



Newsletter

01394 284130

www.trimley.net

email: office@trimley.net

22nd October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It's almost Half Term! The first half term of the new school year is always a very long one, especially for our youngest pupils who joined us in September.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy break, a chance to recharge batteries and prepare ourselves for the second half of the autumn term. Naturally on the lead up to Christmas there will plenty of festive events, please keep checking Parentmail and Newsletters for more information.

Ofsted

As you are aware we had Ofsted guests in school with us last week. Thank you to the parents and carers who completed and submitted their questionnaire.

We will share the report with our school community once we have received it, which will be after the half term break.

Safety on the Playground

As you are aware, it can get very busy at drop off and collection times on the playground. There are a lot of people moving in different directions, and with the pre-school having similar timings, there are a lot of small people about too!

With this in mind, can we please ask that you remind your children about their safety and the safety of others whilst they are playing. It's very easy to get carried away when playing games, so we suggest that grown-ups keep an eye on their child too please and are mindful of where they are playing. We have had a few instances where children on the playground before/after school have run into others resulting in tumbles.

Also, please remember that scooters and cycles should not be ridden on any part of the school property - please push them until off the grounds.

We thank you for your support with this to help ensure that there are no accidents.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **parent governor** and would be delighted to hear from anyone who is thinking that they might like to become a member of the governing body to support the strategic leadership of our school.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role, but we are looking for someone with the skills relevant to this role.

Role of a governor:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation, its pupils and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

That may sound a little scary at first but there are lots of us on the team, each from different backgrounds and experience. Plenty of help is available. Further information on the role of a governor is available at <https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/> Once elected, Suffolk County Council also provides free training to support new governors.

Do come and join us as we need someone who understands the parent experience as well as any other skills you might bring. Your role is to speak for yourself and your experience.

You would not be a parent representative and bring parental issues to us. Any parental problems needs to go directly to the school.

We don't get involved with any day to day matters. We make strategic decisions and ask questions. Governors meet as a Full Governing Body a couple of times a term with some additional sub-committee and intermediate Governor meetings. Governors visit the school during the day for monitoring visits and are encouraged to support school events, where possible. There are always papers to review before a meeting and of course you will need to think about what questions you want to ask.

The official term of office is 4 years, you can give notice at any time during the 4 years but you cannot extend without a voting process.

We are a friendly group and provide lots of support and training for anyone who has never been a governor. You do not need to know about education but we do need you to be interested in wanting to see Trimley St Mary develop further and be enthusiastic about the journey forward.

If more than 1 person applies, we will hold an election, but please do not let this stop you from stepping forward. You will just need to write a few lines about yourself and why you are applying. The application form is attached to the Parentmail sent on Monday 21st October, or if you require a paper copy, please ask at the main office.

Please email our Chair of Governors, Mrs Carolyn Scott, if you would like to know more about this role: cscott@trimley.net

The role is subject to a (free) DBS check which is satisfactory to the school.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please see the form sent by Parentmail on the 21st, which will need to be submitted to the School Business Manager by Monday 11th November at hrowe@trimley.net

Treasure Trove

We are delighted with the success of the Treasure Trove - we have a good supply of 2nd hand uniform available via the main office and this has proved really popular. There is a supply of logoed jumpers and cardigans, summer dresses, shorts and shirts/polo shirts - please feel free to come and browse if you are looking for some replacement items.

We also have a wonderful selection of books that have been donated to us - if your child would like some new stories to read for the holiday, please feel free to come and browse. We also have a small supply of first readers and books to support phonics ready for a new home.

Our food store is also still available for anyone who may need it. It is now situated at the main office so that we can access it more readily, please call the office to arrange a time for use or call in and see us at the main entrance.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Treasure Trove - either by donating goods or by taking uniform/clothing for repurposing and helping with our recycling efforts.


Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion and their poppy appeal for this year's Remembrance Day. Should you wish to make a donation to the appeal, Year 6 children will be organising the collection on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November. We also have a supply of poppies available on these days.

Remember:

- If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply to SCC - there is a link on our website www.trimley.net under parents and school meals.
- All outstanding amounts for school meals should be settled before the end of term - if you are concerned or experiencing difficulties, please speak to Mrs Filby at the main office.

- Our caterers will be changing the menu from after Half Term until the Easter break. The new menu will be shared with you shortly and will be made available on our website.
- If your child has any medical/allergy food requirements, please ensure that we are fully informed and speak to Mrs Filby at the main office for details of how to register this with our caterers.
- If you wish to change any of the permissions for your child for photography or social media, you are able to do so at any time. Please speak to Mrs Pippard at the main office.
- We work closely with Suffolk Family Carers. If there is someone at home, adult or child, with additional physical or mental health needs, a life threatening/shortening illness or is neurodiverse and you would like information on support that may be available for your child at school with us, please contact the main office and ask for Mrs Barkworth.
- You can contact your child's class teacher by email to advise of any changes to home arrangements etc. - please do so by 8:30am. Please be advised that emails may not be responded to during the school day as teachers may not have access to them in class. Where emails are sent after 5pm, at weekends and school holidays, please be advised that receipt will not be acknowledged or responded to until the next working day.

 Trimley St Mary Primary School Calendar of Events	
Academic Year 2024/25	
Tuesday 22 nd & Thursday 24 th October	Parent's Evening Appointments 3:50 - 6:30pm
Week Commencing Monday 28 th October 2024 Half Term	
Monday 4 th November	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Yr 3 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 6 th November	Yr 4 Stone Age Day September 2025 EYFS Intake Information Session 9:30am
Wednesday 13 th - Tuesday 19 th November	Book Fair 3:30 - 4pm
Thursday 14 th November	Individual & Sibling Photos
Friday 15 th November	BBC Children in Need - Non uniform
Tuesday 3 rd December	September 2025 EYFS Intake Information Session 9:30am
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols - Time TBC
Friday 13 th December	Years 1 & 2 - Christmas Production 9:45am & 2:30pm Details to follow
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS - Christmas Production 10am & 2:30pm Details to follow
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 6 th January 2025	First Day of Spring Term