

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

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New School Councillors Take up Their Responsibilities

Congratulations to the new School Councillors who have been elected. I am sure that they will work under the guidance of Miss Mills to make our school a better place.

Y6: Micah and Stanley

Y5: Lucy and Casey

Y4: Romy and Ethan

Y3: Poppy and Zac

Inter House Cross Country

On Thursday we kicked off the inter-house events for the year with our cross country. Every child who was able took part, gaining points for their team if they completed the course. After totting up the scores and dividing the total by the number of runners the results were as follows:

1st (50 team points) **Egyptians**

2nd (30 team points) **Victorians**

3rd (20 team points) **Tudors**

4th (10 team points) **Vikings**

The team points are the first awarded this school year and our captains will display them on the board in the hall. It is early days though, with plenty of other ways the Houses can gain more. At the end of the year the team with the most points will be awarded the House Cup.

Clubs in School

Our clubs are up and running and it is great to see so many children attending. Pictures show children enjoying gymnastics, netball and rugby this week. There are a few places remaining at karate, gymnastics and rugby clubs, so please enquire about these with the school office.

PTFA Meeting

The PTFA are holding their first meeting of the school year on Monday 25th September at 7pm and will be held in the Hog's Head in Sowerby Bridge. As mentioned last week, the PTFA play a vital role in fund raising and social events here at Triangle, so please come along if you can.

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Play Leader Training

As usual, we sent some enthusiastic Class 5 children to Ryburn this week, to be trained as Play Leaders. The children had a great morning working alongside children from some other local schools and they will now liaise with staff to organise games and activities on a dinner time.



Class 4: Anglo Saxon and Viking Workshop

Today Class 4 enjoyed a workshop to enrich their history studies. Days like today really help to bring history alive for the children. They looked great in their period costumes and I am sure that they got a lot from the day.



Potential Casual Support Hours in School

Now the children are settled in, we are looking for the right person to join our staff on a casual basis (ideally in a morning) to provide some extra support for children in school as a short term measure. This would be a paid position, not a voluntary one.

If you know anyone with suitable experience and an enthusiasm to work with children, please contact the school office. We would of course apply all our usual safeguarding checks, including an enhanced police check.



COVID and Coming to School

On the first newsletter this school year I put a link on to the NHS guidance about whether you should send your child to school if they were unwell. This week, I thought it would be useful to put something on specifically about COVID as it seems to be rearing its ugly head once again in our area.

Here is the extract that gives current advice about COVID.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

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School Photographs

Happy Snaps Photography will be coming into school on Wednesday 27th September to take individual, sibling and class photographs. Just a heads up in case you want to order a new school sweatshirt/cardigan, or school tie.

Keeping Safe Online

It is pleasing to find that – so far – we have not had to deal in school with any issues that relate to children accessing social media in their own time. As a reminder to everyone, I thought that I would just write some details that may help to keep your child safe online.

The first thing is that primary school age children are not old

enough to have accounts on all the popular applications (see the diagram). If they have – they have lied about their age. I would urge everyone to avoid allowing children to do this. Here are some further issues to be mindful of when your child is able to go online.

- **content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; - *what can they see?*
- **contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; - *who may they have contact with?*
- **conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm. – *how do they behave online?*
- **commerce:** risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and financial scams - *invites to engage in risk taking online behaviour often unwittingly*

Child Sexual Exploitation, Radicalisation, Sexual Abuse, Criminal Exploitation, and Bullying can all begin/happen online.

Also, remember – it isn't just social media that pose a risk. Chat Rooms, Gaming, and many other apps can all pose a risk.

As parents and carers there are some simple things you can do to help to keep your child safe including:

- Adding parental controls to any device they can access.
- Restricting online use to shared rooms rather than their own bedrooms.
- Checking search histories.
- Ensuring your child knows to come to you should they be exposed to anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Set a good example and be a great role model.

Finally, if you or your child feel that they might need to report an issue, the link below is for 'Child Exploitation and Online Protection' or CEOP.

There is also a link on the safeguarding page of our website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



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Buddies Enjoying Getting to Know Each Other

Our new Reception children are already getting to know their Year 6 buddies, spending time with them to do activities together. Today they all had a go at jigsaws. It is lovely to see and hear how caring the older children are with their buddies. We have already had some very touching feedback about how the older children are looking out for Class R.

Events for the week commencing 25th September 2023:

- Monday:** Mrs Judy Shaw in school all day.
PTFA Meeting – 7pm Hog's Head
- Tuesday:** World Cup winning former pupil visiting school – these kids can!
- Wednesday:** Happy Snaps photography in
Y5/6 Girl's football RVHS



Dates for the Term

Here are some dates that have been set so far for this term.

Monday	16 th October	Nasal flu immunisations.
Thursday	26 th October	Harvest Festival in church pm.
Monday	6 th November	Training Day – school closed.
Friday	10 th November	Year 6 Armistice Assembly.
Tuesday	21 st November	Parents' Evening.
Thursday	21 st December	Christmas Service in church pm.

Provisional dates for PTFA events will be set at Monday's PTFA Meeting.

Stay Safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

S

SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

MEET Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

T

TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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