



Newsletter 4
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"A Church School Community aspiring for all to live life to the full"

Dear Parents, Carers & Governors,

The return to school following half term has been positive and calm. Staff are working incredibly hard to implement the new curriculum offer and are focused on delivering high-quality learning which is ambitious for all of our children. We are encouraged by the progress we have made in a short time and we are confident that pupils and parents will begin to see the positive impact of this change.

There have also been a number of developments in other areas across the school. We have included these items in the usual newsletter format, below.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Kurt Doyle - Acting Headteacher

Harvest Festival: Thank you for tinned food donations and money raised for the Harvest Festival Service. These donations make a significant difference to the lives of others. Thank you.

Parents' evenings: We will shortly be sharing more information about parents' evenings for the Autumn Term. These meetings will take place in person, and will be after school on Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December.

Cheltenham Town Football Club: I recently met with the Trust Manager at Cheltenham Town Football Club. We are pleased to share that we will be relaunching our partnership after Christmas. This will include a Key Stage 1 football club from January, PE coaching support during the day and Holy Trinity supporting Cheltenham Town in the delivery of the Government's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme which provides additional support to disadvantaged children and families. More details will follow shortly.

Pokémon cards: After much consideration, we have decided to ban Pokémon cards from school. These cards are beginning to cause disruption around the school and at playtimes and lunch times. Please can we ask parents to check pockets, bags and bookbags before school.

Volunteer Readers: We still need volunteer readers for Year 1. This is a really exciting opportunity to help develop early reading skills for our wonderful children. If you are interested or know of someone who may be suitable, then please contact the school office. Full training will be provided. As per our commitment to safer recruitment, training and appropriate checks will be made.

King's Coronation: The Department for Education has now confirmed that schools will be closed to pupils on **Monday 8th May 2023** in celebration of the King's Coronation.

Children in Need Day: On **Friday 18th November**, we will be celebrating Children in Need Day. Children can come to school dressed in colourful clothes or clothes with spots, or both, for a £1.00 donation. This donation can be made on ParentPay or in cash on the day.

School Dinners & Morning Appointments: If your child is attending a morning appointment but will be returning to school and requires a school dinner, please order this with the office before 9.30am. Unfortunately, we are unable to order any school dinners after 9.30am and therefore, if the office is not notified your child needs a dinner by 9.30am, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child on this day.

Christmas Lunch: A letter will be sent home to parents via book bags in the next few days, please look out for this and complete and return the slip in this letter by Friday 25th November.

Scooters/Bikes: If your child arrives late in the morning after the gates have been closed and rides a bike or scooter to school, the office are no longer able to take them through to the playground, you will need to take them back home with you. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

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.

Values Certificates

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

13.10.22

Rec Guy and Arthur
Y1 Isla B and Rufus
Y2 Isla P and Violet
Y3 Martha and Amelie
Y4 Ben and Luna
Y5 Faith and Jillian
Y6 ---

20.10.22

Rec Taliah and Jake
Y1 Madelyn and Tom
Y2 Maria and William
Y3 Tyrus and Charlie
Y4 Issac and Henry
Y5 Indiella and Lucy
Y6 Alice and Olivia

03.11.22

Rec Zeba and Aniela
Y1: Tom and Maya
Y2: Sophia and Rudi-Mae
Y3: Harleen and Kendra
Y4: Mia and Humphrey
Y5: Michael and Jessica
Y6: Edward and Skye

Attendance - Class Percentages (31.10.22 – 08.11.22):

Reception: 96.4%
Year 1: 97.1%
Year 2: 89.4%
Year 3: 96.4%
Year 4: 99.1%
Year 5: 94.1%
Year 6: 93.5%

Overall School Attendance: 95.1%

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

Attendance Policy: We have recently adapted the school's attendance policy. The new policy reflects changes in guidance and legislation regarding school attendance. This new policy is available to access on the Policies page of the school website:

https://www.holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk/files/ugd/6fc12d_91bf64289eb64a42abf7a486bd804176.pdf

Wrap Around Care vacancy: We will shortly be advertising for Wrap Around Care staff. This is a zero hours contract with flexibility. It involves joining the Holy Trinity team to help us deliver our popular breakfast and after school clubs. If you are interested in this vacancy, then please collect an application pack from the school office, or use the advert located on the Vacancies page of the school website:

<https://www.holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies>

Reception Admissions 2023: Please see attached flyer in relation to Reception Admissions for September 2023. If you have any questions, please speak to the office.

Camp 4-2-11 Christmas Activity Camps: Please see attached, Camp 4-2-11 flyer. Use discount code **XMAS10** for £10 off Cheltenham and Gloucester Camps.

Trinity Church Activities: An invitation to the Trinity Kids Christmas Prom! A chance to dress up and have 120 minutes of games, pizza and Christmas crafts PLUS a very cool and festive Photo Booth!! All this alongside a magic show, PLUS a disco with a snow machine & bubble machine! Get ready for an epic snowball fight too! Limited places:

School Years: Reception to Year 6

Cost: £5 per child

Friday 16th December: 6.00pm – 8.00pm - All are welcome!

To sign up your child please follow this link: <https://trinitycheltenham.churchsuite.com/events/wuwosbxx>

Trinity Kids Football Team for both boys and girls between school Years 2 and 6. Meet every Monday at the YMCA (indoor - Arle Road) at 5:45pm until 6:45pm. £2.00 subs per week. (Please bring cash each week and hand it in upon arrival).

Our vision is to inspire everyone to play and love the game. Each week we will focus on a different footballing skill whilst having lots of fun doing it. All are welcome but limited numbers available. Please click on this link to sign up your child: <https://trinitycheltenham.churchsuite.com/events/7yaxqtkw>

Forthcoming Dates

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| • Wednesday 16 th November | Open Morning – Reception 2023 Admissions | 9.30am - 10.30am |
| • Friday 18 th November | Children in Need Day (Bright colours & spots) | £1.00 Donation |
| • Thursday 24 th November | Open Afternoon – Reception 2023 Admissions | 1.30pm - 2.30pm |
| • Friday 25 th November | Y1 PTFA Sale & Christmas Jumper Sale | 3.15pm |
| • Wednesday 30 th November | Y2 & Y6 Panto Trip to Everyman Theatre | Details to follow |
| • Friday 2 nd December | Y1 & Y4 Panto Trip to Everyman Theatre | Details to follow |
| • Tuesday 6 th December | Y3 & Y5 Panto Trip to Everyman Theatre | Details to follow |
| • Wednesday 7 th December | Christmas Service Rehearsal at Trinity Church | pm |
| • Thursday 8 th December | Christmas Service at Trinity Church | 2.00pm - 3.00pm |
| • Friday 9 th December | PTFA Christmas Fayre | 4.30pm - 6.30pm |
| • Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch Day | Details to follow |
| • Friday 16 th 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 – <u>Teachers only in School</u> | |
| • Wednesday 4th January | All Children return to school | |

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kurt Doyle
Acting Headteacher