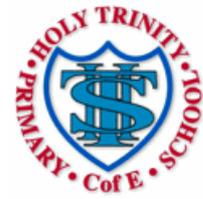




Newsletter 6
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"A Church School Community aspiring for all to live life to the full"

Dear Parents, Carers & Governors,

This is the final newsletter of 2022! I am sure you will all agree that it has been an eventful year.

I am planning to write to you next week, as we conclude the Autumn term so you may be pleased to see that this is a short note. However, there is much going on and much planned for the Spring term ahead.

A huge thank you must go to the PFTA for funding and helping to organise the pantomime at the Everyman Theatre. A huge thank you must also go to the staff for organising and delivering the school's Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church. A special thank you must go to Mrs Matthews to taking the lead this on this!

It has been an exciting term working with the incredible children here at Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School. This is a wonderful school with great staff and a very supportive parental community. This is a small school with huge potential. The staff have worked incredibly hard this term to make sure that we are able to offer the very best educational experiences and opportunities for each of our children. I want to thank all of our staff for their hard work and perseverance this term: Thank you!

I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all after Christmas and in the New Year. School will re-open to all children on **Wednesday 4th January**.

I hope you all enjoy the football on Saturday evening - it's coming home!

Mr Kurt Doyle - Acting Headteacher

Wrap Around Care (Breakfast Club and After-School Club):

We are now able to offer Wednesday evening sessions in our After-School Club. These sessions will begin from the 4th January 2023 and booking options will be available shortly via ParentPay.

We are currently reviewing the Wrap Around Care offer at Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School to ensure that it is both sustainable for the school and remains of a high quality. This includes considering appropriate pricing and effective booking practices.

We are confirming that prices will remain fixed until 1st April 2023 but are likely to incur a small increase from this date. This is to cover the pay increase which all support staff have now received. We have reviewed prices at other local primary schools and we are confident that we are able to remain competitive in offering this provision.

We will also be streamlining the booking options for After-School Club sessions. From January 4th we will be offering two booking options: **Option 1 – until 4.30pm; Option 2 – until close (5.15pm)**. If your child is attending an extra-curricular club beyond 4.15/4.30pm then please select Option 2. Your account will later be refunded £4.00 for this time.

The final change to our booking policy is regarding refunds. It is not sustainable for Wrap Around Care to incur costs of staffing and resources when children do not attend. From Wednesday 4th January, we will be unable to refund places which have been booked in advance. Bookings must still be made by midnight the Friday before the coming week.

School Tuck Shop: The School Council are planning to launch a new School Tuck Shop after Christmas! The tuck shop will sell a range of food products to children twice a week. The School Council plan to use any profits generated to fund improvements to the school, such as play equipment, library books, and trip experiences. We will share more information about this on our return in January.

Mrs Pat Nelson: I am delighted to announce that Mrs Nelson has accepted my offer to join the Senior Leadership Team. Pat joined Holy Trinity in March 2022 and is responsible for leading pastoral support across the school. She is a very experienced and capable member of staff and her knowledge of behaviour and safeguarding is a strength for the school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs in the Spring term: We are pleased to share that our extra-curricular programme of clubs continues to grow and is increasingly varied this coming term. We will be offering the following clubs in the Spring term:

Club	Year group/s	Day and time	Provider
Art Club	Y1 and Y2	Tuesday	HT: Miss Mitchell
Football Club	Y4 to Y6	Thursday	HT: Mr. Doyle
Shakespeare Club	Y3 to Y6	Monday	HT: Mr Anderson
Football Club	Y1 and Y2	Wednesday	CTFC
Tag Rugby Club	Y3 and Y4	Wednesday	GRC
Football Club	Y3 and Y4	Monday	Montagu Sports
KS1 Multi Sports	Y1 and Y2	Tuesday	Move More
Basketball	Y5 and Y6	Friday	Move More
Arts and Crafts Club	Year 3 to Year 6	Tuesday	HT: Mrs Manners & Mrs Colson

