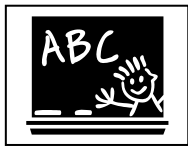


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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Y2-3 Transition Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents who returned a completed questionnaire regarding Y2-3 Transition.

I will be meeting next week with Mrs Farmer (Co-Headteacher at TRIS) to look at general feedback and consider individual points raised so that we can work together and make next year's transition process even better. Full written feedback will be provided to parents in due course.

Don't forget to log on to Parent Pay to book your ticket for the **Christmas Disco** and to order your **2017 'Photo Booth' Calendar** if you want one (or more!).

I have seen a proof and can promise you it is going to be fantastic!



The BFG - Thurs 17th Nov

Thank you so much to the parents who supported our second trip to the Red Carpet Cinema to allow Lower School (Y3&4) to watch 'The BFG'. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are really grateful for our community support to make it possible.

Diary Dates

This time of year always gets really busy so please find below a quick guide to dates for the remainder of the term:

Wed 23 rd Nov	9am	Parent Forum
Wed 30 th Nov	am	Y5 Fieldwork visit around Barton village.
Thurs 1 st Dec	am	Mellors Catering Bread making with Y6
	am	Y5 Maths Masterclass
Mon 5 th Dec	4S am	Y4 Christmas Experience at St James'
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Thurs 8 th Dec	am	Y6 Maths Masterclass
Fri 9 th Dec	lunch	Christmas Dinner
Mon 12 th Dec	pm	Choir at Infants
Wed 14 th Dec	2:00	Christmas Carols at St James' Church
	After church	Christmas mince pies and drinks back at TRJS
Fri 16 th Dec		Autumn Term Reports out
	3:30	Break Up NO After School Club
Tues 3 rd Jan		INSET Day
Wed 4 th Jan	8:50	Back to School
Thurs 26 th Jan		Young Voices 2017



You may recall from our Harvest Festival...

We have the first delivery of milk due this week to start our monthly collection for the YMCA food bank. If parents would like to make any extra donations, they will be gladly received on Fri. 25th Nov.

Thank you for your generous donations to support Children in Need 2016. We raised £283.30, nearly 30 pounds more than last year which is excellent.



Our Helping Hands Coffee Mornings are on Thursdays at 9:30. Dates for the remainder of the year are 8th December, 26th

January, 30th March, 25th May and 13th July. Coffee mornings are run by Mrs Su Kerr-Delworth and Mrs Kate Jones. Sometimes we all need a Helping Hand - see Newsletter 2 (16/9/16) for more information.

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On Thursday, 17th November 2016 Year 5 and 6 children joined the BBC live on line to take part in an exciting new Live Lesson all about working scientifically.

Hosted by CBBC's Leah Boletto and Ben Shires, and featuring science presenter Steve Mould, the Live Lesson centred around the topic of electricity, and helped pupils learn how to think and work scientifically - including planning, measuring, observing changes, controlling variables and using test results. During the lesson, the children explored the electrical conductivity of materials, constructing and changing simple series circuits and using electrical symbols in fun, interactive activities.



Here's what some of our budding scientists thought:

'I really enjoyed the live lesson science show because it taught me a lot of things like making a speaker play music - just by holding hands; I also liked the way it added humour. My favourite part was probably when the professional scientists lit up the pickled gherkin; it was amazing!' (Charlie B Y6)



'I loved the live science lesson as it was interactive and helped me understand more about electricity. My favourite part was the human speaker. I also learnt that we have a tiny bit of electricity in us because of our sweat. I can't wait for the next one!' (Amber Y6)



I learned that to be a great scientist you have to be inquisitive, take notes, observe and write a conclusion. I thought Hacker T. Dog was really funny and the presenters made it fun. I enjoyed watching the pickled gherkin get electrocuted to show the circuit working. I am looking forward to learning about taste next time. (Josh Y5)

I found the live lesson a great way to learn; one of my favourite parts was when they forced electricity through a pickled gherkin. I found the human wire fascinating because when they dropped their hands, the speaker didn't work. I also liked it when Hacker kept on being ridiculously silly. (Will Y5)

