



Holy Trinity

School Newsletter



Spring Term 2018

Dear All,

It's been another busy half term for our pupils and staff. We've loved receiving parents and carers in school for the Mother's Day liturgies, our Easter concert, the parents' coffee morning and parents' evenings. Thank you all, for your fantastic support.

Thank you also for the contributions you have made to our Lenten Charity; Baby Basics. As always, we are overwhelmed by your generosity.

World Book Day was a little delayed this year due to the poor weather we have had, but it was worth the wait! Pupils throughout the school were involved in lots of activities. You will find further details and photographs, later in this newsletter.

It was lovely to see our primary pupils dressed up as their favourite characters, from the books they love. We were also able to combine world book day with the Mothers' Day liturgies, so that many of you were able to see them all in their outfits. I think you'll agree – they looked amazing. It was clear that parents and pupils had put a lot of thought into the characters. Thank you!

Our Year 9 students have had an important half term, with big decisions to be made in choosing their options for next year. Year 10 have had their two-week work experience placements and gained further, valuable insight into the world of work.

We had another Alternative Curriculum Day this half term. Students were involved in lots of different activities including sessions organised by Barnsley College, Sheffield Hallam University and York St John's University. They took part in ancient mathematics, tower building and lots more. As always it was a valuable and enjoyable day for students and staff alike.

Finally, we are now approaching the end of year exam and assessment time. In the important dates section, you will find dates for SATs and GCSEs. Staff and pupils are working really hard in class, to make sure they are ready for them. Please encourage your children to also prepare thoroughly at home over the next few weeks. I know many of them are already doing so.

I wish you a wonderful Easter break. Monday 9th April is an INSET day, so we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Tuesday 10th April.

Kind Regards and Happy Easter

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News and Events

Academy Conversion

At present, there is nothing new to report, in relation to our forthcoming academy conversion. The process is continuing and the target date for completion is now 1st May.

We have been asked whether anything will change, in terms of the school name and uniform, following conversion. Please be assured that we will continue to be called "Holy Trinity" and the school uniform will remain unchanged.

Teaching and Learning

Our staff always work very hard to plan and teach high quality lessons. They take every opportunity to seek and develop ways in which they can improve their teaching practice.

You will remember from previous newsletters, there have been a number of initiatives in school, researching good practice and sharing findings. We have seen great lessons and had some really interesting discussions

about the research that teachers have carried out and how they are applying it in their classrooms.

In the primary phase, staff have introduced a mastery approach to the teaching of English and Mathematics. Mastery aims to develop a deep, long-term and adaptable understanding of the subject so that children are confident to apply their skills in a variety of situations.

Parents' Coffee Morning

Thank you again to parents who attended the most recent coffee morning on 23rd February. It was another interesting and useful event.

Following discussion at our January Coffee Morning, Katie Laverack (Year 9) sold tickets for a chocolate bouquet to raise money to go to Africa as part of the Girl Guides' "Africa's Gift". As part of the visit the girls work with underprivileged families. They have to buy their own equipment to carry out the work they do there. As part of this, they purchase "wonderbags" which they give to the families. These cost £15 each and work as slow cookers which reduce the amount of smoke in the houses and the amount of water needed for cooking. They are making a big difference to the lives of these poor families.

Thank you so much to all who bought raffle tickets and helped to raise a total of £155 towards the trip.

Forthcoming Dates

Monday 26 th March – Friday 6 th April	School Closure – Easter Holiday
Monday 9 th April	INSET Day
Thursday 12 th April	Y10 reports to parents
Friday 13 th April	Parents' Coffee Morning (9am)
Wednesday 18 th April	Y9 reports to parents
Thursday 19 th April	Y10 receive Mock exam timetables
Monday 23 rd April	Y11 English language mock exam (Paper 1)
Tuesday 24 th April	Y11 English language mock exam (Paper 2)
Wednesday 25 th April	Y7 reports to parents
Wednesday 25 th April	Y11 photographs
Friday 27 th April	AC Day
Tuesday 1 st May	KS1 SATs period begins
Tuesday 1 st May	Y8 reports to parents
Monday 7 th May	May Day (School closed)
Wednesday 9 th May	Y7 parents' evening
Monday 14 th May	KS2 SATs begin
Monday 14 th May	Y11 GCSE written exams begin
Thursday 17 th May	Y8 parents' evening
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	School Closure – Half Term Holiday



YEAR 8'S BIG BANG

Some of our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC in Birmingham this month.

They had a brilliant day, in fact, there was so much to see and do, it was difficult for them to fit it all in.

All students behaved impeccably throughout the day and were a credit to our school.

A huge well done to all the students and a big thank you to the staff for taking them.

World Book Day

There were lots of activities going on in both the Primary and Secondary phases to celebrate World Book Day – even if it had been postponed because of the snow!

Year 7 and Year 8 students spent a lovely day designing their own futuristic dystopias and utopias in Drama. We had everything from futures where people owned unicorns and ate nothing but sweets, to dark worlds ruled completely by totalitarian robots. There were even worlds created where GCSE results were awarded based on how long students could survive in a giant free for all battle!