The school office will share a link with all parents shortly. Please register your child for clubs they wish to attend before the deadline. All clubs are free for our pupils, with the exception of Football Club run by Cheltenham Town Football Club and Tag Rugby Club run by Gloucester Rugby Club. There is a small fee for these clubs. Please see below for more information:

Gloucester Rugby Club: Y3 and Y4:

We are delighted to share that Year 3 and Year 4 are now able to book onto the new extra-curricular training programme which is being offered by Gloucester Rugby Club. This is a tag-rugby club which will allow children to build on the movement skills they have developed in our curriculum-led rugby sessions in the Autumn term.

There is a small fee to cover the cost of these sessions. This is £15.00 per child. There are 6 sessions and they will run from 3.30 – 4.30pm on the following dates (each Wednesday): 4th January, 11th January, 18th January, 25th January, 1st February, 8th February.

A booking link will be shared with Y3 and Y4 parents shortly. Payment for these sessions will be available via ParentPay and must be paid for in full before the first session.

If you would like to attend this club and your child is in receipt of Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Grant, then please contact Mr. Doyle discreetly if you would like to access financial support.

Cheltenham Town Football Club: Y1 and Y2:

Cheltenham Town Football Club are returning to Holy Trinity in January. They will be offering a block of 10 sessions over the course of the Spring term. These sessions will take place on Wednesdays on the following dates: 18th January, 25th January, 1st February, 8th February, 15th February, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March, 29th March.

These sessions will take place on the playground. They will allow pupils to build on the curriculum-led movement and football work which is being taught in PE in the Spring term.

Cheltenham Town Football Club operate their own booking system. To secure a place, please use the link below to register and to pay for these sessions: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/cheltenhamtownfc/>

If you would like to attend this club and your child is in receipt of Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Grant, then please contact Mr. Doyle discreetly if you would like to access financial support.

Y1 - Y6 Pantomime Trips: Children in Years 1- 6 really enjoyed their trips to The Everyman Theatre to watch the Dick Whittington and his Cat Pantomime. A massive thanks to the PTFA for all their fundraising so that our children were able to go and see the Pantomime. **The next event to look forward to, is the PTFA Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December, KS1: 5.00-6.00pm & KS2: 6.00-7.00pm. We will look forward to seeing you all there!**

Parent Evenings: It was lovely to see so many attend Parent Evenings last week. If you did not make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please make arrangements to do so.

Head Injury Phone Calls: **If your child bumps their head at school, we will phone you to inform you of this.** You will be given information about the incident and the opportunity to check-in on your child or seek further medical advice.

Christmas Lunch Day: Wednesday 14th December is our Christmas Dinner Day! Children are invited to either wear a Christmas Jumper or create a festive top, this could be a top with some tinsel attached. It is not a non-school uniform day, no money needs to be sent to school that day and the rest of their uniform needs to be worn please. There is a PTFA non uniform day on Friday 16th December, the final day of term (£1 donation suggested please).

Thank you for your Christmas lunch orders, any children that have opted to bring their own packed lunch, please remember to bring this with you. Please also ensure your child's ParentPay account has enough credit to cover their Christmas lunch. Children in Reception, Y1, Y2 and children who are entitled to Free School Meals will not need to make payment for this lunch.

As it is the end of term it is essential that you have cleared any dinner money debts by **Thursday 15th December**. If you pay for your child's lunches, please make sure you have topped up your Parent Pay account to cover lunches that your child will order at the beginning of the new term.

Spring Menu: Please see attached the new Spring 2023 menu. **We will start the new term on Wednesday 4th January with Week 1 choices.**

Newsletters, E-Mails & Text Messages: As our main forms of communication, please ensure you are checking newsletters, e-mails and text messages. We are increasingly chasing up parents for information or permissions as well as answering queries in relation to things that have previously been communicated with parents – thank you for your support with this.

Values Certificates

Well done to the following children who received a Christian values certificate or Jigsaw Scroll Award in our weekly Celebration Worship.

