



# Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## WELCOME!

This week we welcomed a new pupil into our Senior School. We hope the family settles quickly into TCST school life.

We are processing several other applications and do have spaces available. If you know somebody who may be interested, don't wait for our next Open Day, contact the office and arrange a tour.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Monday afternoon is our Christmas bazaar; for pupils wishing to shop, please send them in with a carrier bag for their shopping. There will be a voluntary donation collection box. This can be cash or BACS (reference Bazaar).

Thank you to everyone who has donated items or volunteered their time to help. Linda.

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAYS

9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December

Today was our first hot chocolate Friday and it proved very popular. Thank you to everyone who supported them today. Our Y10 pupils are raising money for the Y11 Leavers Assembly.

Hot chocolate and a cookie - £1.50  
Just a hot chocolate or just a cookie - £1.00

## CAROL SERVICE – 7pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We are looking forward to welcoming guests for our Carol Service on Friday. The evening is a collaboration with the members of Takeley Chapel, with carols, music and readings.

We would prefer people to book this free event via our Eventbrite link as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you do not have access to Eventbrite, or need an accessible space, please contact the office.

Our Y10 pupils will be serving complimentary refreshments from 6.30pm although there will be a donation bucket to raise money for the Y11 Leavers Assembly that they are organising for next summer.



### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE IN SCHOOL TO BUY:

There are a few packs left should anybody need any. Please pop into Reception with cash or pay by BACS and collect.

They are available in packs of 10: £5 for your first pack, £4.50 for any subsequent packs. Payment can be by BACS or cash. Please contact the office if you need our payment details.

We hope you will support this small fundraising initiative which we hope will also help raise awareness of the school. If you have any questions, please contact Carina or Katie.

### 2022 Poppy Appeal for The Royal British Legion

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased a poppy from our reception collection box this year. We collected £16.46.

Charity Number - 219279





### ECO TEAM NEWS:

Full details of our Eco Team and Art Photography Competition will be released next week:

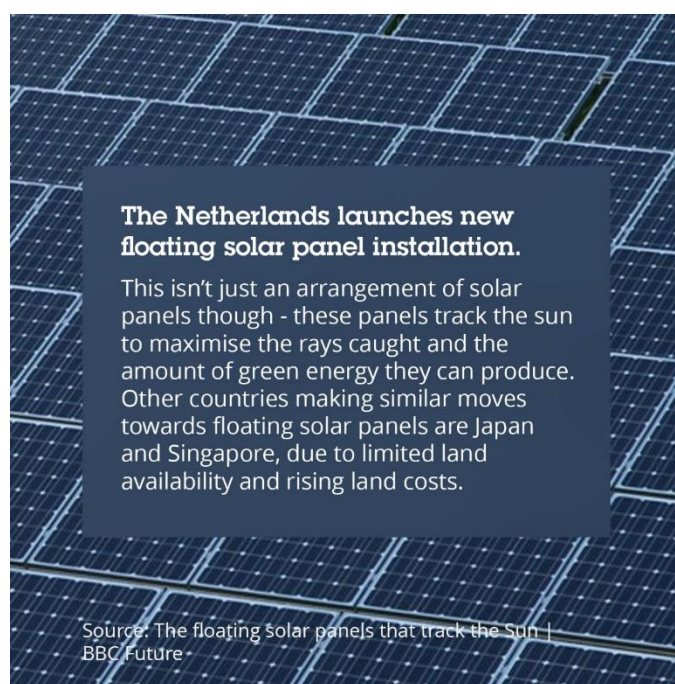
#### Different Viewpoints

First Prize £15 voucher

Second Prize £10 voucher

Third Prize £5 voucher

Our thanks to @ecotricity  
for allowing us to use their  
#PositiveClimateNews image.



#### **The Netherlands launches new floating solar panel installation.**

This isn't just an arrangement of solar panels though - these panels track the sun to maximise the rays caught and the amount of green energy they can produce. Other countries making similar moves towards floating solar panels are Japan and Singapore, due to limited land availability and rising land costs.

Source: The floating solar panels that track the Sun | BBC Future

### LOCAL PRODUCE AVAILABLE

We have locally produced eggs and honey available to buy in our Reception. Stocks are replenished every Wednesday (Term time). Cash only please.

A jar of honey - £6.00

6 free range eggs - £2.00

Beautiful beeswax candles - £4.00 for two.



## FREE ONLINE SAFETY GUIDE ON HiPal from NATIONAL COLLEGE

Click on the link at the bottom of the newsletter for a pdf in HiPal. A copy can be found in the Parent Section of our school website.

“HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, send private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.”

## LIFE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:

‘Caprice’ the Essex woodwind and brass orchestra, held their annual Christmas Nowell at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday evening. Caprice also has a youth orchestra, ‘Young Caprice’, and they joined in with them for two of the pieces. Our own Esther Toms plays the oboe for the youth orchestra, and is pictured here with their conductor, Nick Pattie. It was a lovely concert of carols and Christmas songs, and plenty of audience participation! Young Caprice have a concert in the spring, so look out for more information about tickets.



## Blessing:

If you have been following the highs and lows of the World Cup you may have seen an interview with England midfielder, Bukayo Saka, talking about his faith and daily bible study.

Speaking earlier this year, he was quoted:

“I hold on to God’s promises such as the Scripture ‘Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours’. So before every game I ask God to help me play well, help my team and try to score a goal or assist a goal and he answers my prayers so this is why I point to the sky to thank him.”

Source: [www.newlifepublishing.co.uk/articles/superstar-saka-i-hold-on-to-gods-promises](http://www.newlifepublishing.co.uk/articles/superstar-saka-i-hold-on-to-gods-promises)

Isaiah 41:10: So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Each topic / project in the Junior Department commences with a 'Stunning Start', as a hook to introduce the topic in a lively way. At the mid-point of the topic, we focus upon creative skills within History and Geography. Today Key Stage 2 celebrated their 'FANTASTIC END' to the Romans Topic. The Juniors created hypocausts, Roman underfloor heating models. At break time, the children discussed foods and tasted typical Roman snacks. Additionally, they listened to Roman-themed music over lunch. Finally, they completed a team treasure hunt, exploring aspects of Roman life and concluded the day by exploring Roman pot designs and making their own miniatures. All of the children were able to explain their learning and expressed their enjoyment of the day. Some of the children finished the day by whizzing around the hall and playing Christmas games on roller skates!

