

TRENT VALE



RYLANDS JUNIOR

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Since I last wrote to you there have been lots of exciting events and activities introduced across both of the schools. At the end of March 70 children and some adults constructed and slept in a cardboard village in the quad area of the junior playground. The aim was to experience 'rough sleeping' and in the process £1650 was raised for the homeless charity Framework. At Trent Vale Marathon Kids has been introduced to encourage the children to run more frequently and consistently while keeping a record of their total distance. Many of the children have ran at least 10km and many of the classes are well on their way to running a marathon. Pine class at the juniors have been involved in the Linking Lives project which involves meeting and getting to know children from Greasley Beauvale Primary School in Eastwood. Trent Vale was runner up for the School of the Year from the Nottinghamshire Lawn Tennis Association. As a result, the school has received free tennis equipment to use during PE lessons and at playtime. The success of the collaboration of the two schools has been recognised in the positive Ofsted report for Trent Vale which follows on from the successful Ofsted inspection of Rylands Junior in 2018. Both schools are very proud that their commitment to the personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils is recognised as we all feel that this is fundamental to enabling your children to achieve their potential and be the very best version of themselves.

Staffing News

Miss Raisa Allgar has been successfully appointed a permanent member of staff at Rylands Junior following a very competitive interview process.

At Trent Vale we are having to reduce the amount of Teaching Assistants we will have in school from September. This is due to a much smaller budget allocation because of the low numbers in F2/Reception and low funding of Early Years provision in Nursery. All staff have been very professional and understanding during this difficult process.

Healthy Lunches and Snacks

After half term children at both schools will have the option to bring a packed lunch or have a hot school dinner. We are committed to providing an environment that promotes healthy eating. Evidence suggests that a healthy diet can improve concentration, behaviour and general health levels. School dinners are produced in accordance with National Food Standards and we expect to see health, balanced lunchboxes. Children are provided with healthy snacks at the Infant school and at the Junior school this should be a piece of fruit/vegetables or an item purchased from the daily Tuck Shop. Both schools are nut free due to having children on site who could have a severe life threatening reaction if exposed to nuts.

Summer weather

As we live in the UK we can never guarantee the weather from day to day and it can vary considerably during a day. However, what we do know is that it is good for both children mental and physical health to be outside as much as possible. So depending on the weather forecast can you please make sure your child has a coat/fleece at school and if we get lucky can you ensure they have a sun hat and have applied sun cream before coming to school. We are not allowed to apply sun cream to your child and last time we had some intense sun many of you successfully sent your child to school with 'roll on' sun cream. If you do send sun cream into school please remind your child it is for their own personal use only and it should not be shared with their friends. This is also true for such things as lip salve/lip balm.

PE Kit

As the weather warms up the children will be regularly having PE outside. Can you please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day that includes shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. It is not safe for children to do PE in their shoes and particularly not in open toed sandals so please check that they have sports footwear that fits. It would also be appreciated if you could clearly label these items with your child's name. If it is named we can return it to its owner. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

e-safety

Both schools are committed to supporting and teaching your child how to be safe online; this is an integral part of our ICT teaching. To help support you and your child to have safe access to the internet we have organised an **e-safety meeting for parents**. It will be on **Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 6.00pm at Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School**. Please put this date in your diary and further details will be sent out nearer the time.

e-cigarettes and dogs

In addition to not allowing the smoking of cigarettes anywhere on the school sites the governors have also made the decision to adopt the Nottinghamshire County Council Tobacco Control Policy which bans the use of e-cigarettes on the school site. This is for 2 reasons. Firstly they do release nicotine vapour which young children should not be exposed to. Secondly smoking around young children whether it is e-cigarettes or real cigarettes does not set a good example to young children or support the very valid anti-smoking message.

Additionally we do not allow dogs on either site no matter how small they are. This is to ensure the health and safety of both the dogs, children and adults. I am sure I can rely on everyone's support with this and e-cigarettes.

Governors

The governing bodies are a crucial part of the leadership and management of the schools. As a voluntary group of people they hold the schools to account for the use of its financial resources, the progress and attainment of the children and the strategic direction of the school.