01.12.2022

Rec Liam and Wildan
Y1 Rosie and Eli
Y2 Olivia and Ada
Y3 Scarlett and Sasha
Y4 Eric and Milly
Y5 Henry and Asen
Y6 Clemence and Aleksander

Attendance - Class Percentages (24.11.22 – 07.12.22):

Reception: 93.5%
Year 1: 91.7%
Year 2: 93.8% - Well done Year 2!
Year 3: 91.1%
Year 4: 90.0%
Year 5: 87.8%
Year 6: 86.5%

Overall School Attendance: 90.6%

National: 93.5%

The Year group with the highest attendance will receive extra playtime with Mr Doyle and Mrs Nelson.

Pupil Absence: If your child is unwell, please ensure that you leave a message on the absence line or speak to someone in the school office. As we have a duty of care, we request that parents contact the school office every day that their child is absent.

Woodwind Tuition: Mrs Maughan has some availability for new starters on woodwind instruments after the Christmas holiday. Mrs Maughan offers lessons on the Dood, recorder, clarinet, flute and saxophone. If your child is in Year 2 and above, they can begin to learn the recorder or the Dood.

If your child is in Year 4 or above, they can (depending on size of their hands, etc) start on the clarinet, the flute or the saxophone.

Lessons are invoiced termly, and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Lessons are currently priced as follows: £11.00 for 20 minute individual lessons. £16.00 for half hour individual lessons or £8.00 for a 30 minute group lesson (groups of 2-3 children).

If you would like to find out more, please email Mrs Maughan, or take a look at her website for more information (including a link to the Dood - as not many people have heard of one!) www.annamaughan.com

annamaughanmusic@gmail.com **Please note: In order to start lessons in January 2023, you will need to make contact with Mrs Maughan no later than Friday 9th December to start next term.**

Support for families: As a school we are aware that families may be finding the cost of living challenging at this time. We are able to support families who are finding things difficult through issuing vouchers for the local Foodbank and vouchers for the Pantry, which is an organisation supporting families with food parcels, based in different parts of Cheltenham. If you would like some support in this way, please contact Mrs Hall at the following e-mail address: senco@holyltrinity.gloucs.sch.uk or phone the office and speak to Mrs Hall.

Trinity Church Nativity on Christmas Eve: Gather your friends and family and join Trinity Church for their Christmas Eve service starting at **4.00pm** as they reflect on the true meaning of the season. This 60-minute service will include Christmas carols, a nativity by our children's drama group, a very special guest, games and a short message. There will also be a small gift for everyone to celebrate Christmas. All are welcome and a flyer will be sent home with children in December.

Christmas Science Fun! Please find attached some fun Science Christmas activities for children to do at home if they would like...just for fun!

Forthcoming Dates

- Friday 9th December PTFA Christmas Fayre
KS1: 5.00-6.00pm & KS2: 6.00-7.00pm
- Monday 12th- Friday 16th Dec **No Clubs this week**
- Wednesday 14th December Rec & Y1 Attending All Saints Nativity Play Am
- Wednesday 14th December Christmas Lunch Day – **Wear a Christmas Jumper** Details to follow
- Friday 16th December PTFA Non Uniform Day £1.00 Donation
- **Friday 16th December** **End of Autumn Term 2**
- **Monday 19th Dec – Monday 2nd Jan** **Christmas Holidays**
- **Tuesday 3rd January** **INSET Day – Teachers only in School**
- **Wednesday 4th January** **Spring Term 1 - All Children return to school**
- Friday 6th January Reception Balanceability sessions start today
- Wednesday 18th January Y1 & Y2 Cheltenham Town Football Club Starts
- Monday 13th February Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Checks Details to follow
- **Friday 17th February** **End of Spring Term 1**
- **Monday 20th – Friday 24th Feb** **February Half-Term**
- **Monday 27th February** **Start of Spring Term 2**

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kurt Doyle
Acting Headteacher