All students presented their ideas for futuristic worlds to the class, and it's fair to say that all of their ideas were both creative and impressive.

Meanwhile, we had an amazing 37 entries for our World Book Day Treasure Hunt. Everyone enjoyed themselves and our five winning teams/students were:

Elliot Nurcombe, Levi Bretton, "The Boys" (Scott W, Tyler L, Charlee, Sam B & Callum F),



Emily Burrell, Nikolas Kulvoks, Charlotte Senior, Milly Waddington and Emily Ingram. Each team won an Easter Egg and all entries received achievement points in recognition of their efforts.

In order to enter the treasure hunt, students had to solve ten riddles and use the answers to find different locations around the school. It was great to see so many students involved and to have so many entries.

Elsewhere in school, students got involved with activities such as 'Drop Everything And Read'. For this, every student across the whole school shared a story throughout the day. The story

was 'Billenium' and was enjoyed by staff and students alike.

We also had specific activities to encourage reading, such as a 'Book Swap' in the Heart Space and a book recommendation post box that anyone could contribute to.

Our drama students also took part in lessons that were themed around books.

Students from our Secondary Phase form 7B1 joined classes 1 and 2 in our Primary Phase, where they took part in shared reading. All students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

It was a very successful World Book Day in school. Thanks to everyone for taking part.

The following students are currently 'Top of the Class' for their efforts in reading.

HUGE congratulations to them all!

All students who achieve the magnificent target of reading more than a million words will be rewarded at the end of the

school year with a special treat. Congratulations to Logan Phelan for already smashing this target!

All KS3 students are provided with an ability appropriate reading book and are also encouraged to read at home for pleasure. Every student who achieves over 80% on their reading quiz will receive 10

achievement points.

To help our students achieve this target, we have provided reading spaces across school, which are accessible at break and lunchtime. L6 is also open every Friday lunchtime for students who wish to read or quiz.

Name	Word Count
7A1 Joseph Kemp	344,684
7A2 Isobel Mellor	342,642
7A3 Lucy Batley	351,621
7B1 Samantha Osbourne	255,773
7B2 Casey-Jo Missa	410, 386
8A1 Michelle Frey	611,225
8A2 Amy-Leigh Jenkinson	583,733
8A3 Tyler Cherry	226,649
8B1 Frances Pearmain	330,252
8B2 Ruby Wilson	177, 851
9A1 Patrick Shakesby	502,617
9A2 Logan Phelan	1,366,716
9A3 Megan Collins	210,458
9B1 Natasha Bamford	279,712
9B2 Ethan Wood	186,600

GCSE Exams

There are now only 25 school days until GCSE exams begin for our Year 11 students and our Year 6 pupils begin their SATS.

As they prepare for this very important time, any support you can give at home will really help. At school, we are doing our best to support our students, in order to help them achieve their full

potential and be ready for the next stage in their education.

For our Y11 students, this means enabling them to leave Holy Trinity with the best possible qualifications. This is important, as it will help them to have the widest possible choice in what they would like to do next.

There are many useful online resources to help with revision for both GCSEs and SATS; information is also available on the school website, along with the GCSE exam timetable.

If you would like advice on to best support your children at home, please contact school and we will be happy to help.

Zac is a #HolyTrinityStar



We have another budding Holy Trinity Star in Zac Wolstenholme from Class 12.

Last year, Zac won a part in a new comedy film, 'Walk Like a Panther'. He filmed with the cast in June.

The film has just been released in cinemas and we can't wait to go see it!

Well done Zac – can we have your autograph?!

Be Prepared for Hay Fever Season!

If you're dreading the start of hay fever season, now is the time to stock up on Holy Trinity Honey, in order to ward off those sniffles and sneezes. It's recommended that hay fever sufferers start taking local honey from late January onwards, (before pollen spores are released) to get the best effect.

Although not officially medically proven, numerous studies back up claims that local honey can decrease or totally eliminate hay fever symptoms.

The idea is that local honey acts like a vaccine, a process called **immunotherapy**. Honey contains a variety of the same pollen spores that give allergy sufferers so much trouble when flowers and grasses are in bloom. Introducing these spores into the body in small amounts by eating honey should help build resistance and decrease the chance of an immune



system response. Since the concentration of pollen spores in honey is low, the production of antibodies shouldn't trigger allergy symptoms. Ideally, there will be no reaction at all.

As with all honey, the advice is not to give it to babies under the age of 1 year old.

Year 3 had a brilliant time when they visited Creswell Crags.

It was a very cold day, but this didn't spoil the fun one bit!

Whilst we were there, the children went down into the caves, got stuck into building dens, learned how they would get food, by deer hunting and how they could make a fire for cooking and warmth.



Year 3 Visit to Creswell Crags



The weather didn't put anyone off from having a brilliant day!

Mothers' Day Liturgies

Our Mothers' Day Liturgies are always a special event and this year didn't disappoint. As we had to rearrange World Book Day, there were also some wonderful costumes on display.

