

Leatherhead Trinity School and Nursery Inspiring Learning, Unlocking the Future

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Dear Parents and Carers,

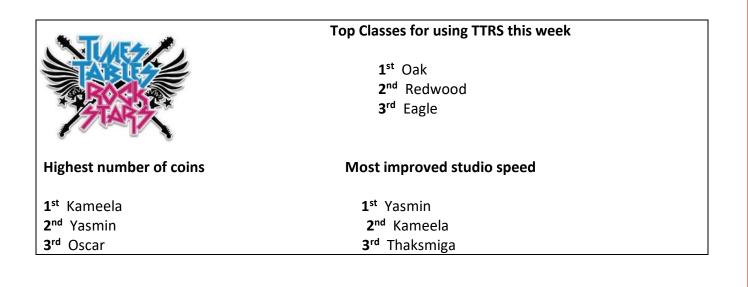
Happy New Year! Welcome to the start of the spring term as we begin the see the days lengthen, saying goodbye to the dark mornings soon.

During one of our INSET days, all staff received training on OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning. Hopefully you will recall that we issued a baseline questionnaire to parents and carers in the autumn term, and shared with you all the objectives of the programme. The OPAL programme aims to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play. OPAL is based on the idea that, as well as learning through good teaching, your children also learn when they play. As 20% of their time in school is playtime, we want to make sure that this amount of time (equivalent to 1.4 years of primary school) is as good as possible.

As we improve play opportunities for your children, you may find we start asking you for resources and make changes about how the children use the school grounds. They may use more of the grounds, for more of the year. Your children may get a bit messier, be exposed to more challenges and have greater freedoms to play where, with whom and how they like. The experiences the we are fostering are essential for children's physical and mental wellbeing and are in line with all current good practice advice on health and safety, wellbeing and development.

We are really excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children. We are assembling a working group who will meet with our OPAL mentor over the 18-month period (across 6 meetings), and we would love for **one member of the group to be a parent**. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to express an interest, then please do let the school office know.

Kind regards, Mrs Elizabeth Killin Headteacher



Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned

1st Aagash
2nd Razvan
3rd Khusi

Congratulations for passing the next stage of Numbots: Khusi, Logan S, Aagash and Razvan

Words of the Week

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.



Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!

Words of the week next week:		
Year 1: Heir and Monarch	Year 2: Culture and Climate	
Year 3 & 4: Layering and Embroidery	Year 5 & 6 : Salah and Hadith	

Athlete Visit

We are very excited to welcome Lily Woodham, a Welsh international footballer, who currently plays for Reading Women's, in the WSL 2, to our school on 1st February. She will come in and share her story of how she became a footballer, work with the children on a range of fun activities and then answer questions from across the school. In Collective Worship today, the children were all told about Lily's visit and how the fundraising will not only help her in her own sports journey but how it will also help our school sports projects continue to thrive.

Your child will have come home with a sponsorship form. Every child will receive a sticker on the day, but those who raise anything from $\pm 5 - \pm 35$ or more, will receive a fundraising reward from Lily. However, we ask that children fundraise as much or as little as they can and that there is no set amount expected from each child.

There are three ways to raise sponsorship money:

- 1) By collecting the money from the sponsor and writing their name on the form. Then bringing in the form and money on the WB: 22/01/24
 - 2) Getting sponsors to scan the QR code on the front of the form and donating.

 Follow the crowdfunding link and donate online: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/leatherheadtrinityschool

If you would like to know more, please click on the crowd funder link to watch the video explaining all.

Thank you, The PE Team



YMCA Parent/Carer Workshops

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team are holding free online workshops for parents/carers:

- Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- Understanding , expressing and managing emotions.

These workshops are for parents/carers with children aged 8+. There are many dates and times for each course, please use the link below to book on.

They are also offering a workshop about the transition from Primary to Secondary school and how you can support your child.

YMCA EAST SURREY

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For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:

www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/

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Mrs Gattey Designated Safeguard lead/ Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time		
SPRING TERM 2024				
Friday 12 th January	Year 5 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm		
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 5/6 Trip to Hampton Court	All Day		
Friday 19 th January	Year 6 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm		
Friday 19 th January	FOLT – Second hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm		
Thursday 01 st February	*NEW* Athlete Visit - Lily Woodham	All Day		
Tuesday 6 th February	*NEW* Safer Internet Day	All Day		
Tuesday 6 th February	*NEW* Squirrel class visiting The Beeches Care Home	1.30pm-2.30pm		
Thursday 8 th February	*NEW* Hedgehog class visiting The Beeches Care Home	1.30pm-2.30pm		
Friday 9 th February	FOLT – Valentine Bake Sale	After School		
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term	All Week		
Monday 19 th February	Start of Term	All Day		
Wednesday 21 st February	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum	All Day		
Friday 23 rd February	FOLT – Second hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm		
Wednesday 7 th March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event	12-3pm		
Friday 8 th March	FOLT – Mother's Day Sale	During School		
Monday 11 th March	Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly	2.30 – 3pm		
Tuesday 12 th March	*NEW* Year 5 River Dipping activity	9.45am-11.45am 1 st Group 12.45pm – 14.45pm 2 nd Group		
Wednesday 13 th March	*NEW* Year 6 River Dipping activity	9.45am-11.45am 1 st Group 12.45pm – 14.45pm 2 nd Group		
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly	9am School Hall		

Tuesday 23 rd July	End of School Year	1.30pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Wednesday 19 th June	Reception Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Wednesday 05 th June	Class Photos	All Day
Monday 3 rd June	Inset Day	All Day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term	All Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 3 Class Assembly	9am School Hall
Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term	All Day
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term	Early Finish 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly	9am School Hall

Martial X Academy

Martial X Academy would be delighted to welcome you for a FREE kickboxing taster class! With classes starting from aged 18 months all the way through to adults we have something to suit everyone. Taught by black belt World Champions, our fully graded syllabuses promises fun and action packed sessions with new skills being learned on a weekly basis as well as padwork, fitness, confidence, self esteem, respect, listening, discipline, perseverance and so much more!



Visit <u>www.martialxacademy.co.uk</u> to contact us for your free taster session - if you sign up during January there will be NO pro rata fees and a 25% joining fee discount.