

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Industrial Action and Disruption to School Next Wednesday

Hopefully, you have all seen a letter I wrote earlier this week regarding the expected disruption to Wednesday 1st February due to the industrial action by members of the NEU. I will not go through the detail of that letter again here, except to say that we ARE expecting to be disrupted by the action and I have taken the decision to close some classes for the day.

The classes that will remain open are 6, 4 and 1. 3 Corners is also open for children in these classes who would normally use their service.

I thank you for your understanding with this situation. If circumstances change, I will of course keep you fully informed. History club will not run.

Medical Expertise Educate Class R

As part of their work looking at people who help us, Class R have welcomed a couple of special visitors into school this week. They have been very lucky to listen to not one, but two people who help when we are ill or have an accident.

Michelle's Mum Chichi is a doctor, working locally as a GP, whilst Chris, who is Robyn's Dad, is a paramedic.

Both of the special visitors told the children lots about their important jobs and how they help people. The children really enjoyed having the visitors and they are looking forward to more next week!

Class 2 Visit Eureka!

With such an exciting children's museum on our doorstep, why wouldn't you use it to enhance children's studies? Well this week Class 2 did just that when they visited Eureka!

Here's what a couple of them had to say about the experience.

'We went into a room about senses. I found out that when a sound goes into your ear, it makes your ear drum vibrate, which is how we hear the sound. The show was fantastic because it was very interesting.

The best part of the visit was pretending to be a post man, because I had to sort the letters and deliver them to people.'

By Zac – Class 2

'We learned that our pupils get bigger in the dark and smaller in the light. My favourite bit was the talking robot. It told us more about our senses. It was the best trip – I love it at Eureka!' By Gabbie – Class 2



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Cross Country

Yesterday we took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to Littleborough to compete in the Pennine Sports Association's cross-country event.

All of our children tried hard and there were some very creditable performances, culminating in Leo taking the gold medal in the final race. A big well done to all the children who represented our school so well.

It will be children from Classes 3 and 4 representing us at a similar event next week.



Safeguarding message - Children Being Approached in Hebden Bridge Town Centre After School

It has been brought to my attention that a safeguarding incident occurred this week in another part of Calderdale.

Children were approached by a man, who allegedly became quite aggressive when the children concerned wouldn't go with him. The situation has been dealt with swiftly by the school attended by the children who were approached, and the police have been informed.

Hopefully this was an incident that will not be repeated, but I thought that you would all like to be aware.

School Council Update

A newsletter or two ago, I told you about our School Council adopting a project that would be designed to make the school a better place. Well this week they came to me with a great idea – they want to develop an area of the playground as a quieter, more reflective space. As you can see from the photo, the space that they think will work is an under-used part of the playground; often coned off in wet weather. Our PTFA have already said that they would be happy to support this initiative, which is great news. The Council's next job however, will be to discuss children's ideas for the space and come up with a plan.



The space concerned has already had a bit of work. A lovely bench has been purchased and new planters have replaced the old ones – again funded by the PTFA. I look forward to hearing the ideas children come up with. Watch this space!

Lateness to School

I have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late for school each day. This is something I addressed a few weeks ago, but we still have children arriving after registration. Your child must be in school by 8.55, which is when school begins. Lateness impacts on the attendance register and the dinner register with children wanting a school meal after the deadline has passed. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. Thank you.

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PTFA Update

At the meeting this week, folk who attended have come up with a few ideas for the rest of the term and beyond. These include:

- A children's disco – to be held after half term (more details next week).
- A Mothers' Day Secret Shop
- An Easter egg hunt
- A family event to get everyone active in conjunction with the King's Coronation (Sounds exciting!)
- A big summer event, such as a Summer Fair or talent show.

As always, I must thank the PTFA for their efforts in raising funds for special projects (see earlier in this newsletter) and for providing social events for us all to enjoy. They are always on the lookout for extra ideas and helpers. In fact, there was a point just before the Christmas Fair where we worried that enough people hadn't come forward to make the event viable. Please look out for opportunities to get stuck in.

Sandwich Orders for School Trips

For the majority of school trips, we offer your child the option of a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen or they can choose to bring their own from home. Noticeably, this week in particular we had sandwich orders placed but then had children also bringing their own in. This is time consuming for the kitchen staff when they have gone to the trouble of making a packed lunch for every child who ordered one. Please be clear when asked which option you require for future school trips.

New Infant Club Begins Next Week

It is great to hear enough infant children have signed up for the multi-skills club which will begin next week. There are still a small number of places if you would like your child (Classes R, 1 and 2) to join. Please contact the school office.

This week's Achievements go to

Courage: Robyn C2

Writers of the Week:

Class R: Albie

Class 3: Ellie

Class 6: Albert

Class 1: Bobbie

Class 4: Beatrice

Class 2: Elliot

Class 5: Melody



Finally, today I mentioned to the children that it is Holocaust Memorial Day today. People are being asked to light a candle at 4pm as part of this special day. Prominent buildings will be lit up purple. I am sure that it will also feature on the news.

If you can, perhaps find a minute to talk to children about how important it is that we learn from the past and have the courage to stand against the hatred of others based on beliefs or background.



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