



Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to a new school year and the autumn term!

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow, Wednesday 6th September, ready to share stories of the summer activities and begin our learning for this year.

You may have already seen the message from Mrs Lamb and Mr Murray on our website which welcomes everyone back for the new school year. All the staff are looking forward to greeting everyone tomorrow and working in our new team, including our new staff members. Miss Armstrong, Miss Hammond and Mrs Webb are joining us, and we look forward to working alongside them and welcome them to our school.

Also, as you are aware, we have changed the names of the classes from historical time periods to trees as our learning grows and the children move through the school. This has meant that the contact email addresses for class teachers has also changed, please see below:

Class Name & Year Group	Class Teacher(s)	Contact email
EYFS - Acorn	Miss Smith	Acorn@trimley.net
EYFS - Conker	Mrs Marsh & Mrs Ryan	Conker@trimley.net
Year 1 - Saplings	Mrs Collins	Saplings@trimley.net
Year 1 - Seedlings	Mrs Allen & Mrs Taylor	Seedlings@trimley.net
Year 2 - Apple	Mrs Lee	Apple@trimley.net
Year 2 - Cherry	Miss Armstrong	Cherry@trimley.net
Year 3 - Ash	Miss Phillips	Ash@trimley.net
Year 3 - Elm	Miss Hammond & Mrs Bennett	Elm@trimley.net
Year 4 - Beech	Mrs Curtis	Beech@trimley.net
Year 4 - Maple	Mrs Smith & Miss Howe	Maple@trimley.net
Year 5 - Birch	Mr Moss	Birch@trimley.net
Year 5 - Pine	Mrs Webb	Pine@trimley.net
Year 6 - Chestnut	Mrs Avery	Chestnut@trimley.net
Year 6 - Oak	Mrs Martin & Mrs Rainford	Oak@trimley.net
General Enquiries & Absence Notifications - office@trimley.net		

Please note that emails sent after 4pm and at weekends / bank holidays/ school holidays will not be responded to until the next working day.

Reminder

Please read ALL Parentmail notifications. There may be important information and/or changes to the school routine included. We will NOT be able to chase any unanswered messages and if we have not received a response from yourself regarding an activity/event/trip etc it may result in delays for your child being able to take part.

Attendance, Absences & Unauthorised Absence

"Every child has a right to an efficient and suitable full-time education and it is a parent's legal duty to ensure this happens. Where parents have chosen to register their child at a school, they must ensure their child attends school regularly.

It is well known that missing school for any reason can cause a child to fall behind in their learning. Missing school not only damages a pupil's learning and grades but can disrupt routines and can make children vulnerable to crime."

School Attendance and the Law

"The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure that their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability, aptitude, and to any special educational needs they may have.

A child is compulsory school age from the prescribed day following their 5th birthday. The prescribed days are; 1st September, 1st January and 1st April.

For example, if your child turns 5 on the 27th March 2020 then they will be compulsory school age from the 1st April 2020.

All children then remain of compulsory school age until the final Friday in June in the academic year in which they turn 16."

Suffolk County Council, Schools Attendance

The section above is taken from SCC's School's attendance available on their website, if you would like the full information please go to:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/pupil-attendance-and-welfare/school-attendance-and-penalty-notice>

Our School's Attendance & Absence Policy reflects this guidance and advises parents and carers that if a child has 6 or more sessions (three school days) of unauthorised absence, parents/carers will incur a Penalty Notice for all children who are of compulsory school age.

Last year we had a significant number of term time holiday requests. Please be advised that unless there are exceptional circumstances, holiday taken within the term will NOT be authorised and a Penalty Notice will be issued.

Repeated absences that are deemed to be 'unauthorised' will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and may result in further action being taken.

We would never expect a child who is unwell to attend school and we would like to work alongside you to support them and their needs, especially for those requiring a longer period of absence. In these circumstances, we work closely with the family on an 'individual basis', and will be advising the EWO of all special attendance plans in place.

Please be honest with us about the reason why your child is absent -the school has the right to question any absence that it feels may not be clear, ie. when it is reported that a child is unwell, and it is believed that they are on holiday. In these circumstances, proof of medical appointments etc. may be requested.

Our Attendance and Absence Policy is available on our website and a 'Quick Guide' will be following home shortly along with your child's Data sheet for checking and updating all the contact information in case of emergencies etc.

Forest School Sessions

After the success of last year's Forest Schools sessions, we are looking forward to starting them again. Each year group will work with Mrs Bennett twice a term for a morning or afternoon session in the school grounds. "Wild Wednesday" or "Forest Thursday" sessions will be linked to each year group's topic for the term and activities will be followed up in the classroom with the class teachers after the outdoor sessions.

This will give us all the opportunity to take our learning into our fabulous school grounds, learn new skills in a different environment away from the classroom and use the outdoor space to enhance our collaboration, communication and resilience.

Please see below for the dates that your child will be taking part. **It is important that they come to school ready for a day outside regardless of the weather, in order to make sure they enjoy the experience.**

Date (Mostly Wednesdays)	Year Group	Lesson
13 th September	1	Sensory Adventure Part 1
20 th September	2	The Great Fire of London
27 th September	3	Egyptians
4 th October	4	Egyptians
Thursday 12th October	5	Natural Disasters Part 1
Thursday 19th October	6	Natural Disasters Part 1
Half Term		
1 st November	EYFS	Sensory Adventure Part 1
8 th November	1	Sensory Adventure Part 2
Monday 13th November	2	The Great Fire of London
22 nd November	3	Egyptians
29 th November	4	Egyptians
Thursday 7th December	5	Natural Disasters Part 2
Thursday 14th December	6	Natural Disasters Part 2
20 th December	EYFS	The Gingerbread Man

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 th September	First day of Autumn Term
Week Commencing Monday 23rd October 2023 Half Term	
Thursday 2 nd November	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Thursday 16 th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 4 th January 2024	First day of Spring Term
Friday 9 th February	Proposed Visit Yrs 5 & 6 - National Space Centre, Leicester TBC
Week commencing Monday 19th February 2024 Half Term	
Week commencing 18 th March	Yr 6 Residential Visit - Thorpe Woodlands TBC