



# Holy Trinity School Newsletter



Autumn 2019

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

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Welcome back to the second half term of this academic year! Our apologies for the late issue of the newsletter, as we have been hampered by technical issues. It does however, give us the opportunity to include a couple of additional items.

Last half term we ran a few events for parents in school; including the primary, Year 10 and Year 11 parents' information evenings, the Year 7 settling in parents evening and the phonics evenings for foundation stage parents and Key Stage 1/2 parents. I would like to thank parents for your support on these evenings and staff for organising and running them. 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 2020. 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. We received lovely feedback about our students, who were amazing ambassadors for our school and our staff. They particularly commented on our staff's enthusiasm for their subject and the relationships they have with our students.

Thank you to the parents who attended the McMillan Coffee Morning. Most of our staff were unable to attend as they were teaching, so we had a staff breakfast instead, before school. Together we raised £305.14. Well done!

Thank you also for your very generous donations at our harvest festivals and for joining us at the 3 liturgies. The donations went to the Barnsley Foodbank. They managed to fill and load 12 crates and numerous carrier bags of food donations.

You will also see in this newsletter that our pupils had great fun on Roald Dahl Day and that we held a 're-start a heart' event for our year 9 students, run by St John's Ambulance. We also had the first of our retreats for the year for our Year 7 pupils. The day focused on our mission statement and what it means to our students.

Thank you again for your support and God bless,

*Anna Dickson*



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## NEWS ROUND UP

### Holy Trinity Honey

We've had a bumper crop of Holy Trinity Honey this year.

Our beekeepers have harvested a whopping 87Kg from our hard-working bees. The previous record was 53.07Kg. This is despite losing a substantial number of bees during the wet spell in June. This meant the bees couldn't get out to forage.

If you would like to buy a jar of honey, we still have plenty for sale at the school reception. Each jar costs £4.50.



### Farewell to Elaina!

We were very sad to say farewell to Elaina Giedra, our Senior Learning Mentor, who retired at the end of last half term. Elaina has been a constant member of our team for 18 years, having joined St Michael's School in 2001.

The role of Learning Mentor was a relatively new role at that time and Elaina developed this role in her own unique way. Over the years, she has adapted the support and services she offered to meet the needs of our pupils, families and staff. She has made a huge contribution to the life of our school and to the lives and well-being of many students.

The work Elaina has carried out has provided essential support to everyone in our school community, from pupils to their parents and families, along with individual staff when they have needed her. She has given freely of her time and care and needless to say, we will miss her greatly.

It was an emotional last day for us all, as she was surrounded by a huge crowd of students who gave her a standing ovation. This was a fitting tribute to someone who has given so much of herself to our school.

We wish Elaina all the very best as she begins a new phase in her life and a very long, healthy and happy retirement. She will certainly not be forgotten and leaves some very big shoes to fill.

### Theo's English Youth Ballet Performance



Theo Shirt from Year 9 continues to dazzle in his dance career.

At the end of September, he performed in Swan Lake with the English Youth Ballet in York, delivering an outstanding performance.

Recently, he has taken part in a ten-hour competition, which saw him progress through to the Champion of Champions Dance Class Championships for Ballet and Modern in Liverpool. This will take place in December. In addition, Theo has been busy taking part in video auditions, which could give him the chance to perform in Rome next June in the Dance World Cup.

A huge WELL DONE Theo!





## Special Report from Lourdes by Mr Frow

I know the balmy days of early July are but a distant memory, but the trip that our school took to Lourdes in the summer this year will live with me for years to come. Eleven Year 10 students from Holy Trinity School, eleven young people to be proud of. Lourdes is a strange place. How can somewhere be so unbelievably busy, but at the same time be so peaceful and serene? There is an aura, an atmosphere, about the place that defies explanation or logic. You don't have to be a fervent Catholic to appreciate this; in fact, I would defy even the most ardent atheist not to get at least a sense of the place.



What hit me straight between the eyes this summer was the effect Lourdes had on our young people. What a wonderful group. They laughed, they cried, they cared, they danced, they prayed. They volunteered for pretty much everything, they read at Mass, they held candles, they went to the Grotto at midnight and cried again. Most important of all, they made the week even more special for their pilgrims. Friendships were made with young and old, and fantastic experiences had to go into the memory box.

If you or your children have the chance to go to this special place, grab it with both hands. For me, it was a renewal of my faith, a reminder of what an amazing place Lourdes is, and an affirmation that we have so many wonderful young people at our school. It was a blast.



## EYFS Visitors



We have had a couple of special visitors to our EYFS class recently.

Martin is a severely visually impaired cricket coach, who spoke to our class about his job and taught us some games in the hall. Martin will be joining us again to work with our children throughout the year. Our topic has been super senses and how we use our senses and we also have a visually impaired child in our class this year so it has been an inspiration for him too.

We also met Scott, a paramedic, who told us all about his job as real life superhero- saving lives! and allowed us to see what it's like inside an ambulance!

## Our Very own Karate-Kids!

We have two amazing achievements in karate to celebrate!

Jessica Stenson from Year 5 and Sienna Armstrong from Year 7, recently travelled to Ireland to compete. They both did brilliantly, bringing home medals galore!

Jessica won a bronze medal for an individual 9 and under event, and 2 gold medals for team events, whilst Sienna won a gold medal and her squad were awarded a silver!

Well done to both Jessica and Sienna.



## Forthcoming Dates

### Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 20th November

Thursday 21st November

Wednesday 27th November

Friday 29th November

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December

Thursday 5th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Class of 2019 (Y11) presentation evening

Y6 Crucial Crew

Y9 reports to parents

Christmas Fair

Y8 reports to parents

Primary Pantomime

AC Day

Nursery concerts (am and pm)

Y7 reports to parents

Foundation Stage concert (pm)

KS1 Nativity (pm)

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Grandparents' party (pm)

Primary Christmas parties

Y10 reports to parents

Advent Liturgies/ School closes for Christmas

School re-opens