

TRIANGLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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What's coming up next week?

W/C- 16th September

Mon- Governor AGM in school- 6pm

Thurs- War Horse at The Lowry- children across KS2

Fri- 1st Celebration Assembly of the year. 9:00am- all welcome

A 'normal' week

After the excitement of last week, this week has felt more 'normal', and I say that in a good way. Walking around classes, the atmosphere has felt calm, purposeful and productive. The children appear to have settled well into the routine of school and I am delighted to say that I am still being met with smiley, happy faces on the door in a morning.

As you can see from the pictures, the children have begun to get stuck into their curriculum topics and there has been some excellent learning taking place. Y3 have been exploring the role of archaeologists in a super practical lesson; our Reception children have started their phonics lessons and have been sharing some books with their Y6 buddies and our Y2 children have been showcasing their writing, all about 'What they didn't do in the summer holidays!'

As you may be aware, writing is a priority for development at our school, so it has been great to see the children take great care and pride in their work. If you are interested in finding out how you can support your child with writing (and other areas of school) please make sure you attend our Parent Information Evening- more information on the next page.



Pupil Elections- The results

This week our Year 6 children have had their first taste of the some of the privileges and responsibilities that come with being 'top of the school'. The children were tasked with writing applications for our first ever Pupil Leadership Team. After reading their applications, I then visited Year 6 and listened to some wonderful manifestos centred around how they would work with the Senior Leadership Team to improve our school. After holding a democratic election, I am delighted to announce the following children have been successful:



Casey

Fletcher

Jessica

Lucas

Lucy

Our Pupil Leadership Team will have various responsibilities across the year, with the first being extremely important! Next week, they will be supporting other staff members in holding elections for the following groups:

- Sports Council
- Literacy Leaders
- Eco-Crew
- Fundraising Team
- Worship Collective

All children in the juniors will have the opportunity to nominate themselves for election and class teachers have shared a PowerPoint with the children today with information about what each role will entail. These groups will meet throughout the year and will have the opportunity to contribute to some exciting projects ahead. Look out for next week's newsletter for the results.

Parent Information Evening- Wednesday 25th September

This year's Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 25th September in school. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher; gain vital information about the curriculum for the year; trips and how you can support your child at school. The organisation for the evening can be found below:

Years 3 and 4- 5pm

Years 1 and 2- 5:30pm

Years R, 5 and 6- 6:00pm

We have tried to ensure that parents with more than one child (in different classes) can attend the meetings, by avoiding sibling clashes. I am sure you will understand this has not been possible in all circumstances.



Scan or click on the QR code to book your place.

Attendance

Due to the importance of the changes to school attendance, effective from 19th August 2024, I feel it more appropriate to write a separate letter to you all outlining the statutory framework for school attendance. This will be sent via email next week. Obviously, the key headline from this guidance is the National Framework for Penalty Notices. I have included this document below:



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per parent, per child

Penalty Notices fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example, 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Penalty Notices can be issued to any adult who has a duty of care and can therefore include stepparents or partners irrespective of whether they have parental responsibility or appear on the birth certificate.

For an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) they will usually be issued to the adults involved in the absence.

For a pattern of poor attendance, they will usually be issued to both parents even if they do not reside together.

5 consecutive days of term time-time leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term-time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave. No warning will be issued prior to a penalty notice being issued in this respect.

10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a 10-week period.

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. A Notice to Improve warning will be issued prior to any Penalty Notice issued in this respect and will be considered when there have been 8 sessions of unauthorised in a preceding 8-week period. This warning will give parents/carers 6 weeks to improve their child's school attendance.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty notice is issued for leave in term time or irregular unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

Reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days of issue.

Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

There is no reduction for early payment.

Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or regular unauthorised absences by the same parent and the same child a Penalty Notice **will not** be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Under these circumstances each parent can receive a fine of up to **£1000** per child.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can on a parent's future DBS certificate due 'a failure to safeguard a child's right to education'.

Pupils should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time and should only approve the leave if there are exceptional circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances can be found on the emailed letter.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the LA.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire- Have your say...

For those of you who read last week's newsletter you may recall me announcing that there would be an opportunity to win a prize for you or your child. Well, here it is...

When taking over as Headteacher, I made a commitment to the staff, governors and children to spend my first half-term listening, observing and getting feedback about our school, from as many people as possible. I also extend this commitment to you as parents and families of Triangle. We truly do have a wonderful school, where we have so many things to shout about; however, there may be aspects of school which you feel could be further improved or changed moving forwards.

Reception parents- I fully appreciate that this form finds you after only 8 days of your child being at Triangle! It may be more suitable for you to wait and complete a later questionnaire that will be sent out by Mrs Quirolo towards the Spring Term.

The QR code below will take you to an online questionnaire which I hope you can find some time to complete. I will leave the form open until the start of October so you all have an opportunity to contribute if you wish. There will be an option to complete the form anonymously if you wish; however, it would be more constructive for us, if we knew where this feedback had come from.

Responses will close on Friday 4th October at 1pm, with the winners being drawn at random from the submissions received.

Prizes: The choice of an outdoor P.E top for your child (worth £15) or a book voucher



Scan or click on
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Have a lovely weekend everyone- see you next week!



Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14