



**Newsletter 7**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
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*"A Church School Community aspiring for all to live life to the full"*

Dear Parents, Carers & Governors,

It has been wonderful to see and welcome the whole school community back together for 2023!

The beginning of a new year always provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what has past and look forward to what is to come. Staff have been busy planning exciting learning experiences for classes and we look forward to all that lies ahead this term.

This term our school value is **Compassion**. The children have been thinking this week about what compassion is and how this might be put into action. We have thought about this Bible verse in our Collective Worship;

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3.12

Please find the attached Home School Values sheet to use at home, if you would like to.

We wish all our families a very happy and fulfilling year ahead. Thank you for your on-going support.

**Mrs Lynda Britton - Deputy Headteacher**

**Poppy Appeal:** Thank you for your contributions for the Poppy Appeal, we collected £14.82.

**Census Day Dinner Menu - Thursday 19th January:** The school dinner choices will change next Thursday due to the school census taking place and the choices will be as follows:

- A: Hot dog, chips, coleslaw & salad**
- B. Vegetarian hot Dog, chips, coleslaw & salad**
- C: Jacket potato with choice of fillings**
- Dessert: Sponge & custard or yogurt and fruit**

Your child just needs to tell their teacher their choice of meal on that morning, as usual.

**If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2, or receives Free School Meals it would help the school's funding if your child chose a school meal on this day.**

**School Dinners: Reminder:** if you pay for your child's meals please ensure you have topped up your Parent Pay account **before** your child places an order. **Please clear any debts ASAP. We cannot supply meals if your debt exceeds £12.00.**

**Y4 Swimming Lessons:** Y4 swimming lessons will start next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Children will need to bring their swimming costume/trunks (no Bermuda shorts please) a towel, goggles and a swimming cap. As children will be walking to and from the @leisure swimming pool, they will need a coat and it may be worth them bringing a warm hat to wear on the walk back to school. **Children will also need to bring a packed lunch every Thursday until half term to have when they return to school.**

**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.

**Kind, Safe, Best!** Please continue to talk to your children about our school expectations of Being Kind, keeping ourselves and others safe and always trying our best. Thank you.

**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.** Could we also remind parents that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they should not attend school for 48 hours from the last episode.

**PTFA Update:** Please read the update from the PTFA at the end of this newsletter.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure that your child brings in their own, named water bottle. Thank you.

**Reading:** We are noticing that some children are forgetting to bring their home reading records into school. Please could all children be encouraged to read at home each day, have their record signed and bring it into school daily to be checked – they get a golden ticket when they do!

**Hair Up Please!** In line with our school uniform policy, for health and safety reasons and to ensure that it doesn't distract from learning, we request that long hair is tied back – many thanks.

### **End of the School Day Collection Times:**

Please can parents collect their child promptly, at the following times, thank you.

**Rec & KS1 (Y1 & Y2): 3.10pm**      **KS2: (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6): 3.15pm**

### **Values Certificates**

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

#### **15.12.2022**

Rec -  
Y1 -  
Y2 -  
Y3 Amelie and Anais  
Y4 Raleigh, Lottie, Lucy and Federica  
Y5 Tessie and Ava  
Y6 Zoia and Monty

#### **06.01.2023**

Rec Liam and Cassius  
Y1 Taha and Elsie  
Y2 Freddie and Imogen  
Y3 Molly, Ruby and Ossian  
Y4 Felicia and Rex  
Y5 Robyn and Vinnie  
Y6 Freddie and George

### **Attendance - Class Percentages (07.12.22 – 11.01.23):**

Reception: 92.5%  
Year 1: 94.5%  
Year 2: 92.4%  
Year 3: 92.6%  
Year 4: 94.8%  
**Year 5: 96.4%- Well done Year 5!**  
Year 6: 91.4%

**Overall School Attendance: 93.5%**

**National: 93.5%**

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

**Hockey Heroes:** Please see flyer attached in relation to the Hockey Heroes programme being run at Cheltenham Ladies College.

**Lots for Tots Children's Nearly New Sale:** Please see flyer attached for further details.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

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| • Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January                            | Y1, Y2 & Y4 SEND Reviews                     |                     |
| • Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January                           | Y3 & Y6 SEND Reviews                         |                     |
| • Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January                         | Y5 SEND Reviews                              |                     |
| • Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January                         | Y1 & Y2 Cheltenham Town Football Club Starts |                     |
| • Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January                          | <b>Y4 Swimming Lessons start today</b>       | <b>Remember Kit</b> |
| • Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb    | Y6 Bikeability Sessions                      | Details to follow   |
| • Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                           | Rec & Y6 Height & Weight Checks              | Details to follow   |
| • <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>                     | <b>End of Spring Term 1</b>                  |                     |
| • <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>February Half-Term</b>                    |                     |
| • <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>                     | <b>Start of Spring Term 2</b>                |                     |

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Lynda Britton**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

### **IMPORTANT PTFA ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Dear all,

As we start 2023 the PTFA have been reflecting on how the funds we have raised as a school community have been spent on so many essential and fun things for the children from subsidising school trips, buying equipment, the Christmas pantomime trip and workshop, new reading books for the library and the transformation of the outdoor area.

We have been very grateful for all the help and support we have received and it's a really positive reflection of the power of the parental body at Holy Trinity but in order for the PTFA to continue this success and to enable us to continue to hold events and fundraisers to support our children and the school's priorities we need more people to be involved.

We have plans for a school disco and movie night, as well as the half termly after school year group sales, but find we are at the moment unable to commit to these activities or any other fundraising activities in 2023 until we get more people on board as the current workload is just too much.

We know that there are a number of parents who have shown an interest in supporting the work of the PTFA, but we really need more - to be part of the core team, but also to support and volunteer to help with activities and stalls. We would love to have more ideas and involvement from parents and carers - perhaps you have an idea for or would like to organise an activity to raise money for the PTFA...

Ideally we would like at least one year group rep who can work as part of the PTFA core but really it is the more the merrier. It's not too time consuming at all (perhaps one or two catch ups a term). **Please let us know if you would like to find out more by emailing [htptfa@gmail.com](mailto:htptfa@gmail.com) and we'll get in touch.**

You may also have seen the recent Facebook post about a new treasurer. If you would like to find out a bit more about what this would involve, e-mail us and we'll be in touch.

Kind regards,

**Kate, Nicole, Carrie and Rachel (PTFA parents)**