

# HOLY TRINITY



## Primary Phase Newsletter

### Autumn term 2, 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 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.

This half term, we are continuing to develop our rewards by refining our understanding of our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Ambition. We are handing out certificates for children who are specifically meeting the Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard for Respect.

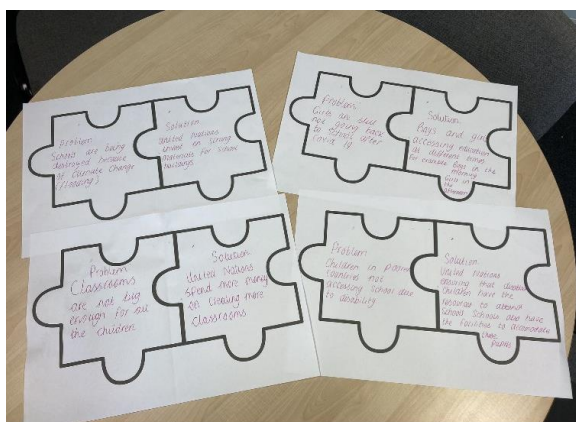
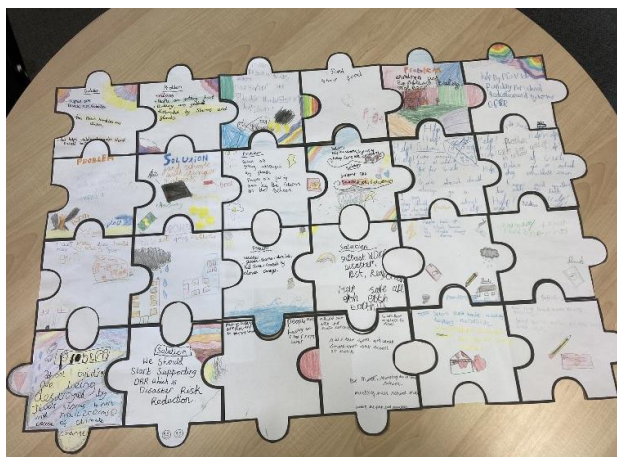
As always, attendance will be monitored closely and families will be contacted if attendance and/or punctuality give us cause for concern. Please ensure you let us know if your child is not going to be in school and the reason for the absence.

#### An exciting curriculum

Class	Topic
Nursery	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?

## Send My Friend to School

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 'Let My Friends Learn'. Below is a sample of the work completed by some classes.



## Ramp Up and Bikeability

As last year, our Year 5 children have had the opportunity to take part in Ramp Up – an exciting opportunity to learn new skills to be active on bikes and scooters.



Later this half term, Year 5 will also have the opportunity to earn their Level 1 and Level 2 Cycle training. Letters and consent forms will be coming out soon.



## Parliament Week

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.



## School Council/Junior Road Safety Officers

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.

School Council



Deputy School Council



JRSOs

We are currently 5<sup>th</sup> in the local authority for the Walk to School Challenge. Well done everyone! Keep walking, cycling, scootering and Park and Stride to get to school!



The JRSOs are currently running a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' poster competition – we look forward to seeing the entries! All information is on Class Dojo and the deadline is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Harvest Festival performances. You were all so generous in your donations to Barnsley Food Bank. Thank you so much!



The School Council recently judged the entries for a recycling competition. The animal entries made from recycled materials were superb and I don't know how they managed to judge it! The entries are below and we hope the winners enjoyed their prize!



### Anti-Bullying Week

This half term we are celebrating Anti Bullying Week and to start off this week, we are asking everyone to wear odd socks on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November with their school uniform. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun and an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We can't wait to see your socks!



### Information for parents

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.



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 Reception Open Afternoon session for parents who are wanting to find out more about us for school places in September 2024. This will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 2pm.

## HOLY TRINITY Reception Open Afternoon



We would love you to join us for our Reception Open Afternoon, where you will have the chance to meet the staff, find out some key information, ask questions and have a tour of the setting and the school.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 2pm.**

Please head to the main entrance of school. We look forward to seeing many of you there!



### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place virtually this half term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023. This is an opportunity for you to hear how your child has settled in to school this academic year. Appointment slots are 5min and information will be sent out to you about how to book. Please do not book appointments but then not turn up as staff are sat waiting at their computer screens for parents to join on the night and we don't want to waste slots that other parents could use. Please ensure you attend the appointment you book and if the evening is not convenient or you need a longer time slot, please contact the class teacher **in advance** to arrange an alternative time. Thank you for your support.

### School meals

The school menu is on the website and can be found at [School Dinner Menu | Holy Trinity \(holytrinitybarnsley.org\)](https://www.holytrinitybarnsley.org/school-dinner-menu). 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 \(barnsley.gov.uk\)](https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

### 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.

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

### Dates for your diary

6th November 2023 - Back to school

8th November 2023 – Flu spray administered to all in Reception to Year 6 who have given permission

13th November 2023 - Anti-bullying week/Odd socks day

15th November 2023 - Parents evening

17th November 2023 - Non-uniform day for Children in Need/Christmas Fair bottle donation

27th November 2023 – INSET day

1st December 2023 - Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair chocolate donation

5th December 2023 – Nursery Nativity

6th December 2023 – Reception Nativity

7th December 2023 – Class 1, 2, 3, 4 Nativity

13th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day (with normal uniform) for donations of cakes/buns for the Christmas Fair

13th December 2023 - Christmas Fair

19th December 2023 - Primary Christmas sing-a-long (for pupils during the school day)

20th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner (Christmas Party in Nursery)

21st December 2023 – Class Christmas parties

22nd December 2023 – Last day in school

8th January 2024 - Back to school

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