

September 2022

Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Rothwell

Newsletter

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Welcome

On behalf of all our staff and governors, we hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday albeit a little wet!

I am thrilled to share that we have already had a brilliant start to the new term. Our children have been amazing and returned with such a positive attitude, and coped superbly with the incredibly warm start to the term. It has been great to hear the laughter and chatter in the corridors, in classes and on the playground again. Apologies that our school field is looking more like meadow—we hope to be back looking our usual self again shortly. Our ride-on lawn mower broke just before we returned to school and we are waiting for it to be repaired.

Key calendar dates are included in this newsletter, and will be on the website. I know as a parent myself how important it can be to put key dates in our diaries as soon as possible. You will see the current draft calendar includes dates such as Odd Sock day or similar although this is about the only date when I could “rustle something up for my own children” on the morning! Whilst these are subject to change and there will likely be additional activities and dates we will try to give you as much notice as possible.

We know the importance of opportunities our young people to invite their parents and/or carers into school to celebrate their successes. You will notice there are already some events timetabled: meet the teacher sessions for year 1 to year 6 and our autumn parent consultations. To help you feel kept up to date with what is happening in your child's class we will also be sharing half termly curriculum newsletters which were introduced last year.

We were thrilled last year that we were able to run a number of clubs, trips and visitors. We plan to do the same again this year and will share with you after school club timetables shortly.

This half term we are pleased to re-invite the Leeds United foundation back to work with us. They will be running PE sessions for a number of classes throughout this term, together with lunchtime and after school clubs. We are pleased to welcome a new member to our staff, Mr Makin. He joins us as a teaching assistant working predominantly in upper KS2. Mr Makin is also a sports coach and has run sports clubs inside and outside of school. Your children may have already shared details of activities that Mr Makin has arranged at lunchtimes. He is like the Pied Piper with more children joining his sessions every day!

I would also like to share a huge welcome to our new school families as our youngest children begin to settle in to their new school.

Mrs G Marsland
Head of School

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Harvest Festival

One of our first events, will be our Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 10th October at 1.30pm . All our school families are welcome.

For our families who feel able we will be taking harvest donations which we will be sharing with Leeds South & East Foodbank we will be collecting these from week commencing 25th September. Donations can be left with class teachers.



A new PTA?



You are probably aware that some key members of our PTA left at the end of last year as their children moved to secondary school. We would love to re-launch and re-vamp our PTA so please come and speak to me if you'd like to get involved.

Attendance

It has been great that so far attendance in most classes has been high, thank you for your continued support with this.

Our children remain excited during our celebration worship when we announce the weekly winners. The winning class for the first week back was:

Class Attendance

Year 5

Well done on achieving the highest Class Attendance this week!

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LOST PROPERTY

Whilst we do remind children to pick up their jumpers, water bottles etc we still have a huge number which are misplaced. If these items are named we can return them to their owners! Please, please name your child's property. On a Monday and a Friday, we will be putting Lost Property boxes outside of the main office so please feel free to take a rummage if you have lost anything.

PARKING

We appreciate that Queensway is a tricky road to navigate. However, please take care when parking at drop off and collection and follow the highway code! We have had some near misses with parking on pavements and footpaths. We would also ask that you respect our neighbours and take care when parking. It is better to be a few minutes late rather than to park somewhere that is unsafe.

Meet The Teacher

For children in year 1 to year 6, class teachers will be hosting a short meeting after school. This will be a chance for teachers to share key messages about reading, routines, trips and visits etc.

YEAR GROUP	DATE
Year 1	Friday 29th September
Year 2	Monday 25th September
Year 3	Friday 22nd September
Year 4	Tuesday 26th September
Year 5/6	Thursday 28th September

Celebration Assembly

Most Fridays we hold a collective worship for the whole school during which time we also: issue attendance prizes, Head of School certificates for children meeting our school values or weekly ethos statement. Please note our youngest children will not attend initially. Miss Robinson will let our parents of children in reception know when they will be in attendance!

The celebration assemblies are held at 2.40pm on a Friday afternoon. If your child/children will be receiving an award we will aim to notify you Thursday evening.



We also celebrate successes outside of school so if your child has received an award, certificate, badge, acknowledgement outside of school—for example a swimming award—which they would like to share then we happily present these also in assembly. Please send any awards, together with details (a short note if one is needed) is fine to the school office by 9am on a Friday morning.

Class Curriculum Newsletter

This will continue this year and all our parents and carers with children in years 1 to year 6 should now have received a link to our website where these can be found.

Christian Values
During collective worship and class reflection time we will be thinking about Love and Friendship. Please support us in promoting these values with your child at home.

PE Sessions
PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Leeds United will Thursday sessions.

What will we be reading?
In class, we will be enjoying reading The Little Hippo, I was there - Tutankhamun's Tomb and Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

OUR BIG QUESTION
What was it like in Ancient Egypt?
This will be our focus for this half term, and in history we will investigate and research what life was like in Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at time lines to understand chronology.