Governor update

Although we do not have a full complement of governors at both schools we are not currently appointing new governors. This is due to the schools considering becoming a Federation with one Governing Body across both schools.

Collaboration

A collaboration agreement between the two schools is currently in place until 31st August 2022. This demonstrates the commitment of the governors to the schools continuing to working closely together. The current leadership structure with Mrs Barratt, Mrs Turner and Mrs Osborne being Heads of Schools and myself as Executive Headteacher of both schools will remain. Now both schools have a 'Good' Ofsted judgement Federation of the two schools is being considered which the next step to secure the partnership.

Training

Governors have recently had training on what information can be taken from the external sources of assessment data available to them.

Visits

Governors regularly visit school to look at specific aspects of its work. Recent visits have included the following areas:-

- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- The teaching of English at Trent Vale

Governors will be visiting in the summer term to talk to pupils at both schools about playtimes, lunchtimes and what aspect of school they are happiest with..

Summer term governing body meetings

Wednesday 5th June – Joint Collaboration Committee

Thursday 11th July – Full Governing Body meeting

Thanks for all your support and co-operation you give us with all aspects of school life. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask me or any other member of staff.

Jackie Moss

Executive Headteacher

EVENTS THIS TERM

As you can see it is a very busy, yet exciting term. Please put all of these dates in your diary and we will keep you informed of the details of certain events as soon as we can.

Friday 24th May

SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

SCHOOL CLOSED for HALF TERM

Monday 3rd June

Children return to school

Tuesday 11th June

Rylands Junior – class photos

Tuesday 11th June

Rylands Junior Parents Group film night

Wednesday 12th June

Information meeting for new F1/Nursery parents 5.00pm

Wednesday 19th June

Trent Vale -Sports Day 1.30pm for F2/Reception, Y1 and Y2

Information meeting for new F2/Reception parents 6.30pm – ***This is a change from the original date***

Thursday 20th June

Trent Vale - Nursery Sports day 1.30pm

Monday 24th June

SCHOOL CLOSED for INSET

Wednesday 26th June

e-safety meeting for parents – 6.00pm at Trent Vale

Friday 28th June

Rylands Junior – Sports Day 1.30pm

Monday 1st July

Year 5 taster day at Chilwell School

Tuesday 2nd July

Rylands Junior Parents' Group Disco

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July

Y6 Transition days for children going to NUASt and other City Authority Schools. They will be going to these schools on both days. Parents need to make their own travel arrangements for their child.

Thursday 4th July

Meeting for Y2 children going to Rylands Junior School. 6.00pm at Rylands Junior School.

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th

Y4 Residential to Castleton

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July

Y2 Residential to Sherwood Forest.

Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July

Y6 Transition days for children going to Chilwell. They will be going to Chilwell on all 3 days. Parents need to make their own travel arrangements for their child.

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July

Transition days when all children spend time in their new classes/new school including new F1/Nursery and F2/Reception children. New F2/Reception children can stay for lunch on both days.

Monday 15th July

End of year reports to parents.

Tuesday 16th July - *This is a change from the original date for Trent Vale*

Open Afternoon 2.30pm – 4.30pm for Both Trent Vale Infants **AND** Rylands Junior. Please take the time to come and visit your children in school and let them show you what they have been doing. There will also be an Open Morning for am nursery children from 8.45-10.15am.

Thursday 18th July

Y6 Production and Leavers assembly 5.00pm. More details to follow but Y6 parents please make sure this date is in your diary.

Monday 22nd July

Nursery Graduations

Year 2 Leavers Assembly 6.30pm – 7.30pm

The Y2 Leavers Assembly will be an evening event. This is to make it special for the children and allow it to be easier for Parents and Carers to attend. More details to follow but Y2 parents please make sure this date is in your diary.

Tuesday 23rd July

Y6 Leavers Party 3.30pm (to be organised by Y6 parents).

Wednesday 24th July

School closes for the summer holidays.

Tuesday 3rd September

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) and KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) children return to school. New F2/Reception and F1/Nursery will have their own individual start dates.

Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November (2 weeks)

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