



HOLY TRINITY

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PRIMARY PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful Christmas and would like to wish you a happy New Year. I would like to bring you up to date with what is happening here at Holy Trinity Primary Phase.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Last week our Year 5's went to the Tropical Butterfly House which will be the hook for their new topic this term.

The Year 1's will be going to the National Media Museum in Bradford on the 26th January to explore their topic on "Gadgets and Gizmos." The Year 3's will be going to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on the 28th January.

Our Young Voice choir will be taking part in the regional event at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday next week. They have been practising really hard and I am sure they will all thoroughly enjoy this opportunity. Be prepared for a long day!

Year 4's will have their Pedestrian training on Wednesday next week as part of our Road Safety Programme. It is important that we teach children the dangers of roads and how to cross safely.

Clubs

We currently have the following clubs on offer this term:

Monday – Dance

Tuesday – Geography (Y4&5)

Wednesday – Homework club (lunchtime); Dance; Karate

Thursday – Basketball; Science (Y6)

Friday – Football (Y4 – lunchtime); Enterprise (lunchtime)

In addition, we have the possibility of putting on a recorder club with a teacher who is willing to run this club on a Tuesday evening from 3.15 -4.15pm. If there is enough interest, she has given the following information:

"The proposed recorder group would last for an hour and be for both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children. It would meet straight after school and the cost for each child would be £3 per session, which I would collect each week. There would also be an initial cost of £7.50, for the price of a new Yamaha descant recorder (complete with bag and fingering chart), which each child would then keep. There would be an upper limit for each group of twelve children, to ensure that each child receives optimum attention."

Further information will be available from the Primary Reception desk from Monday evening.

Year 6 Booster classes

We will begin the process of preparing our children for their SATs tests this term by holding breakfast boosters on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am. In addition, I will have an after-school maths booster class on a Wednesday evening from 3.30pm – 4.30pm if your child cannot attend any of the morning sessions.

New staff

We have a new member of our team who joined us last week. She is called Mrs King and will work as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (*although she is a qualified teacher*) through school; covering lessons where needed, running interventions and covering teacher absence.

School Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately, as of today, there will be no school crossing patrol. This will remain unmanned until a suitable person applies for this post. If you know of anyone who would be interested in filling this vacancy, please speak to Susan Fox on 772024. Thank you.

Attendance

Our current attendance is 95.5% which is just below the school target of 96%. Last week, over 90 of our pupils achieved 100% attendance awards and Class 8 was our highest attending class last term. Well done to all!

Please remember that there is a clear link between attendance and attainment. Any absence affects your child's education, and regular absence seriously affects their learning, disrupts teaching routines and the learning of others.

Head lice

We are once again receiving reports that some children have head lice. Please try to use this weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

What to look for:

- Adult lice are small (about the size of a sesame seed).
- Eggs (nits) are usually found firmly attached to the base of the hair shaft.
- Lice stay near the scalp, often behind the ears, near the neckline, and back of the head.
- Head lice hold tightly to the hair. They move by crawling. They cannot hop or fly (they do not have wings), but do move quickly making it difficult to find in a child's hair.
- Signs of a head lice infestation include: itchy scalp, tickling sensation in a person's hair. Head lice are most active in the dark.

Mass Times: We are currently awaiting confirmation from Father Damien and Father Marshall. A text will be sent out to inform you of the dates.

Parent Council – will meet on Friday 30th January at 9.15am.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Parkin