



Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents & Governors,

It is with a very sad heart that I write my final Newsletter to you all. I have been enormously privileged to lead a dedicated and loyal staff who have worked tirelessly, and often 'over and above' to serve our children and families as best we can. There have both been many challenges, and many rewards, and I will treasure with fond memories my time at Holy Trinity. My one comfort is that having met and discussed plans with Mr Fletcher (interim Headteacher) I am confident that you will all be in good hands. I look forward to hearing of your continued success and achievements. With my best wishes, Mr de Gruchy

Christmas Fair: Thank you to the PTFA who have continued to prepare for this event. They could really do with some more help – please contact Caroline Williams (ptfa.chair@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk) if you are able to help. To help make this event as safe as possible, please see the email and guide sent out earlier this week.



I hope you can appreciate that in the current circumstances, it is very difficult to plan for these events and try to minimise the risks as much as possible, while still trying to keep events like this going. To this end, please come prepared to wear face coverings as well as wear an extra layer as we will have increased ventilation! Of course, most importantly, **please do not attend if you are feeling unwell**, and current guidance is recommending that all visitors to school take a lateral flow test before coming on site. We obviously cannot enforce this, but if you are able to, that would be much appreciated.



Christmas! We are all looking forward to our traditional Christmas Service at Trinity Church (covid cases permitting!). **This will be on Wednesday 15th December at 2.00pm.** However, we still need to be cautious, and you need to be aware of the following control measures to help make this event as safe as possible:

- **If you are unwell – PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND**
- **Reducing numbers** – unfortunately, with limited seating, we will only be able to accommodate **one family member per child** (apart from children in prams!). This will allow us to have a space between people in the congregation
- **Increased ventilation** – I have asked the church to keep the windows open, so wrap up warm!
- **Good hygiene** – there will be hand sanitising stations at the entrance to the church for you to use
- **Face masks** – we will be asking all watching the service to wear face masks (unless medically exempt) to wear a face mask throughout the service.
- **Collecting children** – we will dismiss those children who have a parent to take them directly from the church. However, to avoid gathering in too large a group, we will dismiss one class at time (including siblings). Please follow the instructions given on the day, and be patient until you are called. We won't appreciate being asked to jump the queue while trying to arrange all of this. **If someone other than yourself will be collecting your child after the Service, please let the office know before next Wednesday so teachers can be made aware of this.**

If you are able to help us walk safely to and from the church (including for Tuesday's rehearsal), please let your child's class teacher, or the school office know. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the above measures.

Children in Need: Thank you to everyone who got involved by dressing up and contributing to this worthwhile charity. Your generosity raised £168.60 – on behalf of all those this will have helped, "Thank you!"

Christmas Lunch Day: Thank you to everyone for making this happen this year despite our staffing shortages. Special thanks to Miss Upton and Ms Parry our kitchen staff cooking all the Christmas dinners, Mrs Griffiths and her team for decorating the hall so Christmassy and our Midday Supervisors, Teachers and Teaching Assistants who all stepped in to make sure everyone enjoyed their Christmas lunch!



School Dinners: The Autumn Menu will remain the same up until the February half-term break, see attached Menu for the new dates.

Please remember to top up your Parent Pay accounts and make sure all debts are cleared for the end of term, and top up balances to cover meals that will be taken at the beginning of next term.

Cool Milk Price Increase: If you pay for your child to have milk at school, Cool Milk have increased the price of Milk for children aged 5 and over, from 1st January 2022 from 23p to 24p per child per day. Children under 5 will continue to receive milk free of charge until they turn 5 years of age.



Flu Vaccination Forms: If you have not already done so, please complete and return a Flu vaccination form for your child, whether you wish them to have the Flu vaccination or not.

Before & After School Club: A massive thank you to Miss Horsey and Mrs Pargeter for stepping in to keep Before and After School childcare going – they have both been superstars! Moving forward, I am pleased to be able to inform you that we will still be able to offer our wrap around care next term. However, we will not be able to offer Wednesday childcare after school for the Spring Term. This is due to still not being able to recruit and replace Miss Fitzsimmons, and we simply don't have any other staff without their own commitments who can fill this slot. Obviously, we will keep trying and hopefully we will be able to share soon that this provision is back in place. Also, recently we have become aware that some communication is still going to the old email address. Please note the correct email address below to use if you need to communicate with Before and 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

Week beginning	Link to booking form
3 rd January – Note – no club on Tuesday due to inset day	https://forms.gle/5sJ2p4KEeCTPFwXm9
10 th January	https://forms.gle/y1Xc2GCkbNaGBBd39
17 th January	https://forms.gle/vB1tk6xgd2fC29VPA
24 th January	https://forms.gle/ZsIsnT7MAKqFhGKg7
31 st January	https://forms.gle/rgawPBt1rTbWyb9T6
7 th February	https://forms.gle/PssGBdsLBNEooPv77
14 th February	https://forms.gle/Y4iC8qTgtsAUmUq4A

Half Term

December Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers: The deadline to apply for these with Gloucestershire County Council is **Monday 13th December at 12.00noon**. If you have signed up previously, you do not need to re-register. If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact the school office.

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!

- Cheltenham Rocks Christmas Flyer

Forthcoming Dates

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

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| • Friday 10 th December | Y3 Landing Day – Awesome Egyptians | Egyptian dress |
| • Friday 10 th December | Christmas Fair
(Rec & KS1: 5.00pm, KS2: 6.00pm) | 5.00pm -7.00pm |
| • Monday 13 th December | Rec & Y1 Trip to watch All Saints Nativity Play | |
| • Monday 13 th December | Y2 Attending Multi-Skills Festival | Wear PE kit to School |
| • Tuesday 14 th December | Christmas service rehearsal | All at Trinity Church |
| • Wednesday 15th December | Christmas service at Trinity Church | 2.00pm |
| • Thursday 16 th December | Y3 Christmas Talent Show | |
| • Thursday 16 th December | Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccinations | |
| • Thursday 16 th December | Y5 Landing Day | |
| • Friday 17th December | End of Autumn Term 2 | |
| • Tuesday 4th January | INSET Day – Teachers only in School | |
| • Wednesday 5th January | Start of Spring Term 1 – All children return to school today | |
| • Thursday 6th January | Y2, Y3 & Y5 Football Coaching Sessions | |
| • Friday 7th January | Reception Balanceability Session | Wear PE kit to School |

Yours sincerely

Duncan de Gruchy – Headteacher