

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

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A Collector's Item of a Newsletter

Welcome to a very special edition of our weekly newsletter. Not only is it unusual as it is coming out on a Thursday (because of tomorrow's training day), it is also dated 29th February! I look forward to seeing a copy on Antiques Roadshow in a few years! In the meantime, please enjoy the articles.

To make it even MORE unusual, we are making this a **PTFA special**. Read on to find out more.

An Introduction to the PTFA

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) are a registered charity that works to support the school. They do this in two main ways. Firstly, they organise social events that are designed to give our children (and often their families) a bit of fun and enjoyment. Secondly, they raise much needed funds for the school, to spend as they see fit on projects that help the school go 'above and beyond' what it could normally do. Quite often the two things combine and they raise funds whilst organising social events.

A good example of that was the Christmas Fair. This year we held a fair that was well attended by families and that had lots of enjoyable games and stalls to take part in. Father Christmas came along, children had their faces painted, and much fun was had by all. At the end of the event, the PTFA had raised over £2000 (including money taken by the raffle).

So, they are a small group of staff, parents, family and friends who fulfil a very important role in school. To do this they hold meetings every few weeks on an evening. They are currently held at The Hollins Mill in Sowerby Bridge and we always advertise them on the newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend.

What do the PTFA Raise Money for?

Over the years, the PTFA have raised many thousands of pounds to help with projects around school. One ongoing commitment they have is to contribute to the school minibuses that we lease. These vehicles allow

our school to take children out and about at very reasonable cost to families. They are a real asset to school, but one that we would struggle to finance without the support of the PTFA.

They also fund one off projects. In the recent past, they have provided the Reception Class with an outdoor shelter that children use throughout the year. They have bought the raised flower/vegetable beds in the main playground that children plant and grow things in. They funded the playground markings that our children use to stimulate games and activities. The list goes on.

Most recently, they have supported our School Council's mission to provide a quiet, reflective space outside. This has included fencing off the area and buying our lovely 'Christian Values Bench' for children to sit and chat on.



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What are the PTFA Supporting Currently

The PTFA are continuing to support the School Council's wishes to develop the quiet area of the playground. The next steps include making the area accessible all year round by changing the surface, providing extra seating and some shade. Our School Council are very grateful of their support and are looking forward to seeing some of these things begin during Easter.

The PTFA Events this Term

Hopefully you will have seen a previous newsletter with the events our PTFA are organising. They begin next week with the Mothers' Day Secret Shop. They are also organising an Easter Egg Hunt for the final day before we break up for the holidays. More details about this event will follow.

Looking beyond and into the Summer term, they plan to hold the disco that got postponed due to the snow, as well as arrange a summer event that still needs to be finalised. This could be a talent show, or perhaps something that ties in with the Olympics.

The PTFA Needs YOU!

So, that's a bit about our PTFA, how they help and what they are planning. However, their issue can be troops on the ground. Some events (the Christmas fair for example) simply cannot run without lots of help. This year it nearly didn't, and some games and stalls were abandoned because there wasn't enough people to run them! It would be a travesty if our school could not drum up enough support to hold events like that.

As a charity, there are named members of the PTFA, but **anyone is welcome** to come to the meetings where ideas are generated, dates are set and decisions about financially supporting projects are made. If meetings aren't your thing, there's a WhatsApp group that provides a group of people that are willing to help at events as and when they can. Please consider putting yourself down to be part of that group.

Below is a short form that you can fill out so that your details can be added to this group. Or simply email school with the same information.



PTFA Volunteers Group

Contact Name:

Child(ren) & Class(es):

Contact telephone number:

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In Other News...

Here's a couple of articles away from the PTFA focus. Enjoy!

Collective Worship This Half Term

As usual, our programme of Collective Worship centres around a Christian Value for the next few weeks. This half term we are exploring justice. We will look at areas such as: treating people fairly, making wise decisions and looking at the whole picture. If you would like to join us for our acts of Collective Worship, or even take an active role, please contact school.



