



# Newsletter

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[www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk)



## Dates for your Diary

Y4 Earthquakes & Volcanoes Workshop	Thursday 8th February
Dental Survey	Tuesday 6th February
Y6 Residential Trip	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February
Y6 Bike ability	Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 15th March
Parents Evenings	Wednesday 20th March & Thursday 21st March
Infants Easter Disco	Monday 25th March 4 - 5.30pm
Junior Easter Disco	Monday 25th March 6 - 7.30pm
Y4 Tale of Three Trees Performance	Tuesday 26th March Time to be confirmed - Will be in the afternoon.
Infants Easter Concert (formally Mothers day concert)	Thursday 28th March 4.30 - 5pm

## Dates to expect the Newsletter

16th February

8th March

22nd March

## Term Dates

Half Term	-	Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February
Back to School	-	Monday 26th February
Easter Break	-	Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
Back to School	-	Monday 15th April
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 6th May
Half Term	-	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Back to School	-	Monday 3rd June
Inset days	-	Monday 22nd July & Tuesday 23rd July
Summer Holidays-		Wednesday 24th July - Tuesday 3rd September
Back to School	-	Wednesday 4th September 2024

## Games Donations

Thank you to everyone that has donated Games, Lego and Duplo so far.

We are so lucky to have such a generous school community. A very big thank you from everyone at The Three Trees.

If you would still like to make a donation, please send them in to Mrs Potter.



We have had a two incidents recently where cars have been moving on the school grounds during drop off times in the morning.

The school gates are closed at this time to ensure the safety of children and our families.

If you have parked on site for a meeting in school, please do not attempt to move your car until after 9am.



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### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Three Trees CofE Junior School

Dates: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February

Times: 8:30am until 3:30pm

Price: £18.83 per child per day

Ages: 5 years - 11 years

Additional info: Sibling Discount Offers Available

#### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

**Book now** for a half-term full of fun!

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WITH FRIENDS!**



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TO 20% OFF...AND GET  
20% OFF TOO!**

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# COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

## The Three Trees Academies



### 1 Messages from us

If we have a message for a whole class or year group this will come through Parent Pay. If it is an individual message about your child we will ring you or speak to you face to face.

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### Newsletters

Newsletters will come out regularly every two to three weeks. These are a good source of information and contain upcoming dates for school events. They will also be available on the school website.

### 3 Contacting Teachers

If you wish to contact a teacher, please do this by emailing [office@threetrees.risemat.co.uk](mailto:office@threetrees.risemat.co.uk). Your email will be acknowledged by the office and then passed to the teacher who will respond to you within two working days from the office email. Urgent messages can be passed via staff on the gate or at reception but it is unlikely you will be able to speak to the teacher immediately.

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### Contacting Leaders

If you wish to contact a school leader, please also do this through the [office@threetrees](mailto:office@threetrees) email address. In most cases the classteacher is the best person to go to first as they know your child best.

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### SEND pupils

If your pupil is on the school SEND list and you wish to contact the SENCO please email [senco@threetrees.risemat.co.uk](mailto:senco@threetrees.risemat.co.uk). She will respond to you within two/three working days.

If you are concerned that your child may have SEND then the classteacher is the best person to speak to first. All SEND pupils will receive a double parents evening appointment in Autumn and Spring.



## Religious festivals calendar - a quick insight

### Chinese New Year

**WHO?** Chinese people and families all around the world.

**WHEN?** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The date of the Chinese New Year is determined by the lunar calendar. The holiday falls on the second new moon after the winter solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each year the New Year in China falls on a different date than on the Gregorian calendar. The dates usually range sometime between January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WHAT?** The Chinese New Year (新年) is also known as the Spring Festival (春节). It is the most solemn festival of the year for the Chinese community and has been celebrated in China for thousands of years, with various forms of activities among the diverse regions of China. In many countries, each year is also associated with an animal of the zodiac. This new year will be known as the 'Year of the Dragon'



**CUSTOMS & PRACTICES?** This celebration is centred around removing the bad and the old and welcoming the new and the good. It's a time to worship ancestors, get rid of evil spirits and pray for a good harvest. Lion dances, dragon dances, temple fairs, flower market shopping and so on are a few examples of rich and colourful activities that may take place. As an important family reunion occasion, food and drink are a crucial part of the New Year celebration. Members of the family sit around a big table to have a New Year's Eve dinner. Families burn incense to worship their ancestors. Older

and senior members of the family give younger children good luck pocket money in a red envelope/wallet. Everyone would have a thorough bath to cleanse themselves and wash away the bad luck before the end of the year. People would change into new clothes/new outfits for the festive period. Firecrackers might be set off at midnight to welcome in the New Year.

**PLEASE DO NOT LET  
CHILDREN ON THE  
PIRATE SHIP AT THE  
START AND END OF  
THE DAY.**

**A LITTLE ONE HAS  
FALLEN OFF IT EVEN  
THOUGH IT IS ROPED  
OFF.**

**YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED**



### A Gentle reminder

**No Dogs are to come on site  
(not even carried)**

**If you are waiting outside  
the school gates with your  
dog please  
keep it on the  
lead and  
under control.**

**Thank you**



### INFANT CHOIR PERFORMANCE

**As Mother's Day is quite early this year, the infant choir will be performing an EASTER CONCERT instead of a Mother's Day Concert.**

**This will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm - 5pm.**

## Parent Teacher Association

Would you like your children to have more resources to help them learn?

