



Trull C of E VA Primary School

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*I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.
John 10:10*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and the transition back into school routines has been a smooth one. It certainly feels like the autumn term already!

It was a real pleasure to welcome back children yesterday and to see their smiling faces as they reunited with friends and met new teachers. For those families joining the school this year, I look forward to meeting you all and for you beginning to feel part of the Trull School community. As we welcome our new Reception pupils and their families on Monday, please rest assured that your children will be joining a school where they will be valued, nurtured and loved as individuals. It can be an emotional day, but they are in very safe hands with our caring and experienced EYFS team.

I would also like to welcome two new members of staff to the school. Mr Mike Davis joins us this year in the role of Deputy Headteacher, as well as teaching in Willow and Rowan Class. You may have already met him on the gate! We are also thrilled to welcome Miss Lauren Welch, who joins our fantastic team of Teaching Assistants. We are delighted to add them both to our team of dedicated and talented staff.

This year promises, once again, to be an exciting and full one. In the summer term we will look forward to celebrating 150 years of Trull School on this site and you can expect a range of events and celebrations to commemorate this. We will see the much-anticipated return of our May Ball and our wonderful Trull School Fundraisers are working hard to organise a variety of events to help support our school and to enable parents to get to know each other and form some life-long friendships. They are always on the lookout for members, in any capacity, and it is a great way of getting to know other parents and become part of our school.

As always at Trull School, we are excited to be able to offer our pupils a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities and enrichment. Drama, sport and music are such a big part of our identity and we will continue to promote these within school. We are delighted to be able to extend our relationship with the incredibly talented Mrs Carolyn Tudor, who this year is able to enhance our musical opportunities by providing a Singing Club for Year 4, 5 and 6 choir members on a Tuesday afternoon. As a Grade 8 singing teacher, places are going fast - don't delay in signing up!

We are aware that over the summer family circumstances can change and challenges can occur – if you ever need to chat or pass on any information, our door is always open and we encourage building those open relationships between home and school.

Next week we are holding our class welcome meetings which are a great way of learning about the curriculum, expectations and to get to know the staff working with your children this year.

I wish you all a happy and fulfilling year ahead!
Have a wonderful weekend.

Luke Bottomley
Headteacher



Autumn Term – Important dates



September 2024

Tuesday 10 th	Beech Class - Meet the Teacher	5.00pm
	Rowan Class – Meet the Teacher	5.30pm
	Yew Class – Meet the Teacher	6.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	Maple Class – Meet the Teacher	5.00pm
	Willow Class – Meet the Teacher	5.30pm
Thursday 12 th	Elm Class – Meet the Teacher	5.00pm
	Oak Class – Meet the Teacher	5.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	Open the Book Assembly	
Thursday 19 th	Year 3 sports festival (more information to follow)	
Monday 23 rd	Trull School Fundraisers AGM	7.30pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 2 sports festival (more information to follow)	

October 2024

Tuesday 1 st	School Photos (individual and siblings)	
Wednesday 2 nd	Harvest Service in Church (school only)	
Tuesday 8 th	Open Afternoon for children starting school in Sept 2025	1.30pm
Tues 9 th & Wed 10 th	Bikeability Y6 – group 1 (Further information to follow)	
Mon 14 th & Tues 15 th	Bikeability Y6 – group 2 (Further information to follow)	
Wednesday 16 th	Open the Book Assembly	
Mon 21 st & Tues 22 nd	Bikeability Y6 – group 3 (Further information to follow)	
Wednesday 23 rd	Parents Evening	
Thursday 24 th	Parents Evening	
Friday 25 th	INSET – school closed	
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th	HALF TERM	

Data forms

Today or Monday your child will come home with data forms for checking and signing, a friendship list permission letter and a home-school agreement. Please check and sign these forms and return to the school office as soon as possible and by Friday 13th September at the latest.

Medical forms

If your child has an ongoing medical need (such as asthma) which requires medication in school, please complete a medical form, which can be found outside the school office or on our website and return to the school office.

Permissions for collection

If you need to make any changes to your permissions for collecting, please pop into the school office.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds! If a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover Wi-Fi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist and the former deputy editor of technology and internet culture website Alphr. Now freelance, he has contributed articles to publications including the New Statesman, CNET, the Evening Standard, Wired, Rock Paper Shotgun, Gizmodo, Pocket Gamer, Stuff, T3, PC Pro, Macworld, TechRadar and Trusted Reviews.



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Age guidance for smartphone usage

<https://newsroom.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-in-drive-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing/>



Uniform policy reminder

WINTER UNIFORM (October Half term to Easter)

Green Cardigan or V-neck sweater. Grey skirt or pinafore dress with grey, black or bottle green tights or white socks or Light grey trousers/grey shorts with black or grey ankle socks. White blouse/shirt Green and yellow striped tie
Low heeled black sensible shoes, NOT trainers.

