



Newsletter 3
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"A Church School Community aspiring for all to live life to the full"

Dear Parents, Carers & Governors,

My note is brief this week as Mrs Britton has some important updates for you. Firstly, I wanted to thank all of the parents who were able to make the Coffee with the Head and/ or Meet the Teacher events. It was wonderful to meet with you all and to show you around the school. We are pleased with the progress we have made and we are motivated to continue to make this the very best possible school for each of our children. Your feedback and your support is invaluable to us.

We are planning to repaint some further areas of the school during the October half term. It would be great if we were able to have some parent volunteers to help. If you are available to support on **Monday 24th October**, then please can I kindly ask that you let the school office know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kurt Doyle - Acting Headteacher

Following on from Mr Doyle, a massive thank you goes to those members of the school community who have supported the many efforts being made to make Holy Trinity School the very best it can be. It is always a delight to see children rushing into school in the morning, eager to learn and make the most of every new day. (Please could I remind you that the gates are opened at 8.50am and locked again at 9.00am!)

A big thank you also goes to parents and helpers who have offered to become volunteer readers to hear our children read in school. This is a valuable time and we are keen for more to get involved. If this is something you are able to do please speak to the office.

Thank you also to those who have helped with taking classes to the Literature Festival events recently and class trips...we literally couldn't do it without you!

We are continually encouraging the children to think about how they can show kindness to others as we develop our school expectations of "Kind, Safe, Best". We will be thinking about Harvest and Christmas next week with our Harvest Service at Trinity Church (see below). We'll also be welcoming a visitor to speak about the Teams for You Christmas Shoebox Appeal. A suggestion, if you would like to support this, is to organise doing this between a few families or maybe as a class group however this is completely optional. Leaflets will be sent home with children next week.

As a school, we will be developing our approach to **courageous advocacy** and will be encouraging children to identify areas that they can see, both within and outside of our school community, where they could initiate an idea or project to make a positive difference for others. More to follow on this after half term but maybe use the opportunity of a half term break to start the conversation with your children and help them to see where there may be an opportunity.

There is plenty in the newsletter this week! Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Lynda Britton – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Hall: Our SENCO Mrs Hall is currently unwell and is not in school at the moment. If you have any pressing matters for her attention, please speak to Mr Doyle or Mrs Britton.

Health Awareness: Please see the attached information regarding childhood illnesses that warrant your child being kept at home due to illness. There is also an information sheet about what symptoms to check for with Scarlet Fever as we have recently had a couple of cases in school.

Y6 Residential: The Y6's are currently on their residential trip at Whitemoor Lakes and are due back tomorrow afternoon between 3.30-4.00pm. We look forward to hearing of their adventures and thank Mr Anderson, Mrs Manners, Mrs Pilkington, Mrs Nelson and Mr Doyle for accompanying them.

Harvest Festival: On **Wednesday 19th October** you are invited to attend our Whole School Harvest Festival Service at Trinity Church at 2.00pm. Classes have been busy preparing pieces for it so we should be in for a real treat! We still need parents to help walk children to Church, leaving school at 1.30pm. If you can help in this way please let your child's class teacher know so that a seat can be reserved for you at the church. As children can be collected from the Church after the Service, please let the school office know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child from Church. **Please can parents make sure that the class teacher has ticked off their name before taking your child from the Church.**

This year we will be supporting a local charity called **Fresh Hope** with a project called Jigsaw. Jigsaw runs a number of events to support families and this includes a Fareshare scheme. If you would like to donate an item, please send it in for your child to carry to the church and then place at the front. Please choose from this list of suggested items: Tinned tomatoes, vegetables, tuna, meatballs, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, cold meat, teabags, coffee, sugar, pasta sauces, biscuits, crackers, rice or cereals. If you are able to donate any of these items or would like to know more about how you could be involved with this project please email: jigsaw@freshhope.co

School Photographs: Individual and sibling photos will be taken of all children on **Thursday 3rd November**. Please ensure your child wears their **school sweatshirt** to school on this day. If your child has PE, they will need to come to school in their sweatshirt and bring their PE top in to change into after their photograph has been taken. If you have more than one child in school, and would like them to have their photo taken together, **please complete the google form on the following link <https://forms.gle/ug3KJ8bsZGPrrPc17> by Thursday 20th October**. If you have not completed the form by this date, your child will simply have their photograph taken individually not as part of a sibling group.

