



Holy Trinity

Half-Term Update

Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents,

It was lovely to receive your children back into school following the half term break.

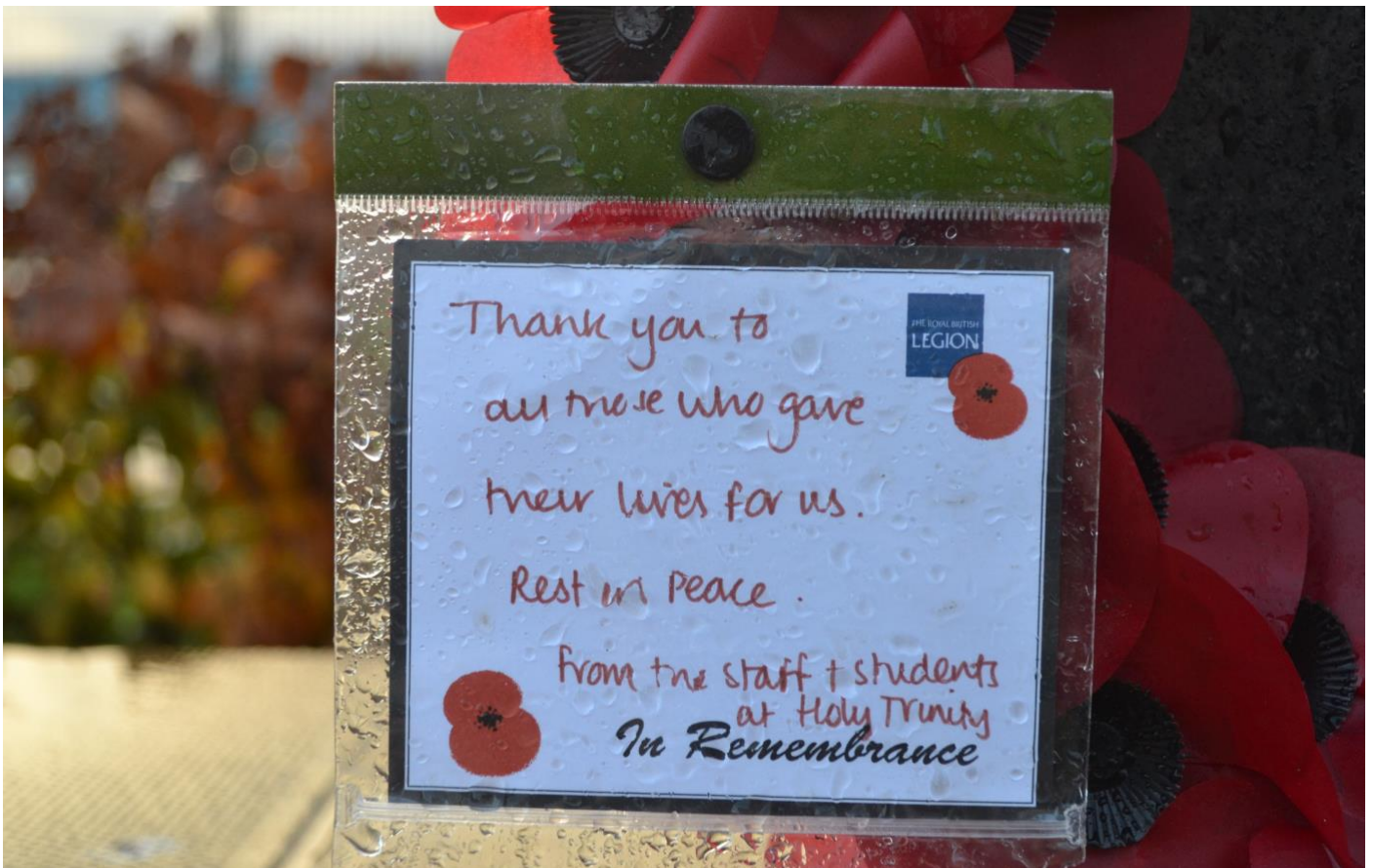
We had a busy start to the new school year in September. A big thank you to all of our staff and parents who were able to attend the information evenings. We held events for Y10, Y11 and primary parents, which were all well attended. We also had the Y7 settling in evening. These evenings are really important in helping us to work closely with you for the benefit of your children.

We also welcomed many prospective Y7 students and their families to our open evening for entry into the secondary phase in September 2019. Thank you to our staff and to the many students who gave their time in helping our visitors with information and guidance during the evening. Visitors were very impressed by our young people, who showed their pride in our school and were superb ambassadors.

For our Armistice service this year, we were joined by the Bishop of Hallam. You will find more photographs from the service on page four of this update.