In Year R children are encouraged to wear a polo shirt instead of a blouse/shirt and tie

SUMMER UNIFORM (Easter to October Half term)

Green and white gingham check dress or gingham playsuit NOT striped with white ankle or long socks or Light grey short/long trousers with grey or black ankle socks not trainer socks and white short sleeved shirt with tie (permission will be given for tie to be removed in warmer weather)

Low heeled black sensible shoes or enclosed sandals, NOT trainers or open-toed sandals

In Year R, children are encouraged to wear a polo shirt instead of a blouse/shirt and tie

P.E. / GAMES/Outdoor Education

Shorts (plain black) and Trull School yellow T-shirt Black slip-on and trainers for outdoor PE (YR-Y6)

Plain bottle green or black jogging bottoms & green sweatshirt top

Waterproof trousers and wellies for Outdoor Education/Forest school

Jewellery

For safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is discouraged. Children with pierced ears should only wear studs. These will need to be removed or taped over for PE sessions.

Temporary tattoos and nail varnish are not permitted.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy and not dyed. Long hair (longer than shoulder length) should be tied back (boys and girls) especially for PE, and where directed.

Ornate hair decorations are not permitted.

Trull School Uniform can be purchased from Southwest School Wear, 144b East Reach, Taunton.

Their website is <https://www.swschoolwear.co.uk> tel: 01823 278080

The TSF (Trull School Fundraisers) hold second hand uniform sales throughout the year.

Class email addresses

Ash.Class@TrullSchool.co.uk

Beech.Class@TrullSchool.co.uk

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Rowan.Class@TrullSchool.co.uk

Willow.Class@TrullSchool.co.uk

Yew.Class@TrullSchool.co.uk

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Miss Grammer, Mrs Cerullo, Mr Bottomley or Mrs Crudge. Alternatively, you can ring Childrens Social Care on: 0300 123 2224 or Email childrens@somerset.gov.uk



**Save the Date
of the TCCC**



10 year anniversary

CELEBRATION

Saturday 19th October - come and join us anytime between 2-6pm



Lots to celebrate and enjoy!
Including - open mic,
memories display & cake
design competition.

Homemade food from our
Hive Managers!

More details to follow
soon...



Taunton Children's Orchestra - 2024/25

You are invited to join an award-winning chamber symphony orchestra! Are you a young person aged 7 upwards and about Grade 2 standard upwards on an Orchestral instrument? Come along to Taunton Children's Orchestra for a fun and inspiring time, learning lots of classical and some more contemporary music with like-minded friends, with the expert tutelage of highly qualified and experienced teachers.

Time and Venue

On: Wednesdays during term time 5.30 to 7.00

At: The Arts Centre, King's Hall School, TA2 8AA

Rehearsal Schedule

Autumn Term rehearsals

Wednesday 11th September to Wednesday 27th November 2023.

CONCERT: Wednesday 4th December 2024. Bring family members or friends that play and instrument to join in. Bring a cake to share too!

Spring Term rehearsals

Wednesday 8th January to Wednesday 19th March 2025.

Summer Term rehearsals

Wednesday 16th April to Wednesday 14th May 2025.

CONCERT: Wednesday 21st May 2025. Summer Concert Spectacular. Venue tbc.

Subs

Subs are payable before attending the first rehearsal. Our annual subscription for TCO is £125 (£90 for subsequent siblings) payable by 11/09/24. You may opt to pay this in two installments if you wish. Account details will be given on our Whatsapp page once signed up.

How to sign up

Please sign your child up even if they have attended in previous years using the jot form here: <https://form.jotform.com/212485473164357>

Contact:

Belinda Bale belcbelinda@gmail.com, 07811 378768

Facebook page and new members

Please like and share our page on your timeline!

<https://www.facebook.com/TauntonChildrensOrchestra/>

The best way of recruiting new members is by personal recommendation, so please do share this with any friends whom you think might be interested in coming along.



RISE GYMNASTICS

Giving every gymnast the opportunity to shine

Wellsprings Leisure Centre
Any enquiries please call us on 01823 271271 or pop into the centre.

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Mrs Davenport will continue French lessons this year on Mondays and will also be starting Spanish lessons on Tuesdays. If your child is interested in learning French or/and Spanish, please contact Mrs Davenport at:
alysondavenport@hotmail.com

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Open Events 2024

Come and see what The Castle School has to offer your child:

Daytime Tuesday 10th, Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th September 9.30am - email office@castle.bep.ac to secure your place.	Evening Wednesday 11th September 6.00pm - 8.00pm
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STAGE COACH
Stagecoach Taunton

FREE TASTER SESSION

Where: Selworthy School, Taunton, TA2 7EG

When: Friday 13th September

Time: 4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm
6-18 Years 4.30-7.30pm

Help your child discover the performing arts!

To Join us on Friday 13th September for a FREE Taster session scan the QR code or enrol at taunton@stagecoach.co.uk

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