



The Trent-Rylands Federation



Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School *and* Beeston Rylands Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely relaxing Easter break; family time is so important so we hope you've had plenty.

Visit into school

As mentioned in the last newsletter we would like to invite you into both schools to see your child's classroom and let them show you around. Please see the grid below to show when you are able to visit.

	<i>Trent Vale 3.20 – 4.00</i>	<i>Beeston Rylands 3.30 – 4.10</i>
<i>Tuesday 3rd May</i>	Lilac and Elm	Willow and Ash
<i>Wednesday 4th May</i>	Maple and Beech	Oak and Pine
<i>Thursday 5th May</i>	Cedar and Nursery	Birch and Sycamore

Please drop into your child's class where their work will be out in their tray/ on the tables so you can have a look through. You can also let your child show you around school. Please be mindful of any clubs in the school halls - if there are any activities going on in these then please just pop your head so you can see the activities we have on offer. If school feels crowded and you wish to wear a mask, then please feel free to do so. This is a drop – in for you to look round, not a parents evening.

Staffing

Mrs Weatherall will be retiring this summer. She has worked tirelessly in her time with us and will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures! We would also like to wish Mrs Blunt our school cook at Trent Vale the very best in her retirement and welcome Tracy Baddley as the new cook. Mrs Baddley has some themed lunches planned on: 6th June - Queen's Jubilee 'Street Party' lunch, 7th July - Wimbledon inspired lunch and 22nd July - Seaside Special lunch.

We would like to wish Mrs Baker all the very best and look forward to welcoming the new addition to the Baker Family. Miss Sim, who will be working alongside Mrs McCallion in Sycamore class, will be visiting and getting to know the children before she takes over from Mrs Baker after the May Day Bank Holiday. Miss Sim will be working Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs McCallion the rest of the week.

Congratulations to Mrs Nikki Allison who got married over Easter. She will now be known by her new name Mrs Bradshaw.

SATs

As you may be aware, Year 6 key stage 2 SATs, will be taking place the week beginning Monday 9th May therefore please do not book any holidays during this time.

Year 2 assessments will take place throughout the whole of the month of May so we would be grateful if Year 2 parents again could avoid booking holidays during this time. This is done in small groups and is completed in a low key way.

Year 1 children will be taking their phonics screening check the week beginning Monday 6th June and Year 4 will take their multiplication tables check within the 3-week period from Monday 6th June.

End of day at BRJS

We are aware that it is getting cramped and therefore difficult waiting outside the school gates at the end of the day. From Wednesday 20th April we will trial opening the gates at 3.15pm for you to walk into the playground and stand opposite your child's line. Please stand behind the line on the opposite side of the basketball court.

The teachers will continue to bring each class out in a line with those walking home on their own at the front. They will still line up in the same area as they currently do.

We must be able to send those going home on their own out first then send the rest of the children to their waiting adult afterwards. Please use either gate to exit.

This may need tweaking so thank you for your patience in advance as we trial this method.

Phonics scheme at Trent Vale

We have recently purchased a new phonics scheme at Trent Vale and are looking forward to rolling this out across the school over the next term. It is called 'Little Wandle' and has been recommended by the government. This scheme is aimed at F2 and Year 1, although some children in Year 2 will also access the scheme. We will be sending home a letter soon to keep you informed and how this impacts upon the reading books that will come home. Staff at both schools have been fully trained using the scheme. Some children at the Rylands will also use this scheme as required. Please follow this link for further information in the meantime.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Scooters and bikes

Can we please ask that children do not ride their bikes or scooters on school property. We have had a few near misses recently and wish to avoid any future injuries. If we see a child, who continually ignores the safety of others, then we will no longer allow them to bring their bike or scooter onto the school grounds. Everyone needs to be safe.

Trent Vale School Pond

We would like to say a huge thank you to Beeston Wildlife group and their volunteers for making the school pond into a wonderful learning environment that we can take the children to. They have worked so hard and we cannot thank them enough.

BRJS Big Sleep Out

We want to celebrate the huge success of the Big Sleep Out. It was wonderful to see the amazing shelters that children and parents built and the amount of money raised for the homeless charity 'Framework' has been amazing. The last count showed £4600. This is truly amazing. Thank you all.

