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1 Good News - Playground

The first piece of good news is that we have managed to find some money in the new budget to resurface the playground. Hopefully, this will be something that will be completed over the summer holidays so when the children return in September we will have a wonderful smooth playing surface.

2 Good News - New teacher

The second piece of good news is that we have managed to find some money in the budget for an additional teacher in KS2. Helped by the fact that we are starting to increase our pupil numbers and families entitled to free schools meals have been registering (which brings in additional income). So from September 2014, there will be one class per year group in KS2.

Class Edison – Year 3

Class Pendleton – Year 4

Class Barlow – Year 5

Class Mandela – Year 6

We are in the process of recruiting our additional teacher – I will inform you as soon as we have appointed.

3 Good News - Sports Relief

A huge well done to all of the pupils who helped raise money for sports relief. We were amazed at the distances the children achieved. So far we have already sent off £690 to sports relief and are still collecting in more money. The deadline for collecting in your child's sponsor money and sending it to the school office will be Friday 25th April. We will then send the final amount off at this point.

Football Success

Trimley St Martin A and B teams entered the Felixstowe Pyramid Football Competition and they did us proud! The A team won 4 matches in their group and drew 2 making them second in their group. The B team won 3 matches, drew 2 matches and lost 1. The B team finished 3rd in their group. Both just missed out on a place in the final. I would like to say how proud we were of the teams, who supported and encouraged each other throughout the entire competition. Thank you to the Parents who came along to support. Much appreciated!

Safeguarding - After school clubs

From Easter onwards, the office will hold registers for children attending ANY after school clubs (including Boosters).

The registers will be collected at the end of the day by the adults responsible for the club. The registers would be pre marked with children who are absent so adults are not trying to locate children who are not actually in school.

As Parents, can I ask that you:

- Inform the office if your child is not attending ANY club after school before 3pm on the day of the club
- When your child is absent let Mrs Simpson know that they normally do a club so she can mark it on the register.
- Make sure your child is clear about whether they have a club after school or if the plans have changed.

New Governors needed

We now have 3 vacancies for Parent Governors. The role of a Governor, is quite challenging and does require some time commitment. However, it is very rewarding and quite an exciting time as things are changing quite rapidly here at Trimley St Martin. Letters about applying to be a Parent Governor will be coming out later in the week. I've already had a few parents express an interest in becoming a Parent Governor but they will need to be supported by 4 others parents on the application form.

Easter is here...

Another term is coming to a close...

As I've said before we are trying to improve every aspect of what we do here at Trimley St Martin. I feel we are moving forward and I can see a massive difference between the school I took over in September to now. That improvement has been helped by a Teaching team that have been open and willing to move forward, a Governing body that is growing in strength, children who want to learn and enjoy their lessons and because of you, the Parents, who are supporting the school by praising the things we are doing well and letting us know what still needs to be improved. Thank you... Happy Easter!
Mr Stock

Parent questionnaire and actions

Thank you to everyone who returned the Parent questionnaire forms. The amount received was very positive and is just another channel we can use to gather your views on the school.

Can I remind you of the Parent Forum, which meets half termly, this is an opportunity to share your views and raise concerns directly with me. If I know about issues, I can possibly solve them or at least explain why certain decisions have been made. If I don't get to hear about any of your concerns I cannot do anything about them.

Results overall are extremely positive. Thank you also for the additional positive comments written on the forms. The results do highlight areas where we can do things better and this is the main aim of the questionnaire. We are a school that is improving and so we need to look at the weaker areas and look to improve them.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	The school is well led and managed	55%	43%	2%	0%
2	My child enjoys school	50%	47%	3%	0%
3	I feel my child is safe and well cared for at school	62%	38%	0%	0%
4	I am kept well-informed about my child's progress	52%	42%	6%	0%
5	My child is making enough progress at school	44%	47%	9%	0%
6	The teaching is good at school	44%	47%	9%	0%
7	The school asks for my views and takes account of suggestions and concerns	45%	48%	7%	0%
8	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	41%	45%	14%	0%
9	My child's needs are well met in the school	39%	56%	5%	0%
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	44%	50%	6%	0%
11	I am made to feel welcome at school	52%	46%	2%	0%
12	The school takes account of children's views	52%	43%	5%	0%
13	Staff listen to my suggestions and concerns	40%	56%	4%	0%
14	Homework helps with learning and is properly explained	15%	66%	15%	4%
15	The school offers a good range of extracurricular activities	41%	47%	8%	4%
16	The school promotes good attendance and punctuality	53%	44%	3%	0%
17	I would recommend the school to new parents moving into the area	53%	44%	3%	0%

Key Areas for development

(1) Healthy lifestyle – We do as a school promote healthy lifestyles. We still do 2 full hours of P.E per week, we offer a range of sports club and promote sport outside school. This is possibly something we need advertise more.

(2) Good teaching – Since September, the levels of Good teaching is increasing across the whole school. It is something we are working on but still needs improving.

(3) Homework – This is something we need to look at quite closely. After Easter, we will try to (a) clarify the homework process and ensure it is clear and obvious what needs to be done (b) ensure that is clearly linked to learning.

(4) Extra curricular activities – this requires further investigation. Extra curricular activities cover a wide range of different things including trips, theme days and after school clubs. We will send out a more detailed questionnaire in order to gauge exactly what it is that we need to improve.



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Dates this term

Thursday 3 rd April	Open afternoon - P.S.H.E	Parents to attend from 1:30pm onwards
Thursday 3 rd April	Parluaff Relays (Year 2) Causton Junior School	Afternoon only
Friday 4 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade & Trimley's Got Talent	During school time
Friday 4 th April	PTA Mini Easter Fair (Cake stall, raffle stall etc)	School Hall 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Monday 7 th April - Tuesday 22 nd April (22 nd - INSET DAY)	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Summer Term 14		
Wednesday 23 rd April	First day of Summer Term	
Thursday 24 th April	Yr3/4 School Farm Visit - Suffolk Show Ground	All day
Friday 25 th April	Women's Cycling Tour 2014 Assembly	9:00 - 9:30am
Friday 2 nd May	Class Photos / Single photos	All day
Wednesday 7 th May	Golf Sessions for all classes	All day
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th	KS2 SATS weeks	Various
Tuesday 20 th May	Farm to fork - Hughes Class Visit to Tesco	9:45 - 12:00
Tuesday 20 th May	Curriculum Afternoon - World Cup Geography	1:30 - 3:30pm
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	HALF TERM	

Attendance

Month	Ttl
Sept 13	95%
Oct 13	97%
Nov 13	95%
Dec 13	96%
Jan 14	96%
Feb 14	94%
Mar 14	96%

Maths Homework

Wk	Hugh	Arm	Night	Edison	Pend	Mand	Ttl
	R	1	2	3/4	4/5	5/6	
19 24.02.14		89%		72%	100%	100%	90%
20 03.03.14		93%	100%	72%	100%	100%	93%
21 10.03.14		89%	100%	60%	100%	97%	82%
22 17.03.14	78%	96%	100%		100%	97%	79%

Reading at Home x5

Wk	Hugh	Arm	Night	Edison	Pend	Mand	Ttl
	R	1	2	3/4	4/5	5/6	
19 24.02.14	78%	89%	68%	32%	97%	97%	77%
20 03.03.14		68%	56%	76%	97%	100%	81%
21 10.03.14	84%	71%	72%	52%	100%	100%	74%
22 17.03.14	64%	79%	77%	52%	100%	94%	79%
23 24.03.14	73%	64%	68%	52%	84%	91%	73%