 and the effect it had on the local area. At Trent Park, local historian, Helen Fry, told us about the important role Trent Park played during World War 2. The Mansion House was used as a German Prisoner of War camp where secret listeners listened in to the prisoners' conversations and learned about the new weapons being developed by the Nazis. At Barnet Museum we saw various items from World War 2 including gas masks, propaganda posters and food rations. There was also a map showing where World War 2 bombs had fallen in and around Cockfosters.'





Last year's Year 6 leavers felt incredibly passionate about helping the environment.

As a legacy, they bought a special bin to encourage people to recycle their used plastic water bottles.

Two of our lovely Year 6 monitors tell us:

'We go around school at the end of every day and ask people if they have any plastic bottles that can be recycled. After we have collected all the plastic bottles, we put them in the plastic recycle bin which is then emptied by Mr Casotti. All the plastic waste is collected by the council to be recycled.

Please recycle at home and at school to help our environment and make our world a better place'

In Year 1 we have been having lots of fun creating memories for our topic 'Memory Box'. We spent a whole day on a bouncy castle and then wrote about our favourite part of Year 1 so far.



Year 5 visited Sir Patrick's manor house for their Tudor workshop, where they participated in different activities including soap making, candle making, leather-work, embroidery and Tudor miniature painting. In the afternoon we had a Tudor banquet complete with jesters, jugglers, dancers and singers for entertainment.



Year 2 have been enjoying reading the story series 'Claude in the City' and learning all about the different adventures Claude gets up to. Year 2 then made their own Sir Bobblysocks (Claude's best friend) .

Well done Year 2 for looking so very smart at the Music Festival yesterday at Queenswell Infants – we were very proud of you and your good behaviour.

Year 4 have finished off their amazing Roman topic by visiting Verulamium. We are so thankful for the parents who volunteered to join us and who came along! The children enhanced their historical minds by exploring different artefacts!



Reception class have had so much fun learning about the life cycle of plants when reading **'The Tiny Seed'** by Eric Carle. Here they are planting bulbs and making beautiful sunflower art.



And finally... Please remember to have a look at the school calendar on the website to ensure you have all the dates you need for next half term.... particularly Monday 5th November which is individual/sibling photo day.

Enjoy a restful half term and the last of the Summer sunshine,

With our best wishes,

Mrs Louise Yarwood and Mrs Chrissy Vassiliou