Donation of money

We would like to say thank you to 'Nottinghamshire County Council Divisional Fund on behalf of our local County Councillor' who recently donated £500 towards resources at Trent Vale.

Covid

Anyone who has Covid 19 symptoms should stay at home in particular those with a temperature. They should not return to school until they are better. Advice states that children should self-isolate for 3 full days if they test positive for Covid 19.

Forest Schools

Trent Vale children will be having their forest school sessions during the summer term. Please see the timetable below and ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather – e.g. trainers, joggers, suitable hat/coat.

Date	A.M session	P.M Session
21.4.22	Cedar	Beech
28.4.22	Cedar	Beech
5.5.22	Beech	Cedar
12.5.22	Beech	Cedar
19.5.22	Lilac	Acorn F1
26.5.22	Lilac	Acorn F1
Half term		
9.6.22	Maple	Elm
16.6.22	Maple	Elm
23.6.22	Acorn F1	Lilac
30.6.22	Acorn F1	Lilac
7.7.22	Elm	Maple
14.7.22	Possible - New year 2 as part of transition	Possible - New year 2 as part of transition
Transition week	(current year 1s) Pond dipping	(current year 1s)
21.7.22	Elm	Maple

Being on time/attendance

We can't stress how important it is that your child gets to school on time. Work starts as soon as they enter the classroom whether that be practising concepts from previous sessions or pre-learning tasks to support the curriculum. Lateness to school is logged and adds to a child's attendance figures. The worst case scenario is a referral to Enforcement whereby a family could be fined. We are also constantly looking at children's attendance so ask that holidays are taken during half term breaks and that you only keep your children off school if they are genuinely ill. Please look at the grid below which shows how much time children miss if they are late to school.

5 minutes late every day	<i>This is equivalent to missing 3 days of school per year.</i>
10 minutes late every day	<i>This is equivalent to missing 6 days of school per year.</i>
15 minutes late every day	<i>This is equivalent to missing 10 days of school per year.</i>
20 minutes late every day	<i>This is equivalent to missing 15 days of school per year.</i>
30 minutes late every day	<i>This is equivalent to missing 19 days of school per year.</i>

We know that the children and staff will continue to work hard this half term and we are looking forward to them continuing to be happy, healthy and making sustained progress.

Please find attached a list of all the other diary events that are coming up over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Catherine Turner, Sue Osborne & Janine Barratt

Co Headteachers

Diary Dates Summer 1 - 2022

April

Tues 19th April Children return to school

May

Mon 2nd May Bank holiday

Mon 16th May Year 2 residential meeting

Mon 16th May Year 6 cycle training commences – information to follow

Thurs 19th May Year 3 swimming commences weekly

Wed 25th to Thu 26th May 2022 Y4 Residential to Castleton

Fri 27th May Inset day

June

Mon 13 th June	Year 1 trip to Conkers
Tue 14 th June am	Sports day for Trent Vale
Thurs 23 rd June pm	Sports day for Beeston Rylands
Wed 29 th June - Fri 1 st July	Y2 Residential

July

Mon 4 th July	New Reception parent information meeting via zoom 6.00pm
Tues 5 th July	TV open afternoon 2.15pm – 4.00pm
Weds 6 th July	BRJS open afternoon 2.15pm – 4.00pm
Thurs 7 th July	New Year 3 parent information meeting 6.00pm – 7.00pm at BRJS
Mon 11 th July	New classes information letter
Weds 13 th , Thurs 14 th and Fri 15 th	Chilwell Year 6 to 7 Transition days
Thurs 14 th and Fri 15 th	In house transition days for TV and BRJS (visit new classes)
Fri 15 th July	Open morning for new to school F2 Parents/carers 9.30am- 11.30am drop in
Mon 18 th July	Reports out
Tues 19 th July	Year 2 leavers – Parents invited in 6.30pm
Thurs 21 st July	Year 6 leavers production – Parents invited in 5.00pm
Last day of term	Friday 22nd July
First day back in September	Thurs 1st September