



# The Trent-Rylands Federation



Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School *and* Beeston Rylands Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. It's great to have all of the children back and they have settled in quickly.

## **Illness**

As you are most probably aware there are reports of an increasing number in cases of flu, Covid 19, Strep A infections including Scarlet Fever.

The government have issued 'Back to School Advice' for schools and parents with regard to the above illnesses.

They are advising that if your child is unwell and has a fever, that they should stay at home until they feel better and the fever has resolved.

Whilst school attendance is very important, we are urging you to follow this advice, so that we are able to minimise the spread of infections within school as much as possible. The emphasis of this advice is if your child is unwell and has a fever.

If you are having to give your child regular Calpol, or other medicines containing paracetamol/ibuprofen to enable them to be well and keep their temperature down, then they are not well enough to come to school.

We will follow the advice for schools and continue to maintain good hand hygiene practice throughout the day.

Government advice link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=4e9d6b96-3cfa-4c46-85f5-b1bf9da4e85d&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=4e9d6b96-3cfa-4c46-85f5-b1bf9da4e85d&utm_content=immediately)

## **A Big Thank You**

Last term, children and parents generously supported school with our school charity events, and we would like to say a huge thank you. Across the federation, we raised £378.51 for Children in Need and £322 for Treetops Hospice through our Reindeer Dash. You also supported our local community by donating food at Harvest Festival for the Framework Charity, by also collecting food for hampers to support The Mayors Christmas Appeal. Both organisations were very grateful.

The Trent Rylands Federation recently applied for and were pleased to receive a donation from Councillor Kate Foyle Councillors through the County Council Divisional Fund. We are using this money to purchase and set up a library/ book swap facility for pre-school children. Thankyou.

We would also like to thank the parents' groups for their continued work . At Trent Vale, the new parents' group have been meeting regularly to discuss ways to support the school. They have wrapped over 170 Christmas presents for us, planned a cake sale and a Christmas table top sale, and organised a Christmas craft evening. They are helping us to raise money events, along with to raise money to buy much needed resources. So far, they have raised £305 which we are spending on class globes and atlases.

Beeston Rylands Junior School have a newly appointed parents' group who will be looking at supporting our school with fund raising activities this year.

Easy Fund raising continues to provide quarterly payments to the federation, a total of £644 has been raised so far.

### **Changes to our curriculum**

We have been working hard to improve our curriculum to ensure a further focus on a progressive, creative, cross-curricular approach with vocabulary and knowledge acquisition at the heart. The children are enjoying knowing how to be successful scientists, historians, geographers, linguists etc and are learning specific skills in order to accomplish this. This term, we will also be introducing the children to the curriculum drivers that we have worked on together. The three drivers are Opportunity, Responsibility, Community. We will be posting information about these soon on our website.

### **Reading at Trent Vale**

Working with you to successfully teach your child to read is one of the most important roles we have during your child's time at Trent Vale. At the infants, children will continue to bring home a phonics' book alongside a sharing real story book, or a colour banded book in year 2. We have had lots of positive feedback about our new reading practice books and we have seen children making good progress within school. It is proven that children who are supported by adults at home achieve better than those that do not so please find time to plan this in. Please write in their reading diary when you have read at home. Learning to read is also about a child being regularly read to so please remember to include story time as part of their bedtime routine.

Trent Vale are also celebrating story telling week within school. We will be focusing on retelling our core stories, sharing favourite stories within school and encouraging children to become young story tellers themselves. As part of this, we would like to ask parents to stay for a " Stop and Read " session at morning drop off time. This will be from 8.50 am – 9.10 am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Reading at Rylands Junior**

Continuing to ensure your child reads at home is as important as helping them with their homework. Both of these need to be recorded in their planners by you or your child. You and your child must also **sign the planner every week** to say that you know what they have been doing. The class teacher will also sign the planner every week. We recommend that your child reads at least 4 times per week and we can see the difference between those that achieve this and those that do not.

## **Attendance**

We always aim for a high attendance rate at both schools so please do not book any holidays during term time.

If you do then please inform us in writing so we know why your child is absent. Any time off school counts as an absence and taking a two-week family holiday in school time means your child cannot achieve 95% attendance; this impacts on their achievement. This will be recorded as unauthorised. We will consider fining for long or regular absence due to family holidays.

Overall attendance at BRJS: Autumn 1 2022: 95% Autumn 2 2022: 96%

Overall attendance at TV: Autumn 1 2022: 96% Autumn 2 2022: 93%

## **A Special Ask**

We are looking to stock up on good quality picture books across both our schools.

It may be that your child has grown out of the picture books you have at home or that you have more than one copy of a book. Please consider donating them to school so another child can enjoy them.

We are also looking for good quality books that are suitable for pre-school children from birth up to 3 or 4 years of age. As noted above, The Trent Rylands Federation is hoping to set up a book swap/small library for our preschool children. Sharing books together and developing a love of books from the earliest age is so important for children on their journey to becoming independent readers. This book swap will operate initially from the Trent Vale School playground, 1 morning a week at drop off time. The idea behind this is that young children, babies and toddlers will be able to select a book each week, read it at home and then swap it for a new book when they return it the following week. We have a small budget already to purchase some new books, but would also be grateful for donations of any good quality books that parent's might have at home, and their children have grown out of.

Any preloved books can be dropped off with your child or handed in at the school offices.

Kind regards

*Catherine Turner and Janine Barratt*

Headteachers

## **Diary Dates Spring 2023**

### **JANUARY**

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jan Y4 swimming restarts

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.30pm Y5 parent/carer information meeting re Caythorpe residential (Nov 23)

### **FEBRUARY**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – TV - Stop and Read session . 8.50 – 9.10 am .

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb TV Provisional date for School Disco organised by Parent Group – details to follow

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM (1 week)**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February Children return to school**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb Face to face parents evening BRJS  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb Face to face parents evening TV

### **MARCH**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar Face to face parents evening BRJS  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar Face to face parents evening TV  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Mar TV Class & Individual Photos  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 5pm Y6 parent/carer SATs information meeting  
Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Easter Bonnet Parade Afternoon ( details to follow )

### **APRIL**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**                      **Easter Holidays ( 2 weeks)**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**    **Children return to school**

### **Future Dates**

**Due to the additional bank holiday in honour of the coronation of King Charles on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS will take place between:**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Over this period, Year 6 children will sit 6 different tests and it is vital that your child attends on all of these dates.**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Y2 Residential