Throughout this half term we will be remembering those who died in war and particularly the end of the First World War, 100 years ago.

*Best wishes and God Bless,
Anna Dickson*



Extra-Curricular Activities and Enrichment

In addition to their academic work, our students have been taking up opportunities to have a positive impact on the lives of others. This is an important part of life at Holy Trinity and also benefits the students who take part. They learn about the wider world and gain important skills and experience.

On 16th October, our Year 9 students took part in "Re-start a heart day".

This is an important scheme, where students are taught essential lifesaving skills, including how to administer CPR. The training is delivered by volunteers from Yorkshire Ambulance Service and South Yorkshire Fire Service.

We were very impressed with how our students approached the day and how well they performed in the training sessions. Well done to everyone.



We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU for your support in our recent fundraising efforts. We were able to raise £135 through the Macmillan coffee morning and staff shared breakfast and £101.93 for the CAFOD harvest fast day. You also made a huge number of donations through for the Barnsley Food Bank and many of you were able to join us for the Harvest Festival services.



A great deal of fundraising has also been going on (including two staff karaoke events) in order to support 15 of our students in visiting Romania. There are photographs and more information about the trip on page 4.

Well done to our Year 11 students who went to Lourdes at the end of last year. Eight of them attended a reunion and impressed colleagues from the other schools with their involvement and commitment; offering to read at the service, taking the offertory, chatting to the pilgrims etc. Again, they were a great credit to the school. A further 14 students from our current Year 10 year group have signed up to take part in the pilgrimage next year.

Three of our Year 8 students have agreed to represent Holy Trinity as Hallam Young Chaplaincy Leaders at half-termly meetings with other schools from within the Hallam Diocese. Through these meetings they will look at how we put our faith into action in our daily lives.

Our next school coffee morning is at 9:00 AM on Friday 23rd February, please join us, if you can, you will be very welcome.

Forthcoming Events

19 th November	Y11 mock exams begin
20 th November	Y8 reports to parents
21 st November	Barnsley College "Ambition Barnsley" event for Y9–Y11 students/parents
28 th November	Primary Pantomime
1 st December	Barnsley College Information Evening for Y11 students/parents.
7 th December	Christmas Fair
11 th & 12 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Concert
13 th & 14 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm
18 th December	Grandparents' Concert
19 th December	Primary Christmas Parties
20 th December	Advent Liturgies
21 st December	INSET and school closes for Christmas

Literacy Update

We've had lots of fun developing our literacy skills. Our younger pupils are benefiting from our new phonics scheme, Read, Write Inc. This will help them to be great readers and writers and will build on the great results we had last year in reception, Year 1 phonics and Key Stage 1. All primary pupils are now following 'Mastery English' alongside the maths mastery. Hopefully they are doing lots of reading at home too. Our Key Stage 3 students have their accelerated reading books which, again, they will hopefully be reading every night at home. We celebrated Roald Dahl Day with class readings from 'James and the Giant Peach', competitions and staff dressed as Roald Dahl characters. Well done to the pupils who received "Golden Tickets" and Willy Wonka chocolate bars, for going 'over and above' in their efforts.

Other News

Netball

Our Year 8 Girls Netball Team attended the Barnsley Schools' Netball Tournament last month.

They worked hard, playing very well against some tough opposition. Overall, they won two of their games, lost just one and drew one. This led to them achieving third place, out of nine teams. This is a great achievement.



Congratulations and well done to them all!

'That's Showbiz'

Theo Shirt recently achieved his Bronze Award in the Arts, via Northern Ballet. This is a fantastic achievement; Well done Theo! Along with members of his dance school, Theo also took part in the 'That's Showbiz' competition in York.

Together, they performed brilliantly, winning 1st place in their section. They will now go through to the semi-finals in Blackpool, in January next year.



Armistice at Holy Trinity



We were very pleased to welcome the Bishop of Hallam to our Armistice Service on 9th November.

Bishop Ralph met with some of our pupils before joining us for the service. He then addressed pupils, staff and governors, before accompanying a small group to our prayer garden, where we laid a wreath of poppies in remembrance.

Thank you to all of the staff and pupils involved in the service, which was very moving and thought provoking.

Romania 2018

You may have seen some of the students who travelled to Romania featured in the Barnsley Chronicle recently. They worked incredibly hard to help disadvantaged children and adults, who are supported by the charity 'Cry in the Dark'. They spent time visiting people with mental and physical disabilities, including life-limiting conditions. They entertained, carried out DIY projects and spent time with patients. The experience was very emotional and – in their words – “We will forever cherish the moments we had on our experience”.



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