



Holy Trinity School Newsletter



October 2016

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, we have lots to celebrate, as you will see in our newsletter. First of all I would like to thank parents and carers, pupils, staff and governors for your support during my first half term as Headteacher. It is greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you to help our students achieve their full potential.

I would also like to welcome our new members of staff, who have joined us this term:

Mrs Steele (Teacher of English)

Mrs McAleer (Teacher of French)

Mr Henderson (Teacher of History and Geography)

Ms Gomersall (Teacher of Science)

Miss Bowes (Year 5 teacher)

Miss Hall (Year 4 teacher)

Mr Waller (Teacher of Maths)

Mrs Hubbard (Teacher of RE)

Miss Haywood (Admin staff)

They are great additions to our team and, I know, will make a difference to the achievements of our children.

As you know, we often hold events in school and on behalf of all staff, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to parents for taking part and supporting them. Many of you attended our recent parents' information evenings and hopefully the information you received will help us all to work together to improve the progress of your children. You have also supported us through your attendance and donations for the Macmillan coffee morning – which raised a fantastic £333.94 – and our Harvest Festival Liturgies.

Our pupils have made a very positive start to the year. We have been working hard to develop independence and a "can do" attitude. You will have received my letter, outlining our FAITH approach this year, see page 2 for the details.

I hope you all have a good half term.

Kind regards and God bless,

Anna Dickson

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News and Events

Holy Trinity Pokémon Club!



This half term, students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have got together to establish the Holy Trinity Pokémon Club.

Each week, students meet to discuss and play the game, nominate their 'Pokémon of the week', trade Pokémon cards; and, of course, watch some classic Pokémon episodes.

The club meets at 12:30 every Wednesday in Miss Newton's room. New members are welcome

Pasta King Winners



Winners of the latest Pasta King Competition in school received their prizes from Headteacher Mrs Dickson and our Catering Manager, Mrs Williams.

The Pasta King Loyalty Scheme rewarded pupils with a free meal for every fully stamped card, with the completed cards being entered into a free prize draw. There were some brilliant prizes, including Amazon Firesticks, Google Play Vouchers and Wireless Selfie sticks.

Congratulations to the winners!

Primary Round up

Harvest Festivals

The Harvest Festivals this week proved to be extremely popular as there was standing room only!

The liturgies were themed around "Feed the Hungry" in line with the Year of Mercy as decreed by the Pope.

Thank you to everyone who attended; and for your generous donations, which will be going to the Fare Share Project in Barnsley.

Next year we will organise the festivals differently, so that everyone can be seated.

Book Swap Event

On Friday, as part of our Alternative Curriculum Day, we held a Book Swap event, which raised over £60. This will go toward replenishing our school reading books. Importantly, it raised the profile of reading in school, which is our main priority this year. Classes were mixed for the activity, so that older children read alongside our younger ones. Both staff and children found this to be a positive experience, which we can build on through the year.

Parent Curriculum Meetings

Our Parent's Curriculum Meetings were held as an opportunity for parents to meet their children's new class teachers, find out what they will be learning this term and establish routines and expectations. Year 6 Parents' were given information regarding SATs and expectations for homework. All information is available on our website. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

FAITH

FAITH. We want our pupils to have self-confidence and belief in themselves as learners, as individuals and as members of our community.

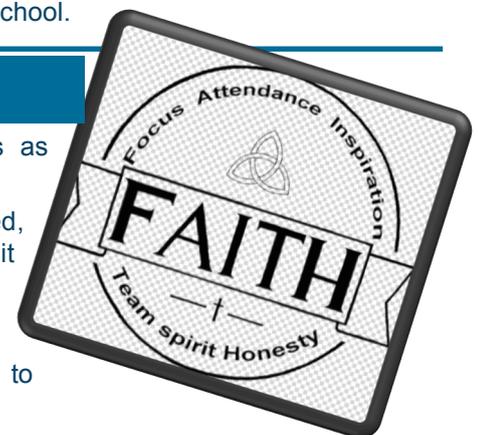
FOCUS Keep your goal in mind, work towards it, be self-disciplined, practise every day at school and at home, don't give up when it gets difficult. Plan and be organised.

ATTENDANCE Turn up every day – body and mind

INSPIRATION Set yourself challenging but achievable goals. Have a dream to work towards –for the future and for the short term.

TEAM SPIRIT Get involved, take responsibility, work together so that all can achieve, always encourage others.

HONESTY Be honest with yourself – have you done your best? What isn't working? What is working well? Adapt if what you're doing isn't working.



Autumn Term Key Dates for Primary

- Wednesday 9th November: Year 1 visit to Sherwood Forest
- Friday 11th November: Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
- 15th-22nd November: Book Fair in school
- Wednesday 16th November: Reception Open Evening 6-7pm (for prospective parents who wish their children to start in September 2017)
- Friday 18th November: Christmas Fair from 2.30pm
- Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th November: Primary Parents' Evenings
- Friday 25th November: Y2 visit to Yorkshire Mining Museum
- Thursday 1st December: Pantomime in school (all year groups)
- Tuesday 6th December: Nursery Nativity Concert
- Wednesday 7th December: FS2 Nativity 2pm
- Thursday 8th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm; FS2 visit to Kirklees Light Railway
- Friday 9th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am
- Tuesday 13th December: Grandparent's Party from 1.30pm
- Wednesday 14th December:
 - Key Stage 2 Advent Service (Blessed Sacrament Church) times as follows:
 - 9.30am Years 3 & 4
 - 10.30am Years 5 & 6
 - EYFS/Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties – pm
- Thursday 15th December (pm): Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
- Friday 16th December: Year Group Liturgies

Reading Partners

Class 8 and Class 2 had a brilliant time on Alternative Curriculum Day, reading and completing book reviews together.



