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Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Rothwell

Newsletter

In partnership to Educate, Nurture, Empower

Welcome

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, we hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and New Year, and that you were able to get together with family and friends beyond that which was possible last year. Last term was incredibly busy and it is only when I have reflected on all that we did I have realised just how busy it was:

- The Leeds United foundation came in to run PE sessions for some year groups together with lunchtime and after school clubs ;
- Most classes took part in scootering sessions back in September;
- Year 5 were able to continue with their swimming sessions at Rothwell Leisure centre ;
- Year 6 met their buddies in reception and were able to meet with them regularly and lead games and activities at lunchtimes;
- October saw our Harvest Festival take place at Holy Trinity Church;
- October also saw 'meet the teacher' events after school;
- November saw M&M productions deliver their pantomime Snow White;
- Year 5 went on a residential to Nell Bank;
- Year 3 and 4 went to Eureka and learnt about the different types of poo (!);
- Reception and KS1 shared a fabulous nativity, Prickly Hay;
- KS2 led some fantastic singing at Holy Trinity Church for our whole school carol concert;
- December also saw our Christmas dinner day and a special visit from a very special person!

When I first started this newsletter I did not anticipate the challenges over the last few weeks. I want to thank you for your understanding during this time. I had planned to issue this newsletter two weeks ago! I was going to amend the draft to reflect where we are at now, but decided against this and left the newsletter in its original form as I feel there is so much to celebrate from last half term.

Notwithstanding the challenges so far this term throughout it all the children have been truly amazing and have greeted all the challenges with resilience and have embraced change where needed. I continue to be incredibly proud of them.

Mrs G Marsland

Head of School

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OUR YEAR 6 AND RECEPTION BUDDIES

This year we launched a buddy system where we paired our year 6 children with one of our new to reception children.

Our 6 pupils wrote to their buddies to welcome them to Holy Trinity, and to introduce themselves before they started in September.

We have all loved seeing how the friendships and relationships have developed. Our year 6 children have been of huge support to all the staff in reception—and our lunchtime staff—has they often willing lead games with their buddies. All our year 6 pupils should be incredibly proud of maturity and kindness that they have shown. Well done year 6!

Belated Harvest Thank You....

The Leeds South & East Food-bank have sent their thanks for our harvest donations. They have apologised for the delay in sending this to us.

Your donations totalled 87 kg which were used to create 109 meals which made a **HUGE** difference to the families who are struggling at the moment.

Burley Banksy Project

In September which seems a long time ago, we were finally able to complete the project. I hope it continues to give you as much joy—it really does make me smile as I arrive at work each day—as it does to me on your journeys to school.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th January	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 12th January	Year 5 and Year 6 parents evening (deferred from Autumn 2)
Monday 24th January	Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 18th February	School closes for half term

SeeSaw and Tapestry....

Thank you for continuing to embrace SeeSaw and Tapestry. It is continuing to be a great way to share and celebrate our children's learning.

Christian Values

This half term we focus on the Christian Value of **TRUST**:

We have HOPE at Holy Trinity because:

- We have faith that good things will happen
- We have ambitions to achieve BIG things as we grow up
- We still have hope even when things are hard
- We encourage one another and show resilience

The Bible tells us:

- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:13).
- Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer (Romans 12:12).

Leeds United Foundation....

Last term the Leeds United foundation worked with some of our KS2 classes and led lunchtime and afterschool club on Thursdays. We are pleased to say that the Leeds United foundation will also be in school on Fridays to work with other classes, and to run additional lunchtime and after school clubs. We know our children loved the sessions last year, and are pleased to be able to offer more! Miss Pritchard will contact our school families about the after school clubs. The PE timetable for next half term are as follows:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 6 PE	Year 2 PE	Reception	Year 6 Leeds United Foundation	Year 2 Leeds United Foundation
Year 5 PE	Year 1 PE	Year 3/4	Reception/Year 1 Leeds United Foundation *	Year 3/4 Leeds United Foundation
			Year 5 Swimming	

* Reception and Year 1 will alternate sessions each week with the Leeds United Foundation.

Note: sometimes it might be necessary to change these sessions around. Class teachers will notify you in advance when this happens.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

As the Christmas fayre couldn't go ahead this year, we wanted to let you know what your donations will be used for.

We have donated much of the chocolate to school, for use as prizes at Christmas parties and each child received a gift from Santa.

The bottles are being kept (if in date) for a stall at the Summer fayre. We will not be asking for donations of bottles/chocolate again for this event.

We are hoping to run the following events in 2022. Please put these dates in your diaries:

- ♦ Easter Disco – Years 1-6 – 29th March
- ♦ Reception class film night – 22nd March
- ♦ Summer fayre – 8th July

We will also running a raffle at Easter.

Thank you for your continued support

Wishing you a Happy New Year

Holy Trinity PTA

If you would like to know more about joining the Governing Body at Holy Trinity then please contact Mrs Marsland or the school office initially to find out more.



Celebration Assembly

Most Fridays we hold a collective worship for the whole school during which time we also: issue attendance prizes, Head of School certificates for children meeting our school values or weekly ethos statement.



We are hoping that by the Summer term we will be regularly able to invite parents to attend these assemblies. In the meantime, if your child has received an award, certificate, badge, acknowledgement outside of school –for example a swimming award – which they would like to share then we happily present these also in assembly.

Please send any awards, together with details (a short note if one is needed) is fine to the school office by 9am on a Friday morning.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important, but do realise that there have been challenges around this in the most recent times owing to the pandemic.

Your child/children may have shared that we have re-launched our weekly attendance prize. All children who are in school 100% of the time will be entered into the lucky draw! We will also be launching this half term a prize for the most improved attendance too.

Please help to support us by getting your child into school and on time everyday!

Year 2 Christmas DT Projects Making Christmas Stockings



Never too old to build a snowman!



Christmas dinner—can't not include



Year 5 Residential at Nell Bank



Year 3/4 Trip to Eureka

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