Rotakids Sock Puppet Competition

Our Rotakids have come up with a creative way to raise a few pounds for a worthy cause – creating a sock puppet! Here's some information they have asked me to share:

HOW TO MAKE A SOCK PUPPET

- Use an old, full sized sock.
- Turn the sock inside out.
- Cut a shape out of card to make the mouth.
- Reverse the sock.
- Stitch or stick on the face to whatever design you like.
- Some suggestions: Chick, hen, Easter bunny, spring flowers, cracked egg, chocolate egg or a lamb.
- Write your name clearly inside the sock.

There are a number of instructional videos on YouTube which can be viewed by Googling "How to make a sock puppet".

Entries are 50p and we will choose winners and a runners-up on Friday 22.03.24.

Then each winner will receive a large Easter egg and the runners-up a smaller Easter egg.

All monies raised will be donated to the "Happy Days" charity.

Good luck!



Class 2 Chicks Are Growing Fast!

What a joy it has been to have chicks living amongst us in Class 2 again this week.

The children have loved studying them and helping to take care of them.

Here's what a couple of Class 2 children have to say:

'I really didn't know that chickens could have white feathers. They are already changing colour. I enjoyed watching them help each other. It was nice having them in class and I had never seen an egg hatching before.' Charlie.

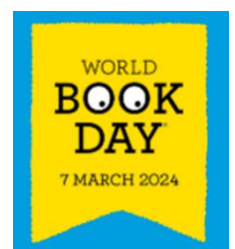
'I enjoyed watching them grow. Every day they were getting more and more new feathers. I found out that the mother hens can lay lots of different coloured eggs, like blue, pink, green, brown and white. It was wonderful having the chicks in class and I don't think many people have seen this before.' Rose.

Great stuff!

World Book Day – 7th March

A final reminder about World Book Day. It is on **Thursday 7th March** and this year's theme is Read YOUR Way! As such, we will be encouraging dressing up, with a choice of favourite characters, reading themed outfits or wearing something that makes you think of reading in some way!

As part of the build up to the event, we will be running a 'decorate a paper plate' competition. Every child was given a paper plate to bring home before half term and can decorate following the theme of a book (see examples but be as creative as you like!). The deadline for entries is Monday 4th March and we hope to be able to create a super new display in the school library from them. There will also be a prize for each class winner of a voucher to spend at the school book fair so please ensure name and class are written on the back of the paper plate. Children can also earn points for their house teams for each entry.



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Can You Help the School Council Develop Our Playground?

Before the half term break, I mentioned about the plans our School Council have, to further develop an area of the playground. I asked if there was any local businesses out there that might be able to help with the purchase of equipment.

This could include:

- Canvas sails to create shade and shelter, plus posts to hold them.
- Rubber crumb surface material and membrane.
- Outdoor lighting and installation.
- Plants and shrubs/trees.
- Bird bath and feeding station.
- Paving materials

We are still on the lookout for more donations and contributions for the project. If you know an individual or business who may be prepared to help, please ask them to contact school for more details.

Events for the week commencing 4th March 2024:

Monday: Y5/6 Cross Country after school.

Thursday: World Book Day

Friday: PTFA Mothers' Day Secret Shop

Key Dates for this Half Term

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Friday 8th March PTFA Mothers' Day Secret Shop (In school time) – Forms sent out this week.

Tuesday 12th March Parents' Consultation Evening.

Tuesday 19th March Alhambra Theatre – The Wizard of Oz (evening)

Wed 20th March Class 4 visit Calderdale Industrial Museum.

Thursday 21st March Easter Service at St Peter's Church (PM)

Friday 22nd March PTFA Easter Egg Hunt (In school time).

Greetland Allrounders A.R.L.F.C
Recruiting Now!

•Boys & Girls in Years Reception, 1, 2 & 3!!

Contact:
Al - 07895902126
Gav - 07972725531
Dave - 07947663218

GIVE IT A 'TRY' FOR FREE!

Thursdays @ 6pm
Greetland Allrounders
Spring Rock Grounds
HX4 8PS

Respect - Fitness - Fun - Friendship - Teamwork

Sowerby St peters cricket club are on the look out for new juniors to join our club from 5 years up to 18.

Training at Ryburn valley high school (sports hall) from 6pm Thursday for those aged 7+ training for children from 5+ starts mid May at the club

For more information please contact Hannah on 07837525716

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