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the children's brilliant efforts.



RE – 7X2 Create Brilliant Homework!

In RE, Year 7 have been studying the Old Testament and as part of their work, pupils in 7X2 created some wonderful pieces of homework to demonstrate their knowledge of the creation story, according to Genesis.

Throughout this term they have been studying the Bible, Creation and the different

interpretations of the creation story. They have also learned about the prophets including Abraham and Moses.

Miss Meehan is very proud of the effort that pupils in 7X2 have put in. They have demonstrated outstanding attitude to learning in lessons and the homework produced was fantastic!



Careers and Enterprise

Save the Date!

Careers Fair – 27th April 2018

Our next Careers Event will be held on Friday 27th April 2018, from 9am – 12.15pm at school.

We are delighted to already have more than thirty companies, colleges and universities booked in from around Barnsley, Sheffield, and Leeds.

We also have some exhibitors from much further afield; global trade connections with whom the school already has fantastic links.

If you are part of a local company whether owner or employee and would like to be part of our Careers Fair, helping to inspire and inform our pupils about post 16 options and the

world of work, then please get in touch.

Hopefully this date is still free in your calendar and we will see you there!

If you have any questions please email or phone Miss Hardcastle, as below:

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Work Experience

In March, our Year 10 students were out of school on work experience. The purpose of this event is to help them understand more about the world of work.

We also hope that it will help students to develop confidence as members of society whilst working with adults in very different settings.

One of the key reasons for work experience however, is to help our young people make more

informed decisions about their futures. They may find things they love or things they don't!

Either way, it gives them an experience to reflect on and the information they need, in order to fully consider and plan what they would like to do when leaving school.

This year, our students have excelled; working in places as diverse as law firms and primary schools. The reports we have

received from employers have been fantastic. They have shown themselves to be a credit to our school and their families. Well done to them all.

If you know someone, or are part of an organisation that might be able to help a young person through work experience in the future please do not hesitate to contact us on gmcinerney@holytrinitybarnsley.org

Two of the organisations that have taken students on work experience are NPS Barnsley and The Skills Village.

Three of our students, Liam, Gerard and Curtis had a fantastic experience at The Skills Village. They did brilliantly, getting stuck into



construction activities and worked very hard.

The activities they've participated in include site work and joinery. They have even learned some useful new skills, as you can see in the photograph, where they are making angled halving joints!

Meanwhile, Scott Nutter went to NPS Barnsley and is pictured being shown the ropes by their Architect, Ben.

We've had fantastic comments about how well these boys have done. We hope it inspires them and helps with the big decisions they must make next year.



Sports News

Netball

Our Year 8 girls thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Barnsley Schools Netball Tournament, held here at Holy Trinity. They put in a great effort and did us proud.

Our Year 7 girls travelled to Horizon, to take part in the tournament there. They played well, drawing one game and winning two to make it to the final against Penistone.



In the final, the girls played brilliantly. After going down 4-0, they began pulling back, scoring

two goals, with the game finally ending 4-2 to Penistone. If only we'd had a little more time!

Six schools entered the competition and overall, Holy Trinity came second. This was an amazing achievement for all involved; they did us proud!

Meanwhile our Year 9 girls had two teams in the tournament. The team that have been playing together since Year 7 won and the newly formed team came third! Well done!

Hotshot Betty Shines in Arizona

Our Year 11 student, Betty Cheetham has been hitting the target for South Yorkshire again, this time in Arizona!

The South Yorkshire Girls U16 team, travelled to the USA to play in the Presidents' Day Tournament, which is one of the biggest youth soccer competitions in the world.

There were teams from all over the world, including New

Zealand, Canada and of course, the US. A total of 480 teams took part and the South Yorkshire Girls finished 3rd in their section. Betty was the top scorer, netting five goals in four games.

Betty came in for high praise from her coach, Steve Maddock, who said, "She was fantastic!"

Well done Betty!



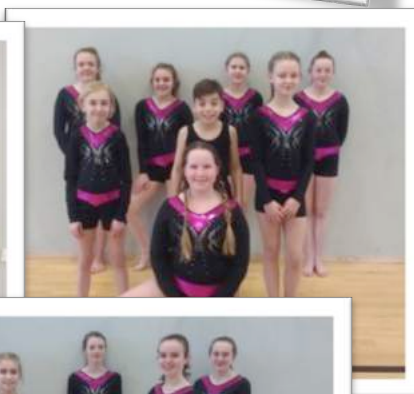
Gymnastics

We were very proud to host this year's Barnsley Schools Gymnastics Competition, here at Holy Trinity.

The event was extremely enjoyable for both competitors and spectators alike. The standard was very high, across all groups and our young gymnasts did brilliantly!

We managed some great results, with the Holy Trinity KS4 Advanced Team placing 1st – a fantastic achievement.

Our KS3 Foundation Team came 3rd and our KS3 Advanced team placed 4th.



Everyone worked very hard and gave it their best. We are very proud of their achievements and how they represented school.

