

Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a lovely start to the year we have had! The children have come back to school brilliantly, working hard and really settling in well. I think everyone was a bit daunted by the new routines but they have coped fantastically. We are aware that there are maybe still some nerves and anxiety and we will continue to reassure the children. Just to reassure you, we are still ensuring there is good ventilation in the rooms and we still promote good handwashing and sanitising.

As always, attendance will be monitored closely and families will be contacted if attendance and/or punctuality give us cause for concern. Please ensure you let us know if your child is not going to be in school and the reason for the absence.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	All about me, Harvest and Autumn
Reception	Amazing and wonderful me, Harvest and Autumn
Year 1	Why can't nan play the Xbox?
Year 2	How can we save the planet?
Year 3	Why is the UK a unique place to live?
Year 4	How did the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings invade, raid and settle in Britain?
Year 5	What were the achievements of Ancient China?
Year 6	Why did we win the First World War?

Swimming and Music

Swimming will take place this year for children in Year 5 and 6 who missed out on this part of the curriculum in previous years due to Covid. Year 4 children are learning how to play brass instruments with staff from the Music Hub in Barnsley. We hope they all enjoy these experiences!

Harvest festival

This will take place online this year and all videos will go live on the school website on Wednesday 6th October. Further details will follow regarding food donations.

Roald Dahl Day/Send My Friend to School

On Monday of this week, children listened to stories written by Roald Dahl to celebrate this day. Later in the half term we will be looking at the part we can play in ensuring all children are learning around the world by taking part in the 2021 campaign 'Education Interrupted'.



Photos

Individual photos will be taken by the school photographer on Friday 22nd October with family groups taking place after school. More details to follow.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations go to Miss McCrum who married her husband in the summer. She is now known as Mrs Crosby.

Classrooms

Below are some photos of the classroom and as you can see staff have worked hard to make them engaging.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)







Key stage 1 (Years 1-2)









Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

















Uniform

Can you please ensure that pupils are in full school uniform at all times. School Uniform:

- Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirts
- Long or short sleeved white shirt (not polo shirt)
- Clip-on or elastic school tie
- Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Black shoes (no trainers or boots allowed)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights

PE kit:

- Trainers (not pumps)
- Navy blue shorts or a plain navy blue tracksuit may be worn for outdoor PE.
- White t-shirt (polo or round neck)
- Hoodie

Due to Health and Safety in school, <u>earrings are not allowed</u>. Please ensure that your child removes their earrings or clear retainers before they come to school. Plasters over the ears will not be acceptable. Failure to do so may lead to the child missing PE and break times.

The hoodies have arrived and have been distributed. These are for when your child has PE or an after school sports club only – school jumpers/cardigans need to be worn for the other days in the week. Staff have kindly written your child's name in as they have cost a lot of money and we don't want them to be lost! We cannot return any hoodies as they have the school logo on. A reminder that any extra future hoodies needed will have to be purchased by yourselves.

Little Angels

Our before and after school provision has opened! Booking is via the School gateway app. Please visit the school website or contact Toni Millward, the manager, via email on littleangels@holytrinitybarnsley.org for more information.



Milk and snack

Milk is available from Cool Milk and information is available by contacting the school. Milk cannot be brought into school from home. Tuck shop is open for healthy snack (breadsticks and Snack-a-jacks) and items costs 25p. If you are sending in a snack from home, please ensure it is healthy e.g. fruit. Fruit is provided for Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) as part of a government scheme. Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle (water only please) into school daily for throughout the day.

Queries

If you have any queries about school matters please contact the school via the main office on (01226 704550), email (<u>info@holytrinitybarnsley.org</u>), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via class dojo.

Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival 6th October 2021
Primary Photos 22nd October 2021
Break Up for Half Term 22nd October 2021
Back to school 1st November 2021

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