English
Our writing will focus on possessive apostrophes, adverbs and beginning to use dictionaries to spell words correctly and check for meaning and will be applying these in our setting descriptions, advertisements and a non-chronological reports. Our reading will focus on building fluency and expression as well as retrieving information.

Maths
Our first topic will focus on place value and introducing numbers to 1000 by counting in 50s and deepening our understanding of partitioning. We will be learning to compare numbers as well as and write numbers to 1000 in words and in their expanded form.

PSHE
We will be exploring 'Being me in my world' and in our first few sessions we will be meeting our new characters. We will share their names as a class first, but remember to ask your child!

Science
Using a range of experiments this half term will focus on Light and Working Scientifically. We will be looking at how shadows are created and ways to protect our eyes. Our skill focus will be on making observations and asking key questions.

Wider Curriculum
Art & Design: we will be developing techniques to use line, form, shape and space. These skills will then be used to produce a portrait of a pharaoh!
Design and Technology: we will be developing our skills to design, make and evaluate a shaduf - a hand operated device for lifting water.
Computing: Junior Jam will deliver our computing lessons on a Wednesday morning. The first topic will be Song and Media and will be using GarageBand.

How can you help?
Reading regularly with your child at home and please remember to make a note of it in your child's reading record.
We will be looking at multiplication and division later this half term, so please get your child using Times Table Rockstars. In Year 2, we practised the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
There are some useful websites you can use to support which are found at

School Calendar Events

AUTUMN TERM HALF TERM ONE_version 1	
SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 20th September	Ark closed for staff training (afternoon session only)
Friday 22nd September	Year 3 Meet The Teacher (in the classroom after school)
Monday 25th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 25th September	Year 2 Meet The Teacher (in the classroom after school)
Tuesday 26th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 26th September	Year 4 Meet The Teacher (in the classroom after school)
Thursday 28th September	Year 5/6 Meet The Teacher (in the classroom)
Friday 29th September	Year 1 Meet The Teacher (in the classroom)
OCTOBER	
Tuesday 3rd October	Year 3 & Year 5 Scooter Training
Monday 9th October	1.30pm Harvest Festival (Holy Trinity CofE Church)
Monday 9th October	5.30pm Governor's Meeting
Tuesday 10th October	3.45 – 5.00pm Parents Evening Session 1
Monday 16th October	Individual and sibling school photographs (in school)
Tuesday 17th October	Year 2 Trip Lotherton Hall
Thursday 19th October	4.00 – 6.00pm Parents Evening Session 2
Friday 20th October	Show Racism The Red Card (in school – wear something red to school)
Friday 27th October	School closes for half term
AUTUMN TERM HALF TERM TWO	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 6th November	School opens
Monday 13th November	Anti-bullying (wear odd socks to school day)
w/c Monday 20th November	Internal school assessments
Tuesday 21st November	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 Road Safety
DECEMBER	
Wednesday 6th December	Oliver The Musical (after school) – invites already issued and bookings taken
Friday 8th December	National Christmas Jumper Day (children can wear a Christmas jumper to school)
Friday 15th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity (dress rehearsal)
Monday 18th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity Performance 1 (pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity Performance 2 (am)
Thursday 21st December	1.30pm Whole School church Service (Holy Trinity CofE Church)
Thursday 21st December	School closes for Christmas
Friday 22nd December	School Closed (Training Day)

Holy Trinity Church Events

Regular Sunday Service at 9.30am
First Sunday each month Family Church in the Church Hall at 9.30am
Third Sunday in Church is All Age Communion Service at 9.30am NOTE: Sunday 24th September is Harvest Festival
Last Sunday each month is Message Café in the Church Hall 10.00 – 11.30am (30th September – 28th October – 25th November)
Sunday 8th October 2pm Pet Service (outside Church) Pease bring your pet and give thanks and celebrate our pets

Welcome Reverend Mark

I had the pleasure of attending Reverend Mark's installation and induction ceremony at Holy Trinity CofE Church back in July and meet him over the holidays, showing him around our school. There was, however, definitely something very important missing!

It was great last week to be able to introduce Reverend Mark to our children, staff and parents. Reverend Mark told our children about his family, his early life, spending time working South Africa and meeting Nelson Mandela and a little about what the role of a vicar involves.

Reverend Mark shared some of his hobbies which like many of our children, school families, governors and staff includes following Leeds United and Yorkshire County Cricket.

We are all really looking forward to working closely with Reverend Mark and the wider Church community this year. Our first event in Church this year will be on Monday 9th October at 1.30pm for our Harvest Festival. Reverend Mark will be there also. We would love to see many of our school families and friends there too.

Another diary date:

Holy Trinity Church Harvest Festival service is 9.30am on Sunday 24th September.



The Carnegie Book Awards

Last summer, you may be aware that we bought all of the short listed books for the illustration prize and shared these with our children. The winner was announced before the end of the term. The winning entry was



You can see for yourself

<https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/illustration-shortlist-2023/>

Introducing Mr Makin

Here he is leading physical activities at lunchtime.



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