School Dinners: The menu for the last day of term on Thursday 20th October will change to:

- A: Fish Fingers & chips
- B. Vegan Mexican roll & chips
- C: Jacket Potato

If you pay for your child's school lunches, please make sure you have topped your Parent Pay account so that it is in credit at the end of term.

Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 20th October: Please complete and return the form to the office asap, whether you would or would not, like your child to receive the Flu nasal vaccination on this date.

Secondary School Transfer September 2023: The deadline for secondary applications this year is **Monday 31st October 2022**. This is extremely important as any applications received by Gloucestershire County Council after this date may not be considered until after 1st March 2023. **If your child will be attending an Open day, please ensure you complete a leave of absence form for them to attend which is available from the letter rack next to the office.**

It's all about communication! Please ensure you are checking newsletters, e-mails and text messages. The office are often 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. From our end we are considering ways in which we can deliver a more effective approach to communication from school to parents and carers and will endeavour to update you in due course.

INSET: A remember that school is closed to pupils on **Friday 21st October** for an INSET day.

Values Certificates

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

06.10.22

Rec	Guy and Alyssia
Y1	Teddie and Eli
Y2	Eva and Caleb
Y3	Charlotte and Rex
Y4	Leo and Henry
Y5	Noah and Ieuan
Y6	Merin and Freddie

Trinity Church Kids Drama Group: Trinity Church is running a free drama club and still has some spaces available. The main focus of the group is to build confidence, creativity, communication and other life skills. Children attending this club will be performing at the Church Christmas Nativity held at Trinity Church on Christmas Eve. The club is open to boys and girls in school Years 2-5. The group meet on Mondays at Trinity House from 4.00pm – 5.00pm. The cost for the group is FREE. To sign up, please follow this link: <https://trinitycheltenham.churchsuite.com/events/o7wiaa6z>

Ukraine Fundraiser: There will be a charity run taking place in **Pittville Park** on **Saturday 15th October 2022 at 9.00am** together with Park Run as a fundraiser for Ukraine. After the run there will be sweet treats from Ukrainians to express their gratitude. The run is 5 km long so if there are 500 people running at once they will cover the distance between the UK and Ukraine which is approximately 2500 km! Please use this link for more information: [Cheltenham people is fundraising for British-Ukrainian Aid \(justgiving.com\)](http://justgiving.com)

Nature Nurtures: This is a free weekly Nature Club starting on Sunday 16th October for eight consecutive weeks for two and a half hours. Please see Flyer attached for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

- Friday 14th October Y2 Literature Festival Trip
- Wednesday 19th October Harvest Festival at Trinity Church 2.00pm
- Thursday 20th October Reception - Y6 Flu Vaccinations All day
- Thursday 20th October PTFA Non-Uniform Day £1.00 Donation
- **Thursday 20th October** **End of Autumn Term 1**
- **Friday 21st October** **INSET Day – Teaching staff only in School**
- **Monday 24 – Friday 28th** **October Half-Term**
- **Monday 31st October** **Start of Autumn Term 2 – GATES OPEN AT 8.50AM**
- Monday 31st October Secondary School Applications Deadline
- Thursday 3rd November Individual & Sibling School Photographs Am
- Wednesday 16th November Open Morning – Reception 2023 Admissions 9.30am - 10.30am
- Thursday 24th November Open Afternoon – Reception 2023 Admissions 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Friday 25th November Y1 PTFA Sale & Christmas Jumper Sale 3.15pm
- Thursday 8th December Christmas Service at Trinity Church Details to follow
- Friday 9th December PTFA Christmas Fayre Details to follow
- Friday 16th December PTFA Non Uniform Day £1.00 Donation
- **Friday 16th December** **End of Autumn Term 2**

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kurt Doyle
Acting Headteacher