



NEWSLETTER: May 23rd 2014

So much to report!!!

Whilst resting over the Easter Holiday, I smiled with the knowledge that Summer Term 1 would only be 4 weeks and 3 days long. However, it has been the busiest 4 weeks and 3 days ever!

We haven't even reached the end of May but there is already so much to report and inform you about.

And... in 7 weeks and two days it will be the end of another school year and the end of my first full year here at Trimley St Martin.

Summer Term 2 is always my favourite term, there are lots of events coming up and children are working exceptionally hard with their current teachers but are excited and ready for next year.

Mr Stock

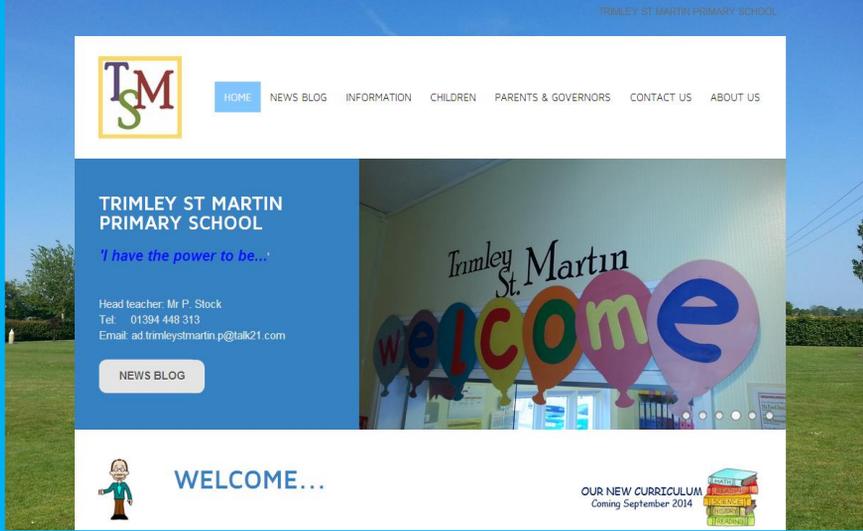
Behaviour Policy

We are currently looking at improving our behaviour policy. The policy was put in place around two years ago and we need to ensure there is consistency with the way it is being implemented.

The parents within the parent forum meeting discussed the issue and lots of great suggestions were made. We intend to roll these out over the next few months whilst also updating the behaviour policy in order to reflect the changes.

We are going to start in assembly on some work around resilience and some role play to decide how children can respond to certain situations. We are also going to meet with all members of staff to clarify how the policy works and how it can implemented in a consistent and fair manner across the whole school.

It's here! THE NEW WEBSITE!



After months of struggling with previous website we have created our own – to work the way we want it to work!

www.trimleystmartinprimaryschool.com is now live and available for you to visit. It is 85% complete and we'll be adding the finished touches over the half term break but its fresh, quicker and much more powerful. All classes have a blog so you can keep up-to-date with what's going on in your child's class. There is also my blog 'Mr Stocks News Blog' to keep you updated with everything that's going on in the school. The website is viewed on a mobile device, it simplifies itself for speed and easy viewing. (This is sometimes, however, showing capital letters in the middle of sentences – we're trying to sort that bit!)

Some of my blogs provide you with a chance to make a comment. Positive comments please! Your comments do not go live until I click the approve button. This way we can prevent this option from being abused. The Parent forum is your chance to raise your concerns or issues with any of the events we organise here at school.

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE –
Photos of the children will be displayed on the website. We have your photograph permission forms in school and will ensure, if you have requested, that your children do not appear in any photos.

We will also never include names of children alongside photographs. If names are listed e.g. for team events, pictures will not be shown. This is to protect children from being identified by name.



Summer Term 2 Diary

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Mon 2 June	Summer Term 2 begins
Mon 2 June	Swimming Timetable start date (Attached)
Tue 3 June	Edison School Trip to Ipswich Museum
Tue 3 June	Thorpe Woodlands Parents Meeting (Y5/Y6) 3:30 – 4:30pm
Thu 5 June	Sports 4 Schools Morning
Fri 6 June	Father's Day PTA Activity
Wed 11 June	Sports Day & Summer Picnic
Fri 13 June	Sports Day & Summer Picnic [Reserve date]
16 - 20 June	Year 5/6 Thorpe Woodlands Trip
Thu 3 July	(AM) Children meet their teacher(s) for September (PM) Induction meeting for new Year R parents 2:30pm (PM) School Open Evening 3:30 – 6:30pm
Sat 5 July	Summer Fete 11:00 – 3:00pm
Mon 7 July	New Reception Class Transition Morning
Tue 8 July	Year R Trip to Colchester Zoo
Fri 11 July	School Reports sent home
Tue 15 July	New Reception Class Transition Morning & Lunchtime
Tue 15 July	Year 5 / 6 Production – Performance to the children (Parents can attend who are unable to come to the evening production) 2:15 – 3:30pm
Tue 15 July	Year 5 / 6 Production – Evening performance 7:00 – 8:30pm
Wed 16 July	Year 3 Choir singing at St Andrews Church production of Joseph (afternoon and evening)
Fri 18 July	New Reception Class Transition All day
Fri 18 July	Year 1 / 2 trip to Foxborrow Farm
Fri 18 July	School Association – End of term Disco (More information coming soon)
Mon 21 July	Year 6 Leavers Disco & BBQ
Tue 22 July	Year 6 Assembly 9:00 – 9:30am
Tues 22 July	LAST DAY OF TERM

Autumn Term 1

Mon 8th Sept Autumn Term - School Starts

All events relevant to parents are listed below –

Any updates (after the publication of this newsletter) will be shown on the website diary as well as the black board in the playground.

