



Newsletter 2
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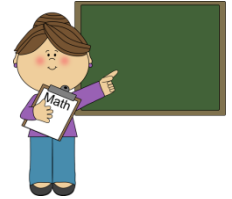


"A Church School Community aspiring for all to live life to the full"

Dear Parents & Governors,

SENCO Update: Continuing on from last year, Mrs Belcher remains on long-term sick leave and we extend our best wishes to her and look forward to her recovery. In the meantime, thank you to Mrs Hall for stepping up as Acting SENCO to support all our children with special educational needs.

'Meet the Teacher': I hope you found this event useful. If you weren't able to join us, don't worry, all the information shared is on the class pages of our school website.



Farewell: This week we are saying "Goodbye" to Miss Fitzsimmons. She has been a great support to both children as well as in running our Before and After School Club. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Before and After School Club: With Miss Fitzsimmon's departure we obviously have a vacancy to recruit for her replacement. At present, we have not had any response to the job advert, but have a temporary staffing arrangement that will allow us to keep providing wrap-around childcare as we are currently – thank you to Miss Horsey and Mrs Pargeter who will be supporting Miss Seward at both Before and After School Clubs – and they should be able to do this until half term. If the situation changes, especially if it affects what we can provide, I will let you know as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for this role, please point them in the direction of the Vacancies page on our school website!



Marathon Runners: On Sunday 3rd October, two of our members of staff will be running the London Marathon. Mrs Evans and Mrs Manners will both be running, and very generously both for charities – Working Hospice and Cyclists fighting Cancer respectively. I'm sure if you wanted to support either of them they would be very grateful. Please just make contact with them to get more details. As a school, we will be running a collective 'virtual' marathon with most children contributing by running 2.6 miles!

Parent Governor: Don't forget the deadline to nominate a Parent Governor is **12.00 noon on Monday 4th October.**

Census Day Menu: Thursday 7th October: Please see attached Census Day Menu. Census data is collected from schools to determine future funding. Part of this is the number of school dinners eaten!! If your child is in KS1 or in receipt of Free School Meals, it will be really beneficial to school (ie it will generate extra funding) if your child could have a school dinner on this day. The Census Day Menu Choices are:

Choice A: Beef Burger in a Bun, chips, sweetcorn & beans

Choice B: Quorn Burger, chips, sweetcorn & beans

Choice C: Jacket Potato with various fillings
Vanilla Shortbread, Fresh fruit or Yogurt.

Your child will need to let their teacher know which choice they would like on this day.

Adventure Trail: As you will no doubt have observed, our Adventure Trail is in need of a few repairs and some tidying up. The repairs are finally in-hand and it shouldn't be long before it can be used properly again. In the meantime, please do not allow your children to play on it before or after school. Although it will soon be fixed, it won't be long before it realistically needs replacing. However, at the moment this is too expensive a project for us to consider. The PTFA would potentially like to take it on as a project, but in order for this to happen they really need your support.



You can do this by initially making contact (ptfa.chair@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk) with them to get details of how to get involved, or why not join them at their social event on Thursday 30th September at the Swan!

Reminders: Please ensure that you complete a leave of absence form for any time your child requires out of the school day. This includes, medical appointments, funerals, holiday, etc. Also, please make sure your contact details are correct – a good test is do you get the fortnightly newsletter by email and the text prompt to letting you know it has been sent.

Parents Evening: We will be holding Parents' Evening meetings on Monday 18th October and Thursday 21st October. Please make sure your contact details are correct as we will shortly be sending out invitations to these. Note, if you have already had a meeting about your child's My Plan, you won't need an additional meeting, so please don't be offended if you don't receive an invitation to the parents evening.

Secondary School Transfer September 2022: It's that time of year when parents of Y6 children need to consider applying for places at secondary schools. The deadline for secondary applications this year is **Sunday 31st October 2021** This is extremely important as any applications received after this date will not be considered until after 1st March 2022. Most secondary schools are now advertising their Open days, please check secondary school's websites, for details of these. If your child will be attending an Open day, please ensure you complete a leave of absence form for their absence to attend.

Before & After School Club Please use the links to booking forms below (also on the school website). Any queries can be sent via:

- Email: beforeandafterschool@holyltrinity.gloucs.sch.uk
- Telephone/Text: 07548 592989 (Note – this phone is only monitored during the hours the club is operating)

Booking Forms

<i>Week beginning</i>	<i>Link to booking form</i>
Monday 27 ^h September	https://forms.gle/KqUft28zfVi8ur5e6
Monday 4 th October	https://forms.gle/76o4Pw5JnG3VvAzT9
Monday 11 th October	https://forms.gle/ykkThRi8j1jrD5BA9
Monday 18 th October	https://forms.gle/YLAmkycoVnQHebyHA
HALF TERM	No Wrap Around child care available

Contact Details and Medical Information: If there have been any changes to contact details we hold on our system in relation to your child, i.e., your telephone number, e-mail address, etc, please ensure you let Miss Saunders in the office know, so we can make sure your child's details are as up to date as possible. This also includes any changes in relation to medical information we hold for your child. If you are unsure of The details we hold for your child, please check these with the school office.

Y5/Y6 Walking Home Alone: Reminder, if your child will be walking home alone, please ensure that you have completed a walk home alone permission form before they do so. The form can be found at the following link: <https://forms.gle/MZho17wkc2tKJMXw9>

Free School Meals during October Half Term: Sign up for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers (£15 for each eligible child) for October half term is open from Monday 13 September until midday on Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations. For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit the [holiday school meal vouchers page](#) on the GCC website. If you have already signed up, you do not need to re-register.

Church BIG Weekend: Trinity Church are hosting a 'BIG' weekend with lots of fun-filled activities for the whole family – including a hog roast, silent disco and comedy night! See attached flyer for more details – and it's all free!

Other News:

And there's more! – Look out for several other flyers and information about activities to get involved with and information to support families – I hope you find them useful!

- Imagine Weekly Worksheet – full of ideas to promote improved well being for children and families
- Matt Fiddes Martial Arts– See flyer if you are interested in free taster sessions for this activity

Forthcoming Dates

Remember – all these dates are on our School Website and are updated regularly!

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| • Monday 27 th September | Y3-Y6 Cheltenham Town Football Club Starts 3.15-4.15pm | |
| • Thursday 30 th September | Y5 STEM Session | |
| • Thursday 30 th September | PTFA Parent Social Event | 6.30pm |
| • Friday 1 st October | Y5 Trip to Corinium Museum | all day |
| • Friday 15 th October | Y1 Trip to Perrygrove Railway | all day |
| • w/c 18 th October | Parents Evening Meetings | times to be confirmed |
| • Friday 22nd October | End of Autumn Term 1 | |
| • Monday 1st November | INSET DAY – school closed | No pupils |
| • Tuesday 2nd November | Start of Autumn Term 2 | |

Yours sincerely

Duncan de Gruchy – Headteacher