

Trottiscliffe CE Primary School Newsletter

September 15th 2017



What a wonderful start to the school year. The children have all settled well and there are lots of smiling faces as you wander through the school.

As always, if there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Miss L C Henderson

Milk Scheme

We are part of the Cool Milk scheme which means that our under 5s receive a free milk carton each day funded by the government. If your child is 5 or over and you wish them to receive milk each day, you may register on the website www.coolmilk.com and pay a subsidised rate for this scheme.



Music@Malling



As I'm sure many of you are aware from the banners in the Malling area, it is time for the annual Music@Malling activities. Amber and Sapphire classes will be participating in a workshop at school where they will be devising a piece inspired by Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. This will then be performed in St Mary's Church, West Malling at 11am on Tuesday 26th September. Tickets will be available for parents on the door or via the website www.musicatmalling.com.

Packed Lunches

We have a number of children with allergies in the school so please could you discuss with your child the importance of not swapping foods from their lunchboxes. We also must stress that no nuts or nut products should be brought into school for the safety of pupils with serious nut allergies.



Uniform

Our pupils look so smart when wearing the correct uniform, thank you for making sure they all have what they need. Please could we ensure that all items are named as we are already building a

collection of lost property. May we also encourage all our children to tuck their shirts in when coming into school.

Can I remind all parents that children's earrings if worn, should be small, plain studs and **must** be removed for all PE activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please could they not wear them to school on PE days. It is a good idea for your child to bring in a small box to store their earrings in during PE as they are so easy to be misplaced in a busy classroom.

'Supporting your child's learning' Workshops

Thank you to so many of you for attending our workshops on Monday. Two-thirds of our children were represented and hopefully you now have a clearer idea of how we can work together to support your child.

If any parents were unable to attend, we have copies of the handouts from the workshops available in Reception.

Paint a Pebble

All children will be bringing home a request today to 'paint a pebble' as part of a whole school project. I'm sure many of you have been shown the structure created by Sapphire Class last week. We are developing this as a quiet reflection area but want to create a pebble pathway to lead to it.

The idea is for each child to decorate their own pebble and we would like, if possible, pebbles from their family too. We are very proud of our school community so we would like this to be reflected by having as many members of our community represented in this special area.

School Photos

Go West Photography are in school on the morning of 25th September to take individual photos. We shall also be organising for group photos of any siblings in school during the morning, however if you have younger siblings and would like a photo to include them, the gates will be open from 8:30 -9am for you to come to the hall for their photo.

Reception will be having their photo taken by the Kent Messenger on Tuesday 19th September as part of their **First Class Photo** feature.

Clubs

We have been seeking further opportunities for after school activities and there will be more clubs being introduced as the term progresses such as netball and woodwork clubs.

We currently offer:

Day & Time		Activity	Led by	Any cost?
Monday	15:30-16:30	Mathletics & Spellodrome	TSA	£2 per session
Tuesday	15:30-16:30	Tennis Club	Jim Barton	£3 per session
Wednesday	12:40-13:10	Leading Lights	Reverend Shuker	
Thursday	15:30-16:30	Tennis Club	Jim's Tennis	£3 per session
	15:30-17:00	Sapphire Class Cookery Club	Mr Hughes	£2 per week for ingredients
Friday	15:40-16:30	Performing Arts Glee Club	Mrs Sage	£45 for 10 sessions

I am meeting with Premier Sport next week and I hope we will be able to organise for additional clubs to be added. If any parents have any further suggestions for extra-curricular activities we could provide, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Unfortunately some of our previous clubs run by outside organisations are not now available due to unreliable attendance last year. If your child is signed up to a club, please encourage them to commit to the club with regular attendance and if there is a reason your child is unable to attend one week, we would ask that you inform the school office so that we can notify the organisers.

Dates for the term ahead

SEPTEMBER	
Mon 4th September	Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)
11/09/17	Workshop for Parents : Supporting our child's learning at home 9:15 am or 6:30pm
18/09/17	NSPCC Assemblies and Workshop for Y5 and 6
19/09/17	KM First Class photograph for Reception children
20/09/17	Music@Malling Workshop for Amber and Sapphire classes
25/09/17	Individual and sibling photographs (Younger siblings from 8:30am)
26/09/17	Music@Malling Concert at St Mary's Church, West Malling 11am for Amber and Sapphire Classes
28/09/17	Harvest Festival 9:30am at St Peter & St Paul's Church. All very welcome
OCTOBER	
2/10/17	Festival of Light workshop for Amber & Sapphire Classes
6/10/17	Festival of Light Celebration in Wrotham at 5:30-7:15pm
17/10/17	Parents Evenings 3:30-5:30pm
18/10/17	Parents Evenings 3:30-6:30pm
20/10/17	TSA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 30th October	Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)
NOVEMBER	
07/11/17	NHS Height & Weight measuring for Reception and Year 6
09/11/17	Open morning for prospective parents 9:30-11:30
14/11/17	Influenza Vaccination for Reception to Year 4
30/11/17	Victorian Sleepover Sapphire Class tbc
DECEMBER	
05/12/17	Open morning for prospective parents 9:30-11:30
14/12/17	TSA Pantomime – Whole School trip to the watch the Pantomime
15/12/17	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of term