

HOLY TRINITY



Primary Phase Newsletter

Autumn term 1, 2023

At Holy Trinity, our Christian values 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 school new year! We have had a fabulous start to the year in primary and we are so pleased to have everyone back. We hope those parents who popped into classrooms on Tuesday enjoyed meeting the teachers and seeing the rooms. The children have really settled in so well to the rules and routines. We had assemblies on our behaviour policy, uniform and we also looked at the meaning of the Lost Sheep which is what we are all about. The children will be able to tell you all about the story and how we are both sheep and shepherds at Holy Trinity!



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.

Staffing

In addition to the information sent out in July, we welcome Miss Campbell and Mrs Evans as Teaching Assistants. Mr Robson (teacher) will be with us again this year covering classes and delivering tutoring to our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Harvest Festival

This will take place in school on Friday 13th October. We would love to see as many of you as possible in school. More details will follow shortly.

An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	Rules, routines, behaviour, hygiene, All about me, Harvest and Autumn
Reception	Rules, routines, behaviour, hygiene, 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?

PE

We have increased our PE lessons to two per week from Year 1 to Year 6. Please check your class newsletter for your PE days and a reminder that children are to come in school PE kits that day. Our school uniform is on the website should you need to check the correct kit and it is also outlined later in this newsletter. A reminder that children cannot do PE with plastic retainers in (these are the only earrings allowed in school) – please ensure all earrings are removed on PE days.

Miss Tillson leads on PE and through organising all our afterschool clubs, lunchtime provision and sporting events, this year we are thrilled to announce we have been awarded the Silver Games Award in the primary phase at the first time of trying. We will be going for Gold next year!



After school clubs and lunchtime activities

Through our sports funding, we have continued to buy in The Active Club to support lunchtime activities with our children every day. The children love taking part in the various games! After school clubs will return WC 18th September. Information on how to book will be sent out soon.

Anti-Bullying

We have also secured a bronze award for our Anti-bullying work in school. This has been achieved through our policies and procedures, support for pupils and initiatives such as Mental Health Awareness Week, Anti-Bullying Week etc. This has been a real team effort across the whole school and we are so pleased with this achievement.



School Council/JRSOs/Playground Leaders

We are busy in school looking at the applications for Playground Leaders, Junior Road Safety Officers and School Council members. The children have been really keen to take on these extra roles of responsibility and we are excited to see what they will achieve this year! Last year, we took part in the Walk to School scheme and below are some superb statistics from our baseline in September and the final results in July...



Our Active Travel rate is 74% against a baseline of 34% - an increase of 118%

Our Walking rate is now 31% against a baseline of 27% - an increase of 15%

Our Park & Stride rate is now 39% from a baseline of 5% - an increase of 680%

Our Driven (car all the way) rate is now 25% compared to your baseline of 65% - a decrease of 62%!

Well done everyone for encouraging your child to either walk or Park and stride instead of driving the whole way to school. We are hoping to take part in the scheme again this year – we will let you know when we have an update.

Swimming and Brass lessons

Swimming will take place this year for children in Year 5 on Wednesdays starting next week. Please ensure children have everything they need and ensure all plastic earrings are removed. The swimming staff will not let anyone in the pool who is wearing earrings.

Whole class brass lessons begin in Year 4. This year one class will be learning the trumpet and the other class will be learning the trombone.

We hope the children enjoy both these experiences.

Roald Dahl Day/Send My Friend to School

On Wednesday, children will be listening to stories written by Roald Dahl to celebrate this day. During this 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 2023 **Education in Emergencies: #LetMyFriendsLearn** campaign.



Information for parents

Classes will be sending out their half termly newsletter via Class Dojo and these will also be on the school website.

In addition, we are holding a couple of information sessions for parents. These are:

- A 'Phonics Social' – a chance for parents in Year 1 and Reception to come into school to find out more about how we teach children to read. This will be on the 6th October at 2:45pm. More details will follow for parents in Reception and Year 1.
- A Year 6 SATs meeting on Tuesday 26th September at 3:15pm. More details will follow for parents in Year 6.

Keep following us on X (previously twitter) to see pictures of what we are up to. Please go to @HolyTrinity316 or click on the link on the school website.



Classrooms

Below are some photos of the classrooms and as you can see, we have gone for more of a natural feel this year. Staff have worked hard over the summer to ensure the children come back to a welcoming and engaging environment.





School meals

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

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.

School Uniform:

- Mid-grey trousers, shorts or skirts (which must be knee length and not tight)
- Long or short sleeved white shirt
- Clip-on or elastic school tie
- Navy blue v-neck sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Blue checked dress (no tie needs to be worn with this)
- 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

Due to Health and Safety in school, **metal earrings are not allowed**. Please ensure that your child removes their metal earrings before they come to school. Plasters over the ears will not be acceptable.

If you wish your child to wear earrings, clear plastic earrings are allowed as they do not rip the ear if accidentally pulled. However, **these cannot be worn for PE** so the child must be able to remove them. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

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@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 (info@holytrinitybarnsley.org), contact us via the text service (01226 610168) or send a message via Class Dojo.

Dates for your diary

Year 6 SATs meeting	26 th September 2023
'Phonics Social'	6 th October 2023
INSET day	9 th October 2023
Harvest Festival	13 th October 2023
Break Up for Half Term	27 th October 2023
Back to school	6 th November 2023

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