HOLY TRINITY

Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Huge congratulations to everyone who came back into school and adapted so well to the new routines last half term. We fully appreciate the anxiety many of you as parents may have about returning your child to school, especially during the high level of restrictions, but please be assured we have done everything we can to ensure the school is as safe as possible having followed all the guidance from the government. Our risk assessment is constantly under review to ensure any new guidance is fully adhered to. It is still expected that all children will continue to attend school. Attendance will be monitored closely and families will be contacted if attendance and/or punctuality give us cause for concern. Please inform school using the info@ email, by telephone or text if your child is going to be absent from school with a full explanation. Please do not send this information via Class Dojo to the teachers.

An exciting curriculum

Class	**Topic**
Nursery	Mechanics and Christmas
Reception	Mechanics and Christmas
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 Brittan?
Year 5	What were the achievements of Ancient China?
Year 6	Why did we win the First World War?

We have many exciting events happening this half term! Please watch out for information coming your way about Remembrance Day (11th November), Children in Need (13th November) and Odd Socks Day (16th November as part of Anti-Bullying week). We will also be celebrating Advent and Christingle and will be holding a virtual party for all in the final week where every class will be posting something online for you to watch!

We start our exciting curriculum work with a focus on UK Parliament Week. This is an annual event that enables children to learn more about democracy. Classes will complete a range of activities over the week.

UK Parliament Week
1– 7 November 2020

School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers
Mrs Smith has been busy organising our new School Council members and new Junior Road Safety officers (JRSOs), who will be working hard over the coming year to help make decisions about the school and to keep everyone safe on the roads. You may have already seen some of the JRSOs competition on the school Facebook page and the School Council are busy preparing for Children in Need! Well done everyone!

Parents Evening
As with everything, Parents Evening will take place virtually this term. We will be trialling a new approach with video calling between staff and yourselves. More details will follow on this but to allow everyone the chance to have an appointment in a socially distanced way, appointments will be set at 5mins and the call does cut off after the 5min time! Staff will have prepared their call in advance to ensure no time is wasted and they can tell you all the relevant information in the allotted time. Please bear with us as we try this approach for the first time!

Website
We hope you enjoyed seeing the Harvest performances last half term on the school website. The children did amazingly well and really enjoyed performing! The harvest performances are still on the website at https://holytrinitybarnsley.org/virtual-harvest-festival/ so please take a look if you haven't already!

Classrooms
The school classrooms are looking lovely and it is such a shame that you can't see them! Here are some photos from last half term.

Our classrooms

Early Years

Our classrooms

Key Stage 1

Our classrooms

Key Stage 2

Christmas
We will be performing our Christmas Nativities virtually and this year, all classes in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing for you in their class bubbles. That's 7 performances! More details will follow regarding this, but please ensure that you have returned your consent form so children can be videoed and this can be posted on the school website. **If we do not have consent, your child cannot take part!**
We will also be celebrating Advent and Christingle and will be holding a virtual party for all in the final week where every class will be posting something online for you all to watch! Classes will also have their own Christmas party in their bubble and Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 9th December. Please look out for the order form heading your way shortly. It will be a busy time but we hope to ensure that the current restrictions do not get in the way of the children celebrating this special time of year at school.

Uniform
A reminder that due to Health and Safety in school, earrings are not allowed. 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.

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 will not be open at the moment but snacks for each class will be continued to be provided by school. Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle (water only please) into school daily for throughout the day and at lunchtime.

Class Dojo
Please ensure you are connected to Class Dojo. If a class needs to close for any reason, this will be the method we will use in primary to send and receive work and your child's class teacher will be contactable via this app. If you are not connected, please contact the school office as soon as possible for more information.

Queries
If you have any queries about school matters please contact the school via the main office on (01226 704550), email (info@holytrinitybarnsley.org), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via class dojo. Please do not try to speak to the class teacher at pick up and drop off times, as I am sure you can appreciate, we have tight timings for staggering all primary children in and out of school.

Dates for your diary
Parents Evening – 10th November/11th November (More details to follow)
Remembrance Day – 11th November
Children in Need - 13th November
Odd Socks Day – 16th November
Christmas Nativities - (TBC) (More details to follow)
Virtual Party for all – 15th December (More details to follow)
Class Christmas Parties – 16th December (More details to follow)
Christingle – 17th December

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