Science Visits and Open Evening

It's been a busy few weeks in Science, with Sheffield Hallam University and Barnsley B-Chilled coming in to work with Year 10 students on Alternative Curriculum Day and a successful Science Opening Evening.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Barnsley Schools Cross Country season is the first major event of the year and takes place over several weeks at different venues with races for Years 7, 8, 9 and a combined Y10/11 race. In order to score points each school must have six boys and six girls finishing the race in each age group.

The first week was a gruelling run around Locke Park and featured some outstanding individual performances particularly by race winners Lucy Watson and Scott Nutter, other top 5 finishers were Liam Collins, Dominic Brennan, Matthew Cotton, Taylor Armitage & Ethan Walker. However it's predominantly a team event and Holy Trinity never finished outside the first 2



places in every year group meaning we had a big lead after this first session.

Week 2 was on the hilly Penistone Showground and once more Scott Nutter and Lucy Watson won their respective races. Other notable individual top 5 runs were achieved by the same runners as week 1, plus Jonathan Foers. Race of the day was Y7 boys, where Leo Kerr of Holy Trinity led throughout, until being

pipped right on the finishing line. As well as the previously mentioned students who are all in the top 5 rankings, Jess Jones and Lucy Greenman from Y10 are in overall 2nd and 5th places.

Scores are added up over the weeks and following two races the positions are as follows:

- 1) Holy Trinity – 106 points
- 2) Horizon – 54 points
- 3) Kirk Balk – 39 points
- 4) Carlton – 16 points
- 5) Penistone – 10 points

The final race is at Cannon Hall on 19th October and with a similar performance to the previous weeks Holy Trinity should clinch the Championship for the 3rd consecutive year.

Alternative Curriculum Day – a Report by Mr McInerney



The first 'AC Day' of the school year was a great success, with all pupils engaging in a variety of exercises to enhance their learning at school.

We had 16 visitors, 2 trips and a wide range of activities and opportunities, which were all received very well.

The Technology and the Arts department undertook the TEENTECH project with Y7, which is focused on designing new buildings. This is a National Enterprise project and we have high hopes of some of our teams going much further in the competition, as the pupils' levels of inventiveness and innovation were very high. Many thanks to Mrs Wilson and her team who inspired and energised this project so well.

We had an outstanding Y8 retreat lead by Miss Meehan, which was coupled with a range of PE activities, devised and managed by Mr Lavender. Y9 took part in a wide range of maths activities, which involved broader applications of skills developed in the main curriculum. In addition, pupils engaged in a

workshop with Sheffield Hallam University aimed at encouraging them to ultimately consider Further and Higher Education.

Y10 took part in series of workshops which developed their understanding of a range of Citizenship/PSHE issues which are particularly pertinent to young people in today's world. These were very enjoyable and informative.

A Group of Y11 students went with Mr and Mrs Towers to York St John's University and undertook a wide range of activities, which both inspired and broadened the horizons of all involved. Those remaining in school spent the day working hard to achieve the European Driving Licence ICT qualification which provides pupils with a great opportunity to gain an extra GCSE level qualification in advance of the main exams in 2017. Thanks to Messers Jones, Sawyer and Voyce.

Our day ended with a keynote speaker to upper school pupils by James Morys Muir, who is one of the Chairmen of Volkswagen Global and inventor of the Seat Leon! His presentation was inspiring, giving pupils a valuable insight into the demands and opportunities,

which will present themselves to our pupils in the future. James greatest contribution was to show that people from very normal and ordinary backgrounds can go on to doing amazing things with their lives. We hope he struck a chord with our pupils, as he did with many staff. Particular thanks goes to Mr Brackley for instigating this part of the day.

Our next ACD is on 3rd February and we aim to raise the bar even higher, as these events really can have a positive impact on pupils. If you would like to be involved in these days by introducing pupils to your skills, hobbies or interests please let us know by contacting us at gmcinerney@holytrinitybarnsley.org.



Year 11 Boys

The team began their quest for the South Yorkshire Schools Trophy with a game away at Brinsworth Academy.

They produced a fantastic team performance, not even allowing the hosts one shot on goal.

Despite them also missing numerous chances, they won 2-0, with a goal in each half from Spenser Sheppard.

The team was Robbie Bell, Callum Burkinshaw, Connor Godley, Charlie Cross, Jenson Purseglove-Stevens, Jay Ledger, Ethan Walker (captain), Danny Dickinson, Sam Muxlow, Joe Chambers, Spenser Sheppard, Harry Clarke; with subs; Danny Barlow, Evan Hardy, Oliver Harper.



Football

Year 5/6 Girls

Our Y5/6 Girls team entered their first tournament on 10th October.

The day started off well and we won our first game 1-0. This filled the girls with confidence and they went from strength to strength. Overall we won three matches and drew one, finishing as overall champions and qualifying for the finals in November.

This is a phenomenal achievement with our lack of experience, but we more than made up for it with effort, determination and FAITH.



Year 5/6 Boys

Our boys went into the Barnsley qualifying event on 14th October with great attitudes and were rewarded for their hard work and dedication.

Our A team won every game, scoring 19 goals in five matches and conceding just 1! Everyone played a role in the victory and should be very proud. We also entered a B team to give as many pupils as possible the opportunity to take part. Unfortunately they didn't manage to qualify but had a fantastic time representing their school.

