



The Trent-Rylands Federation



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the spring term. We hope you all had a lovely break and had chance to relax and spend time as a family.

We are all looking forward to working with your children this half term and know that they will continue to work as hard as they have so far this year and continue to make lots of progress.

Curriculum Drivers

Our previous newsletter mentioned all of the work we have achieved recently for our curriculum. Our curriculum 3 drivers are: **Possibilities, responsibility and community**. We are excited to share with our children the possibility of any future career they aspire to and in order to achieve this the need to have a solid work ethic. We ensure that children take responsibility for their own actions by understanding what is right and wrong. We teach how to care for others, and ourselves including the environment. We instil a strong sense of being part of and giving back to the community. We ensure that our unique area is included in our curriculum and that the children feel a responsibility to look after it.

Please visit our website for more information – Go to federation curriculum, whole school overview.

NEU Strike Action

As you are all aware, there will be further strike action in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted as to which classes will be closed and ensure that we give you as much notice as we can. Please be aware of the following dates for potential strike action:

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

The Year 1 trip, to Tamworth Castle on the 1st March, will be going ahead as planned.

Parents Evening changes

Due to strike action occurring the same week as our parents evenings we have decided to change the week that parents evening takes place. They will now be on:

TV and BRJS – Mon 6th March 2023 and Weds 8th March 2023

You will receive a letter at the beginning of next week where you will be able to select the time and day that you wish to attend. We will accommodate your time and date as best we can.

There will be a crèche available for each of the evenings.

We will update you with a possible separate date instead of Weds 8th March for Sycamore class at the juniors.

A Big Thank You

We would like to thank the parents' groups for their continued work . At Trent Vale, they recently organised a school disco, which the children absolutely loved. We know that they have other events planned and we will update you with details when they have been confirmed.

Easy Fund raising continues to provide quarterly payments to the federation, a total of £686.54 has been raised so far.

Baby Club

Mrs Walker has started a Baby Club at Trent Vale every Tuesday from 2pm – 3pm. All parents and their pre-school children, aged from birth to 2 years are welcome.

Reading at Trent Vale

We would like to repeat our “ Stop and Read “ session for parents at morning drop off time. This will be from 8.50 am – 9.10 am Tues 21st March.

Reading at Rylands Junior

Please continue to read with your child at least four times per week. Please sign the planner afterwards. We know that there is a direct link between reading and future success in life. We see that children who read at home make better progress so please find the time to do this.

World Book Day

We would like to celebrate World Book Day again this year.

At BRJS we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Children can bring a prop instead of dressing up as a character to guess the chosen book. There is the opportunity to bring in a pre-loved book to swap for another and there is a book cover competition. Please see letter sent out before half term.

At Trent Vale we will be celebrating on Friday 3rd March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character if they wish, or bring their favourite book in to school.

Red Nose Day

We will be joining in with the Red Nose Day Charity Day on Friday 17th March. We will send you a further details about this.

Donation of books

Thank you to all of you that have given us picture books for our schools. These books will really help us to top up our stock. At TV we are planning a new school library for children who attend school and also pre-school children and babies. We are still grateful for donations of any good quality books that parents might have at home, and their children have grown out of.

At BRJS this will help stock up our book banded books and allow for children, who are currently reading books that are targeted at their phonics skills, to take a picture book that they can share with their family.

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

Staff

We would like to say welcome back to Mrs Baker at the juniors in Sycamore class. She has returned to work after having had her baby. Also a massive thank you to Mrs McCallion, who job shares with Mrs Baker, for being full time to cover the maternity leave.

Future Dates

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

Tues 9th May to Fri 12th 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.

Thursday 18th May 3.30 pm – Parents Year 2 Residential Meeting in school – details to follow.

Wed 28th June - Fri 30th June 2023 - Y2 Residential .