



The Trent-Rylands Federation



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back after the February half term holiday.

We can't believe that we are halfway through the year already! It has been such a busy year so far and we are very excited about continuing to work with you and your children for the remainder of this year. To support our learning, we have so many great activities planned, in the weeks leading up to Easter.

We would like to thank the parents' groups for their continued work and support. They are currently busy planning events for the remainder of the Spring Term and the Summer Term. If you would like to get involved, please let the office know at either school and we will put you in touch with other members of the group.

At BRJS we have film nights planned for Tuesday 5th March (lower school) and Tuesday 12th March (upper school). Further information will be sent out shortly. Parent group are also planning a disco for the summer term.

At TV, following the success of last year's workshop, there will be an Easter Bonnet making afternoon on Sunday 24th March, then the annual Easter Egg hunt (in school time) and Scavenger Hunt (after school) on Thursday 28th March. There are also dates in the diary for a Fashion Show, Disco and Summer Fair.

Baby Club Reminder

Baby Club at Trent Vale continues every Tuesday from 2pm – 3pm. All parents and their pre-school children, are welcome.

Reading at Trent Vale

This year we have introduced new activities to make the diaries more interactive and interesting for children. Thank you for supporting your child with completing these activities. Some of the diaries are looking fantastic.

We would like to repeat our "Stop and Read" session for parents at morning drop off time. This will be from 8.50am – 9.10am Thursday 14th March. Children are practising a poem for this and will be reciting this to parents at the end of the reading session.

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 are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day again this year. Both TV and BRJS we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March.

At Trent Vale children can dress up as their favourite book character if they wish, or in comfy clothes that are perfect for snuggling up with a book. They can also bring their favourite book in to school. At BRJS children should bring a book into school to share with their class and come dressed in their comfiest clothes to read in, even pyjamas! We also have a breakfast with books event running from 8.30-8.45am, plus other related activities during the day.

Both schools are also offering the opportunity to bring in a pre-loved book to swap for another book.

Please see the letter already sent out from each school for full details.

Red Nose Day

We will be joining in with the Red Nose Day Charity Day on Friday 15th March. We will send you further details about this.

Easter

Trent Vale will be holding their annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 27th March. There will be two parades: a Nursery and Reception parade at 2pm, and a KS1 parade at 2.30 pm. On this day, children are able to wear clothes that represent the colours of spring. They are also encouraged to bring an Easter hat that have made at home (or at the Parent Group workshop!) to wear. This is an opportunity for parents to watch their children sing Easter songs and perform a poem. Due to space in the hall, this will be strictly 2 adults for each child. We will send you further details nearer the time.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings are arranged for the last week of this half term. This will be an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's class teacher and to look at their books.

The teachers will send you a letter prior to this, with a reply slip on it. 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.

BRJS – Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March

TV - Tuesday 26th March and Thursday 28th March

Staffing at BRJS

Mrs McCallion will be leaving us at the end of this half term as she has been successful in finding a new full-time position at a primary school in Nottingham. She has been a fantastic asset to the school teaching Year 5 and Year 3 as well as covering supply for many of our staff. We have now appointed a new teacher for Thursdays and Fridays in Ash class. Her name is Mrs Barnes and she will be coming in to get to know the children and staff this half term.

I am sure you will wish Mrs McCallion the very best for her future and she will be greatly missed in school.

Attendance

We are really proud of all the families who are able to get their children to school on time and whose attendance is constantly high. Please see below the overall attendance so far for this academic year.

Overall attendance at **BRJS**

Autumn 1 2023: 95%

Autumn 2 2023: 95%

Spring 1 2024: 95%

Overall attendance at **TV:**

Autumn 1 2023: 95%

Autumn 2 2023: 94%

Spring 1 2024: 95 %

Kind regards

Catherine Turner and Janine Barratt

Headteachers

Diary Dates Spring 2023

FEBRUARY

MARCH

Tue 5 th Mar	BRJS film night Year 3 & 4
Thurs 7 th Mar	TV Class photos
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day Celebration in school
Tue 12 th Mar	BRJS film night Year 5 & 6
Thurs 14 th Mar	TV Reading Morning for parents – 8.50am - 9.10am
Friday 15 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 18 th Mar 5pm	Y6 parent/carer SATs information meeting
Sun 24 th Mar pm	TV Easter Bonnet making (details to follow)
Mon 25 th Mar	Face to face parents evening BRJS
Tues 26 th Mar	Face to face parents evening TV
Wed 27 th Mar	Face to face parents evening BRJS
Wed 27 th Mar	TV Easter Bonnet Parade pm (details to follow)
Thurs 28 th Mar	Face to face parents evening TV
Thurs 28 th Mar	TV Easter Egg hunt and Scavenger hunt (details to follow)

APRIL

Friday 29th Mar – Friday 12th April

Easter Holidays (2 weeks 1 day)

Monday 15th April

Children return to school

Fri 19th April

BRJS - The Big Rylands Sleep out 2024 (fund raising for homeless charities)

Fri 26th April 7pm

TV – Fashion Show (tickets on sale from 26th Feb)

MAY

Mon 6th May Day Bank Holiday

Tues 7th May to Fri 10th May Year 6 children will sit 6 different tests and it is vital that your child attends on all of these dates.

Fri 3rd May Provisional date for TV school disco

Thurs 18th May Parents Year 2 Residential Meeting in school – details to follow.

Tues 21st May Family of school dance festival at TV

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May HALF TERM (1 week)

Monday 3rd June INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th June Children return to school

Future Dates

Tues 11th June BRJS Class photos

Fri 14th June BRJS whole school – Halle Orchestra trip (provisional)

Tues 18th June Nursery trip to Bluebell Dairy

Wed 26th June - Fri 28th June 2024 - Y2 Residential

Wed 26th June BRJS e-safety meeting for parents (6-7pm) provisional date

W/c Mon 1st July Y6 cycle training

Sat 13th July TV Summer Fair 11am – 2pm