



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024

CLASS FOCUS



The staff are so happy to see how well the Trumpet students have settled back into school! This term in Trumpet Class the theme is Knights and Castles, and everyone is having a great time so far!

In literacy, they are focusing on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The students are reading the story, learning about the characters, and talking about what happens in the tale.

They are practising their reading skills and using their imagination to think about what they would do if they were in Jack's shoes. As part of RSHE they are learning about emotions and how to understand and express them. This will be linked to the topic with literacy, to explore how the characters might feel at different points in the story.

In 'The World' lessons, the students are learning about different castles. They are discovering what life was like in medieval times, including the different jobs people had, like knights and cooks, and exploring the history of castles.

In cooking, they have started by baking tasty salt and pepper breadsticks. Soon, they will be trying other types of breads, like loaves, rolls, wholemeal bread and



scones. The students are having a lot of fun learning how to bake and working with different ingredients.

In art, they are exploring textures and how different materials feel and look. The students will also get to design and create their own 'coat of arms,' just like the knights used to have. This art project is a great way for them to get creative while learning more about the Knights and Castles theme.

It's been a fun and busy start to the term, and they are excited for more adventures ahead!

Tinashe—*"I'm having fun in Trumpet class"*

Mabel—*"I like being back at school"*



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

Missy, Chimes 16 years old



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Gary, Glasto 19 years old

Kabya, Oboe 16 years old

Happy Birthday everyone!

HOUSEKEEPING

School Transport

It is parental responsibility to cancel school transport directly with the transport team if not required—whether it is for the morning, afternoon or whole day. If you do not have their contact numbers, please request them from your driver and passenger assistant.



Please do not ring/text during unreasonable hours, i.e. between the hours of 8pm—6.45am (remember—texts may send loud notifications).

Please be ready at the time you have been given by the transport team. They are only obliged to wait for 3 minutes.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or appointments, please let us know via dojo or a telephone call as soon as possible —preferably before 8am.



Classdojo messages can be left at any time and we will pick up telephone messages left before 8am in the morning.

Parents' co-operation means that we are able to adjust our staffing accordingly to suit class attendance. This task is carried out by 8.15am each day.

Lunches

Please ensure you have registered your child's school lunch choice by 8.55am—that is the cut off time for parents. **If they are absent from school, remember to cancel the lunch you have ordered for that day by 8.55am.** We suggest you go through the menus from weeks one to three (which will change termly) and order at the beginning of each term. Once done, you do not have to think about it again for a while!



Each morning we check to see who has not ordered a lunch to ensure those students are catered for then, if able, ask them what their choice would be.


We also have been given a deadline which doesn't give us much time after students' arrival to sort out missing lunches.






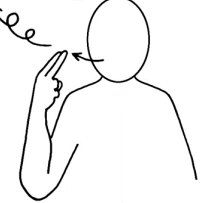




Correspondence

We apologise if we are overlooking anything that has been sent in via school bags. If you have put any reply slips, money, letters etc in your child's bag, please let us know by dojo. Although we endeavour to check all children's bags each day as they arrive, we are finding it more difficult to do so. With the increase in numbers of children in each class and the amazing amount of pockets that are now being manufactured into school bags (they average around seven per bag!), sometimes things get missed which creates difficulties.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



				
				
Sing	Dance	Cooking	Work	Toys

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Sharon Portsmouth, our Family Support Practitioner, is holding a Parents' Afternoon at school on **Wednesday 18th September at 1.30pm.**

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet and share experiences, advice and have general chat about any help they may need.

We urge parents to come a long if they are able, especially those new to the school so they can be advised of the support we offer.

We look forward to seeing you.



JEANS FOR GENES

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. *This organisation is a cause close to our hearts as we have many children attending our school with genetic conditions.*

We will be getting involved with the Jeans for Genes event next Friday (20th September) and everyone is invited to participate—with a small CASH donation of £1 per person. All the students and staff will need to do is wear a pair of jeans (or any denim clothing). We know that this may be difficult for some of our students who would prefer to wear their uniform to school, but don't worry—you can still donate if you wish to do so!



THANK YOU!

HARVEST TIME

The Harvest Festival will soon be upon us. In collaboration with Foodbank, we will be requesting that the following items be sent in to school to celebrate this time of year—this will help them for the winter months ahead. Just a couple of items from the list would be great although we know some of you wish to donate more which is absolutely wonderful. Feel free to do whatever you wish. We are planning the harvest festival assembly for **Monday, 7th October**. The Foodbank usually collects the donations around lunchtime on the same day.



Tinned fruit

Tinned meat

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned soup

Curry sauce

Pasta sauce

Rice pudding

Custard

Baked beans

Long life milk

Treats (chocs..)

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The Schools Immunisation Team have contacted us to advise that, following discussions, they are now rescinding their offer of giving the flu vaccination to our over-18s. Those affected will receive a separate Classdojo message.



Please could all parents who have not already done so, click the link sent out to them separately yesterday (Thursday 12th September) via Classdojo and complete the form.

IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE IMMUNISATION there is a section in which this needs to be indicated

Thank you.

DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (1) 2024

SEPTEMBER

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| 18th | Parents' Group (1.30pm) |
| 20th | Jeans for Genes |
| 20th | International Peace Day—Cello trip to Harmony Woods |
| 24th | Farleigh After School Club starts (collect 5pm) |
| 23rd | Flu Vaccinations (under 18's only, if consent has been given) |



OCTOBER

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| 7th | Harvest Festival |
| 8th | Governors' Curriculum meeting (9.30am) |
| 15th | Full Governors' Meeting (4pm) |
| 25th | INSET DAY (FE ONLY) |

28th October—1st November—HALF TERM

DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

NOVEMBER

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| 6th | INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL) |
| 13th | School photographer |

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award:



- Chimes - Delilah-Mae
- Drum - Coulson
- Maracas - Zachary
- Tambourine - Noah
- Triangle - Akosua
- Trumpet - Ellie
- Oboe - Amelia
- Banjo - Oscar
- Cello - Summer



The School Superstar of the Week is **SUMMER!**

Summer is a caring and sociable girl who is appreciated by her peers, She has developed meaningful friendships and has been a positive and supportive role model in class. Summer concentrates extremely well in lessons and uses the Zones of Regulation to effectively express her feelings. She has a great sense of humour and she is “the fastest runner in school!”

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)



Chloe

and

Gary