Would you like school trips to be free or subsidised?

Would you like your say in what money is spent on?

Would you like to help organise fun events for your children or for the whole family?

...then your new PTA need you and your support.

Please come along to our AGM on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February where we will vote in a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other Committee members. (Most parents will be voted in as committee members unless they have put in writing a request to nominate themselves for another role) We may possibly elect a Vice-Chair too if this is agreed by the attendees.

As a PTA member, you will be asked to attend a minimum of 3 meetings. This may be in person or virtually. Once we have decided upon fundraising actions, you will be able to volunteer to support our events wherever you are able. You will not be forced to complete tasks that you haven't volunteered for!! We are a friendly group who want to raise money for our schools and provide fun family events for everyone to enjoy. This is your chance to have your voice heard and help make a difference.

Claire Rowlands (Y5 teacher and I have nominated myself to Chair our PTA)

## Lunch time at The Three Trees

**The Juniors have been making hand puppets at lunch time this week with our lovely Midday Supervisors.**





## Chester the Therapy Dog

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, we had a very special visitor come to Three Trees. The children and staff got to meet Kay and her beautiful dog Chester.

Chester is a registered therapy dog, who will be coming in to support our children on a regular basis, once we have figured out the timetables and availability.

We look forward to welcome Chester and Kay back to Three Trees soon!



## Mini Police Sessions

Year 5 have enjoyed their weekly mini police sessions, learning about the uniform worn by both the PCSOs and police officers. They have looked at the vehicles used by the police and what is stored inside them. The children learned how to say their name using the phonetic alphabet. Next week they are learning about how the PCSOs work to prevent anti-social behaviour.



## Save on bus travel with a free b\_line card

The b\_line card gets a child £1.50 single fares on most buses - right across Derbyshire and beyond. Simply upload a photo of your child, provide a few basic details and their card will arrive by post.

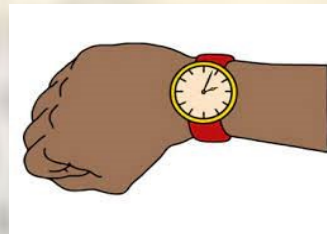
Please click on the link below

[b\\_line discount travel card - Derbyshire County Council](#)

## Time is precious

If you have been asked to attend a meeting in school or you have arranged a meeting with a member of staff and you are no longer able to attend, it is important that you notify the school office as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.

Many thanks







### Donations needed in Foundation Stage!

We are kindly asking that if you have any spare or old girls/boys pants size 4-5 years or 5-6 years, socks and tights, please could you pass them onto FS, as we are very low on these items. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

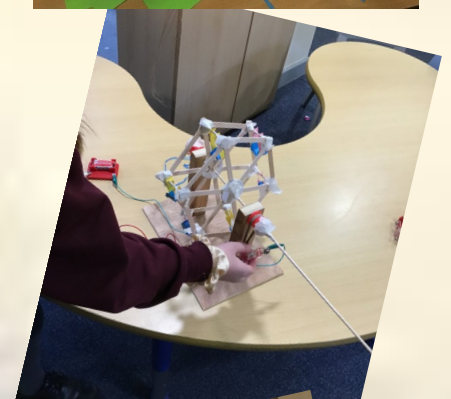
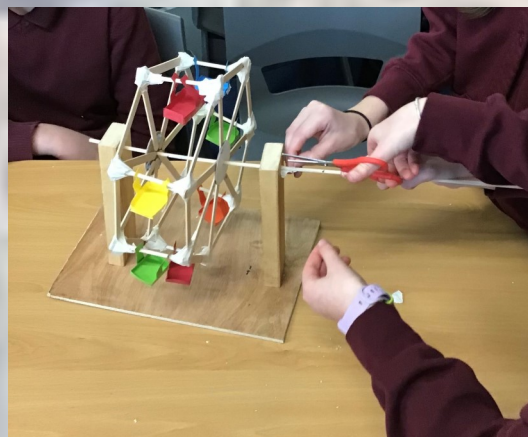
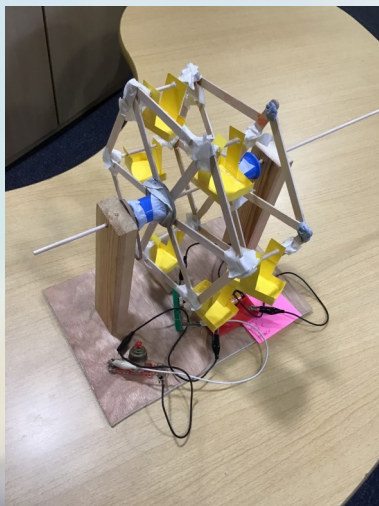
Also, if your child has gone home in clothes borrowed from school, please wash and return them ASAP

Thank you, FS Team

### Year 6 DT

In our Design Technology lessons in Year 6 we have been creating Fairground rides. We started the process by researching different types of rides and thinking about how they work. Using this information, we could design our own, as you can see from the images we decided to use a traditional design.

The rides were fun to make but we had to use our problem-solving skills and work well in groups to ensure a good outcome. We were really pleased with the way these came together, especially as we were able to make them move using our knowledge of circuits and pulleys.



## WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home, whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare it is important to have conversations with your child.

## How you can help at home

### Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

#### ■ Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

#### ▲ Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

#### ● Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

#### ◆ Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

For additional information, other top tips, quizzes and films you can use with your child please visit

[saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents)