



Message from the Head

We have had a great start to the new academic year. It was lovely to see all the children return to Trinity Oaks on Monday in their smart new uniforms and big smiles on their faces.

It was also great to see our new Reception class settle so well into Oak class.

Looking forward to the term ahead, the staff and I will be working on embedding our procedures and expectations for behaviour to ensure that all children are able to access learning and enjoy being at school. When our new behaviour policy has been finalised, I will ensure that it is put on our website and you will be informed where and when it can be accessed.

I will also be looking at how we as a school communicate as a staff, with children and with parents. Later in the term you will be sent a questionnaire so that I can better understand the school's current strengths and areas to develop. If you are interested in meeting with me on Tuesday 11th October 9.00am in the breakfast club room, as part of a parent forum, then please could you come and speak with me on the gate or email me via office@trinityoaks.co.uk. I would like to get a rounded opinion of how we can improve communications to ensure the children are getting the best school experiences that we can offer.

This year we are introducing roles of responsibility, the first of which are Ambassadors – these pupils have been selected as outstanding role models and representatives of the school – you will see them at the gates in the morning. Congratulations to William and Eloise – we are so very proud that they are our very first Ambassadors.

I am looking forward to the next academic year and working with you all as a community.

Best Regards,
Mrs Woods.

Gates/Registers

The school gates will be opened at 8.40am for the children to get into their classes and be ready for their day. All children are expected to be in their seats with bags unpacked and books changed by 9.00am. The gates will close at 9.00 when the registers and lunches will be taken.

Due to staffing, the Lake Lane gate will be open in the mornings only. We will review the usage of this gate and safety concerns on a regular basis.

The gates will be open at the end of the day at 3.00pm where you will be able to walk round to the classroom door to pick up your child.

If you signed a permission to walk last year this will apply to this new academic year – if you would like your child to now walk please fill in the permission form in the office. Remind your child if they are walking home at the end of the day.

You will be able to find Mrs Woods and Mrs Fisher on the gates at the beginning and end of each day and Mrs Whitford in the mornings.

The Queen

It is with great sadness that we heard the news of The Queen's death yesterday. We joined together in worship today giving thanks for her life and service.

Our deepest sympathies are with the Royal family.

Please join us in praying for The Queen and her family as we remember her wonderful reign and recognise the sadness that will be felt by many.

Trips and first aid

Falling over and grazing knees is all part of growing up and as parents we expect to see our child come home with the occasional plaster. If your child has been given minor first aid for a trip, fall or graze, which has been dealt with by a staff member on playground duty, you will not be informed. If your child is sent to the office for a more serious fall or bumped head you will be informed via ParentMail.

Staff emails

We will not be using direct staff emails this year – if you do have a message please speak with the teacher before or after school. If you are unable to see them please call the school office for urgent messages. Once all our new systems of communication are set up, information and messages will be able to be communicated much more easily.

Uniform:

School uniforms provide a sense of belonging and community and is a great equaliser. Children stand taller in their school uniform and it gives them a sense of purpose. Teachers can all tell you that uniforms support children in focusing on work – there is no better example than 'mufti days' where we see a considerable difference in behaviour and attitudes to learning.

Full details of the school uniform can be found on the school website. Using the shop section of ParentMail the you can order and pay for uniform that has a school logo or at local supermarkets for those things that do not need a school logo – please check name labels after washing to ensure that clothes can be returned to the right child. Pre-loved items can also be purchased at a significantly reduced cost.

<http://www.trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk/uniform/>

Home School Link Worker

At Trinity Oaks, we strongly believe that the best outcomes for young children occur when parents and carers work in partnership with our school. One of the ways this is achieved is by having a Home School Link Worker.

Home School Link Workers work with children and families to help them in different ways and some examples include:

Children who are anxious or withdrawn

Parents and carers experiencing difficulties managing their child's behaviour

Parents, carers and children who are experiencing change, such as parental separation or bereavement

Parents and carers who may need support on a wide range of issues impacting on their family life, such as illness, separation, domestic violence, bereavement

Mrs Whitford can provide:

A chance to talk in a confidential and non-judgemental environment

One to one support and advice

Parenting guidance on developing and maintaining positive discipline

Help to access grants

Home visits to support families and children

Links to other agencies

You can contact Katy by email

kwhitford@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk or call 01293 776935 option 2.

Frozen Friday

Good news! FOTO will be selling ice lollies every Friday
From Friday 16th – until the weather turns too cold.

PE Kits

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we believe that getting dressed and undressed is a vital skill for children to develop as part of their sports provision.

On coaching and PE days please send your child to school with their PE kit in a bag – all named. This will be in effect from the week beginning 12th.

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) can come to school in their PE kits.

Autumn Term 1		
Year Group	Coaching	PE
Reception		Monday
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Friday	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6		Thursday – extended session

Homework

Homework is always a contentious issue. As a school we get feedback that it is either not enough or too much, too easy or too hard. We are currently working as a staff to take stock of what we are doing and why, considering what we would like you to work on at home. During the meet the teacher session, your class teacher will go over the new expectations. Reading, spellings and Timetables will still be a priority.

Wrap around care

We are very fortunate to be able to provide wrap around care at a very reasonable price.

Tree Tops is open from 7.45am with a charge of £5 per session – breakfast included.

Camp Glide is open until 6pm with a charge of £10.90 per session – snack included.

<http://www.trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk/breakfast-club/>

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21st September at 3pm	Meet the teacher – in classrooms. (No homework set until meeting)
Monday 19th September	Poential school closure for National day of mourning - TBC
Friday 30th September 9.00 am	MacMillan coffee morning with FOTO and Mrs Woods
Tuesday 11th October	Parent forum – communication – with Mrs Woods
Friday 21st October	Last day of half-term
Monday 31st October	Back to school – British Legion Poppies will be on sale for Remembrance.
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November	Parent teacher conferences in the school hall. Bookable through ParentMail – details to follow.
Week of 5th December	Christmas productions – dates to be confirmed
Friday 16th December	End of term
Tuesday 3rd January	Teacher INSET day
Wednesday 4th January	Children back to school