Specific information about events (if needed) will be sent out in letter form but are also available in the front office. Please do take time to read these as they often contain important additional information that might be different to the norm.

Parking outside school & 3-point turning

As you may be aware, Graham Boulding is the governor who patrols before and after school the roads outside, ensuring the area around the school gate is kept clear.

Graham patrols the area around the school car park gate regularly as children walk along on the pavement here and on a few occasions we have had few near misses. Carrying out a three-point turn in this particular area, is not only a danger to the pedestrians walking along the pavement but a danger to the driver of the manoeuvring car due to the speed of the lorries that come charging round the corner.

In September, I was a witness to a near miss outside the school, when a lorry only just avoided hitting a car who was 'three-point turning' in that very spot. It was a combination of the speed of the lorry coming round the blind corner and the fact that the lorry driver was probably not expecting to find a car in the middle of the road as he came round the bend. So whilst standing there, in his fluorescent jacket, Graham hopes to deter drivers from attempting a three point at this particularly busy time of day.

The aim is to ensure that the children who attend this school are kept safe. I know the situation outside school can be extremely frustrating, I see it every day! Each day, I see lots of strange manoeuvres from lots of parents. This is on-going! I'm not sure if the situation will ever improve, however, we would like everyone to help try and keep the road outside school as safe as possible.

Reporting a concern / issue

If you would like to report a concern about your child's well being please make direct contact with the Class Teacher. Often, this is the person who has dealt with the incident you may be enquiring about and so will be more informed to explain the situation. If a teacher is unable to solve the issue or thinks its an issue for the Headteacher, they will bring it to my attention. By bringing your concerns straight to me, it automatically makes something appear more serious that perhaps it actually is. Often the issues I am presented with nearly always have a perfectly reasonable explanation. In some cases, it's more complex and those are the issues I do need to be aware of.

Concerns about learning

If you do have concerns about your child's learning or progress please remember that the Class Teacher is the first point of contact.

I am more than happy to help but often the situation can be discussed and solved much easier by going direct to the Class Teacher.

This is not something you'd discuss at the beginning of the day anyway, so feel free to phone and leave a message for the class teacher or arrange a time to pop in to school for a discussion.

If you are unable to make contact with the class teacher the next person to make contact with is the SEN Administrator, Mrs Lawrence who will be able to answer most questions about the support processes we have in school. This will also become clearer from September 2014 onwards as we, as a school, will need to share our SEN offer (what we provide children in regards to additional support) on our school website.

Africa - Toy Collection

If you do have any unwanted toys please bring them into school. Moira, a lady who has worked in a school in Uganda, spoke with the children in assembly and is looking to take more toys out to the school next time she goes. Any toy donations will be gratefully received!

Farm Shop Complaint

We have been contacted by the Farm Shop who are complaining that parents from the school are misusing their car park. As a school, we have no control over what parents do with their cars once they have picked up their children and so all I can do is inform you of this complaint, as I would for any residents who lived opposite the school if they were to report anything to me.

Geography Day - Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony

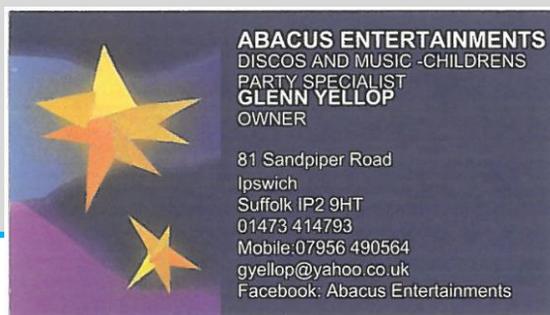
Thank you to all those parents and grandparents that came in to support the children in class and watch the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony. The children loved it and hopefully will remember this day for years to come.

Hey Mr DJ...

During our Geography Opening Ceremony, we used a PA system to play the music and make announcements. It made the event a real success! (As everyone could hear what was going on!)

This was lent to us, free of charge, by Glenn Yellop. Glenn is the DJ for our school discos and came along, set up and then came back to collect once finished.

As a school we don't promote any businesses, however, as this was such a kind gesture I've included his details below.



New Parent Governors

Please see the letter sent out today welcoming our newly elected governors. Thank you those of you who completed the ballot papers.

Free School Meals

Just a reminder... if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, but because your child has packed lunch you haven't applied, can I just highlight that as a school we receive additional funding based on the amount of children we have who are registered for Free School Meals. This money is used to benefit all children, as it allows the school to run booster groups, buy more resources and recruit more staff to support in the classrooms.

If you are eligible and would to know how to register, please speak to Mrs Simpson in the school office.

Facts & Figures

Attendance

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

Holidays

As you may have noticed, the children start back to school a little later in September than normal. If you haven't booked a holiday yet and like to keep it within school holiday time, have a look at that last week which starts on the 1st September.

Children are due back to school on the 8th September. A number of schools in London return to school on the 2nd/ 3rd September so there maybe some bargains out there!

Swimming

The pool is almost ready to go! Just a few finishing touches and a few final checks and hopefully the pool will be action from June 2nd onwards.

The timetable has been produced and is subject to change (purely because we cannot predict the weather). Each child should, across the course of a week, have two 30 minute sessions in the pool either taught by myself, Mr Childs, Mrs Matthews, Mrs MacFarlane or Mrs Conley all of whom are trained to deliver swimming lessons.

Year R have one 30 minute session in the pool.

MATHS HOMEWORK

Wk	Hugh	Arm	Night	Edison	Pend	Mand	Ttl
19.05.14		83%	96%	52%	94%	100%	85%