

HOLY TRINITY



Primary Phase Newsletter

Spring Term 1, 2023

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 ninety-nine 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 Spring Term. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. The children have settled straight back in and have made a fabulous start to the year.

We have had worships on our Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard this week as a reminder after the Christmas break. Extra certificates will be given out for being 'Independent' this half term.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	My animal friends
Reception	Brr! It's cold here.
Year 1	Why does it always rain on me?
Year 2	Whose house is this?
Year 3	What was the stone age and the iron age?
Year 4	How is the land used in Sheffield?
Year 5	Who wants to live in America?
Year 6	Is the grass greener on the other side?

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and 2 put on such fantastic nativities! A selection of photos are below.



Thank you also for those who attended and donated items towards our Christmas Fayre. We raised £1536 towards school funds which will be spent on the children (purchasing everyone's first PE hoody, presents at Christmas etc).

We were thrilled to receive a letter from 10 Downing Street after we sent our ideas for what qualities a great leader should have and we were also pleased to receive a letter from Dan Jarvis MP on the work sample we sent him for the Send My Friend to School Campaign. You can see both reply letters on Twitter @HolyTrinity3-16. You don't have to have twitter to see our posts, just click on the twitter symbol on the homepage of our website.



Mrs Smith, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bullen took the school choir to Young Voices this week and they had a fabulous time. The children's behaviour was fantastic and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Huge thanks to the staff who gave up their time to rehearse and take the children for the evening.



We completed work on UK Parliament week where classes looked at democracy and decision making. We were thrilled that yet again, Baroness Nuala O'Loan from the House of Lords gave up her time to speak to Year 6. She told them all about her role and answered their questions.



We also took part in Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying day. Great work everyone!



We are so proud that our children had their work displayed at the Rotary Club Art Exhibition at the Metrodome. Well done!



This half term, the children will be discussing how to be safe online with the focus of 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online' as part of Safer Internet Day (7th February). We will also be completing work as part of Children's Mental Health Week (6th-12th February).

School Council and Junior Road Safety Officers

Mrs Smith and the School Council have been hard at work and they organised the Children in Need day in the primary phase in November. We raised a massive £342 as a whole school and the children loved the exciting activities that the School Council organised. Well done everyone!

The Junior Road Safety Officers have been working hard on the Active Travel Award Scheme and have been busy handing out badges every month. In December, we received an update on how much impact the scheme is already having and we are pleased to share with you the following results!

Our **Active Travel** rate is **71%** against a baseline of 34% - an increase of **109%**

Our **Walking** rate is **32%** compared to the baseline of 27% - an increase of **19%**

Our **Park & Stride** rate is **36%** compared to the baseline of 5% - an increase of **620%**

Our **Driven** rate is **27%** compared to the baseline of 65% - a decrease of **58%**.

Please keep supporting us with the scheme by encouraging everyone to actively travel to school!

Uniform

A reminder that due to Health and Safety in school, earrings are not allowed. Please ensure that your child removes their earrings and replaces them with 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. A reminder that school hoodies must only be worn on PE/sports club days and not every day. Nail polish/false nails are not allowed.

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.

Little Angels

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@holyltrinitybarnsley.org 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@holyltrinitybarnsley.org), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via class dojo.

Dates for your diary

Children's Mental Health Week – 6th-12th February

Safer Internet Day – 7th February

Break up for half term – 10th February

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