



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.

BRJS Ofsted

We are so very proud of how Ofsted went before Christmas. We want to thank you for your support in all of school life at Trent Vale and BRJS. It is greatly appreciated and this has the most positive effect upon your children.

Our joint chair of governors, Sam Williams and Lisa Griffiths, were part of the Ofsted journey. The following statement is from them:

"The governing body are very pleased that the recent Ofsted inspection at Beeston Rylands Junior School assessed the school as Good. This is a fantastic achievement.

As with any review, the inspector made suggestions for improvement. The Governors have already discussed these. We know that plans are being put in place by Mrs Turner and Mrs Barratt to ensure that recommendations are applied to both schools within the Federation.

In our role as Co-chair of Governors we would like to thank those parents who took time to speak to the inspector or respond to the surveys during the inspection process. We would also like to thank all those members of staff who supported the inspection. Well done to all involved."

Lateness and Attendance

Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. See below for a time reminder:

- Arrival in the morning after the time window will be classed as late.
- The day starts at 8.50am at TV and at 8.55am for BRJS (gates open at 8.45am)
- If your child arrives after half an hour of this start time, this is classed as an unauthorised half day absence. At TV this is after 9.20 am and at BRJS this is at 9.25 am.

Holidays should not be taken in school time. Children miss chunks of learning when they are not in school and this has a detrimental impact upon their knowledge and skills.

For your reference, here is the whole school attendance since we started school in September:

BRJS: Whole school attendance: 95%

TV: Whole School attendance: 95%

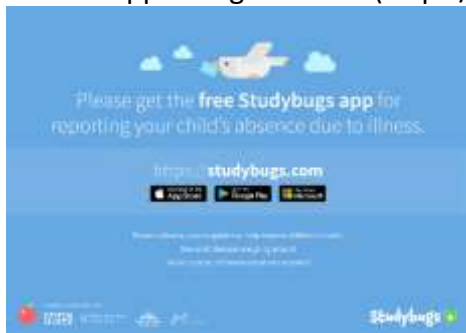
This percentage has continued to be the same from Autumn 1 but we would really like to see this climb.

Study Bugs App for Reporting Absence

Thank you if you have managed to sign up to the Studybugs app. It really is so much easier to report any illnesses your child might have saving both you and the office staff time. This is an efficient and secure system that is used by many schools.

Please type in the link below:

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)



Reading Morning

We are reintroducing reading mornings for parents of children at Trent Vale. We have allocated 2 dates for this term (please see below). For parents who have not stopped for these mornings before, we ask parents to stop and read with their children for 15 minutes in the morning at drop off time.

Thank You / Community Events

Children in Need

Children at Trent Vale either brought a teddy to school or wore non uniform whilst children at Beeston Rylands Junior school wore something spotty or non-uniform for Children in Need. The Trent-Rylands Federation raised £280.74 for the 2023 appeal. Thank you so much for supporting this event.

Reindeer Dash

The children and staff at Trent Vale loved taking part in the Reindeer Dash again this year. The children wore antlers and ran laps of the playground to raise money for the Treetops Hospice Children's Bereavement Centre. A total of £275.44 was raised – thank you for your generosity and support for this local charity.

Dogs Trust

A representative from the Dogs Trust visited Beeston Rylands Junior School on 30th November. They ran workshops for the whole school raising awareness of staying safe around dogs and recognising dog behaviour. A total of £120 was raised for the Dogs Trust Charity who thank you for your p-awsome donation!

Christmas Carols

Year 4 children in Birch class at BRJS visited the Rylands Residential Care Home in the last week of December. They sang a selection of songs from 'Nobody Wraps Like an Elf' to some Christmas classics – some of the residents joined in and everyone was impressed by our singing and enthusiasm.

Parents' Groups

We would like to thank the parents groups for the time spent organising these events and for helping us behind the scenes.

BRJS

The parent group at BRJS ran two film nights in November and a disco in December raising £412.90 for school funds. The children thoroughly enjoyed these events

TV

The Trent Vale Christmas Fair took place on 9th December and it was fantastic to see so many families and members of the community supporting this event. Huge thanks go to members of our Parent Group for their hard work in organising the fair. We raised £555.34 for school funds, which will go towards creating The Den – a room in school where children will work with an adult, either individually or in small groups, in a calm, cosy and welcoming environment.

Our parent groups already have lots of ideas and are planning some great future events. Separate letters will be sent out. If you would like to help with the parents group, please contact the school office.

Enrichment

As part of wider school life we are keen to extend our curriculum experience out of the classroom and into the community and beyond. Each term, the teachers plan enrichment activities to support and extend the learning. In the last half term, these have included:-

TV space dome
Y6 and Y4 residential
Cinema trip
Film nights
Diwali workshops/Geography at the Heritage Centre
Heritage Centre trips and learning
Holocaust centre
Christmas Pantomime
Police visiting both schools on Christmas dinner day

Thank you once again for your continued support. Both schools will continue striving to be the best that they can be and we will ensure that communication to parents/carers is a key issue moving forward.

Kind regards

Catherine Turner and Janine Barratt

Headteachers

Diary Dates Spring 2024

JANUARY

Tue 9th Jan Y4 swimming restarts for 5 weeks – last lesson Tues 6th Feb
Tue 23rd Jan
Thurs 25th Jan TV Storyteller visit in school

Mon 15th Jan 3.40pm Y5 parent/carer information meeting re Caythorpe residential (Nov 24)

FEBRUARY

TV Reading Morning for parents – 8.50am - 9.10am

Mon 12th February – Fri 16th February HALF TERM (1 week)
Mon 19th February Children return to school

MARCH

Thurs 7th Mar TV Class photos
Thurs 14th Mar TV Reading Morning for parents – 9.50 -9.10am
Mon 25th Mar Face to face parents evening BRJS
Tues 26th Mar Face to face parents evening TV
Wed 27th Mar Face to face parents evening BRJS
Thurs 28th Mar Face to face parents evening TV
Mon 18th Mar 5pm Y6 parent/carer SATs information meeting
Thurs 27th Mar TV Easter Bonnet Parade pm (details to follow)

APRIL

Friday 29th Mar – Friday 12th April Easter Holidays (2 weeks 1 day)
Monday 15th April Children return to school

Future Dates

Tues 7th May to Fri 10th 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.

Tues 21st May Family of school dance festival at TV
Tues 11th June BRJS Class photos
Fri 14th June BRJS whole school – Halle Orchestra trip (provisional)
Wed 26th June - Fri 28th June 2024 - Y2 Residential