

Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 2, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Holy Trinity, our Christian values and heritage form the foundation of all we do. We believe in the uniqueness of every person as a child of God. This is reflected in our emphasis on the Parable of the Lost Sheep which underpins our commitment to each pupil's wellbeing and growth, wherever they are on their learning journey.

"If a man has a hundred sheep, but one of the sheep gets lost, he will leave the other ninetynine sheep on the hill. He will go to look for the lost sheep. And if he finds it, he is happier about that 1 sheep than about the ninety-nine that were never lost. I tell you the truth. In the same way, your Father in heaven does not want any of these little children to be lost." Matthew 18:13-14

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We have a busy half term ahead and the attached letter regarding Christmas events will hopefully help you to keep up to date with everything.

We introduced our new behaviour policy last half term. There are posters for the children in every class to explain our rewards and consequences so that they fully understand them. This half term, we are continuing to develop our rewards by handing out certificates for children who are specifically meeting the Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard.

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

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Class	Topic
Nursery	Autumn to Winter, Christmas
Reception	Autumn to Winter, Christmas, Room on the Broom, Stick Man
Year 1	Why can't nan play the Xbox?
Year 2	How can we save the planet?

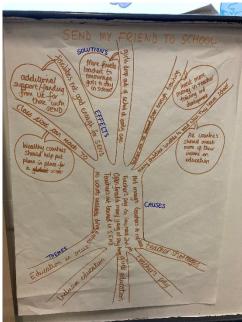
Year 3	Why is the UK a unique place to live?
Year 4	How did the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings invade, raid and settle in Britain?
Year 5	What were the achievements of Ancient China?
Year 6	Why did we win the First World War?

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



Last half term we completed 'Send My Friend to School' and have sent examples of our work to our MP asking for them to support the campaign 'All my friends need teachers'. Below is a sample of the work completed by some classes.





In worship this week, we talked about the characteristics of a good leader and about the new prime minister. We have sent him our lists of ideas and will let you know if we get a reply!

This half term, we are also taking part in a whole school Alternative Curriculum Day where children from all classes will be thinking about how to keep themselves safe.

We will also be celebrating 'Anti-Bullying Week' by having our Od Socks Day on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. We would love to see everyone in odd socks to show how we are all unique and we will be taking about spreading kindness in our worship that day.

Staffing

You will have seen from the letters sent out last half term that we have two Deputy Headteachers in post in the primary phase – Mrs Hall and Mrs Dudley. Their role includes increasing parental engagement and plans are well underway with the newly formed PTA for a Christmas Fayre. Please contact Mrs Hall and Mrs Dudley if you wish to be involved – it's never too late!

We also appointed Mrs Shipp as our Primary SEND Lead. Please contact her on Mondays or Tuesdays if you need any support or have any queries regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Imielska and Mrs Hattersley as teaching assistants.

School Council/JRSOs/Playground Leaders

Our School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers are all in post. They all look great and are already getting on with their new roles.





Junior Road Safety Officers



Thanks to the School Council, we are taking part in the WOW walking challenge and we've got off to a successful start with hundreds of badges being earnt across school! Class 6 were top of the leaderboard for September and Class 7 for October. We are currently in 9th position as a school, compared to other schools in Barnsley!



The School Council will be planning activities for Children in Need over the next couple of weeks.

Our JRSO's have started by holding a poster competition for 'Be Bright Be Seen'. Congratulations to everyone who took part and for the winning entries from each class which are below.





Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Harvest festival performances. It was so lovely to have you all back in school again – it was our first Harvest since 2019!









Information for parents

Classes will be sending out their half termly newsletter via Class Dojo and these will also be on the school website. Keep following us on Twitter (@HolyTrinity316) and Facebook to see pictures of what we are up to.

School meals

The school menu is on the website and can be found at <u>School Dinner Menu – Holy Trinity</u> (<u>holytrinitybarnsley.org</u>). A reminder that school meals are now £2.45. This applies to Years 3-6. If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals, please go to <u>Free school meals</u> (<u>barnsley.gov.uk</u>)

Uniform

Please can parents support our school and our school policies by ensuring that pupils are in full school uniform at all times. Please ensure names are in jumpers and cardigans – it makes giving them back to the right children so much easier and saves you losing items.

Please ensure nail polish is not worn to school and acrylic nails are also not allowed.

School Uniform:

- Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirts (which must be knee length and not tight)
- 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)
- School hoodie

A reminder that due to Health and Safety in school, <u>metal earrings are not allowed</u>. Please ensure that your child removes their metal earrings before they come to school. Plasters over the ears will not be acceptable. Your child will not be able to take part in PE with metal earrings in. If you wish your child to wear earrings, clear plastic earrings are allowed as they do not rip the ear if accidentally pulled. However, <u>these cannot be worn for PE</u> so the child must be able to remove them. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

Little Angels

A reminder that booking for our before and after school provision 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

Please see the attached letter with all our Christmas dates.

Flu vaccinations – November 9th 2022 for Reception to Year 6. A reminder that consent for this needs to be given online. Please see the messages sent out from school for the link to access.

Odd Socks Day – 22nd November 2022 INSETS – November 25th and 28th 2022 Last day of school – Friday 16th December 2022 Return to school – Tuesday 3rd January 2023

