



Newsletter 14

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

Dear Parents, Carers & Governors,

With only three weeks of the Summer Term left, there are plenty of activities going on for the whole school community to get involved with! Please check the dates listed at the end of this newsletter. Key dates are also listed on the school website.

Thank you to the PTFA who are busy organising events such as the Summer Fair and also the School Spruce Up during the first week of the holidays. Also, a big thank you to all those who have already donated to the new books fund for our library. It is exciting that as a school community, the children will be motivated and supported further in their love of reading because of your generosity.

Thank you for all you are doing to support the children and school community.

Mrs Lynda Britton Deputy Head

Mrs Prew: Sadly, after 15 years of working at Holy Trinity Primary School we will be saying farewell at the end of term to Mrs Prew, our Y5 class teacher. Mrs Prew has been a highly valued member of the staff team and she will be truly missed. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all she has given to our school community over the years.

Next Academic year: We have held an appointment process and are finalising the details of this. Once this is complete class arrangements for next year will be communicated to parents.



Mr Kurt Doyle: Our new full time Headteacher, Mr Kurt Doyle will be joining us from September. You will also see him around school over the next few weeks, and you may have met him on the playground already. We welcome him as he visits and gets to know our school community.

Athletics: A big WELL DONE to the 32 children who represented our school at the Prince of Wales Stadium last Friday evening. Some medals were won although **EVERYBODY** can be proud of themselves for the effort they put in and the way they conducted themselves. A special "thank you" to Mrs Jenny Evans for overseeing the athletics and the other staff members who attended. Well done all!

Y6 Leavers Service: The Y6 Leavers Service will take place on **Monday 18th July in the School Hall, at 2.15pm.** Attendance will be restricted to 2 adults per Year 6 child.

Headlice: We have some cases of headlice in school. Please ensure that you check your child's hair frequently for headlice and treat the child and the rest of the family as necessary. Thank you.

Sports Day: Due to the delay of the Astro Turf installation we have had to move our Sports Days to the following dates:

Y1 & Y2: Wednesday 21st September, 9.30am-11.30am with a reserve date of Friday 23rd September.
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: Wednesday 28th September, 9.30am-11.30am with a reserve date of Friday 30th September.

Apologies for any disappointment caused, especially for our Y6 pupils.

Music Lessons Next Year: Letters will be sent home to parents next week for children to sign up for music lessons with Mrs Skeet, Mrs Maughan and Mr Agg for music lessons starting from September.

Dinner Money Debts: As previously mentioned, if you pay for your child's school lunches please keep your Parent Pay account topped up so that it is in credit before your child orders a meal. **As we fast approach the end of term, please note all debts must be cleared before then so that we can finalise our accounts for the end of the academic year.**

Due to some unpaid debts still outstanding we will be setting a debt limit of £12.00 - anything over this and we will not be able to provide a school lunch until the debt is cleared. We will call you on the day to ask you to bring a packed lunch in for your child. Also, if your child will be late to school, please place your order for your child's lunch by phone before 9.30am to ensure that a lunch is ordered. Thank you for your help with this.

Please note that Menu for the last day of term (Thursday 21st July) will be as follows:

A: Fish Finger & Chips, B: Vegan Burger & Chips, C: Jacket Potato & filling and Pudding: Ice Cream.

Please note: The price of school meals is going up from £2.34 to £2.36 from September 2022

Parents of children in Year 2: Please remember that your Universal Free School Meals will finish at the end of this term and you will need to start paying for lunches from Y3 onwards, via Parent Pay.

Y6 Residential in October: The Y6 (current Y5 children) residential is being planned to take place in October this year, instead of the Summer Term. A separate letter has been sent to parents.

School Start and Finish Times: Thank you for your efforts to ensure that children arrive and are collected on time. The gates are opened at **8.50am** and children should be in school by **8.55am**. The gates are locked at **9.00am** and late arrivals need to access the school through the Reception office entrance. Registration and learning activities start promptly in class. In the afternoon, the gates are unlocked at **3.05pm**. School finishes at **3.10pm** EYFS/Key Stage 1 and **3.15pm** for Key Stage 2.

Reminder: Sun Hats and Suncream: Please could we ask that every child has a named sun hat to wear outside for break and lunchtimes as the weather is very warm and we have limited shade on the playground. Please apply sun cream in the mornings before school.

Values Certificates

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

16.6.22

EYFS	Zachary and Florence
Y1	Talitha and Amy
Y2	Luca and Edith
Y3	Lottie and Henry
Y4	Barney, Ieuan, Jillian, Circe & Ashton
Y5	Daniel and Freddie
Y6	Desi and Sofia

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EYFS	Maddie and Leo
Y1	Bethan, Violet and Benjamin
Y2	Scarlett and Martha
Y3	Boys/Girls Relay Teams & Leo
Y4	Bea and Faith
Y5	Milan and Y5
Y6	Fraser and Kai

Leave of Absence Form Change: Please only complete a leave of absence form if your child will be absent from school for a whole day or if they will not be present at school when the registers are taken in the morning or afternoon. **Please ensure you let us know if your child will be leaving during the school day to attend an appointment, so their class teacher can be made aware.** Please note, we **will not**, authorise any holiday taken during term time. Children only attend school for 39 weeks a year.

Annual School Reports: Annual School Reports will be sent home to parents on Friday 15th July in Book Bags. If you require an extra copy of your child's school report, please let Miss Saunders in the office know, by **Monday 11th July**. Thank you.

Y6 End of Year Production: The Y6 End of Year Production, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' will take place on Thursday 14th July. There will be two performances on this day. The afternoon performance will be at 1.45pm and the evening performance at 6.30pm. Please ensure you arrive promptly before the start of each performance and bring your tickets with you.

Household Support Fund: On 30th September 2021, the Government announced that a new Household Support Fund (HSF) would be available to Local Authorities to support those most in need during the winter, which has now been extended until 30 September 2022. The Government has provided funding to Gloucestershire County Council to support people who are struggling to:

- **buy food**
- **pay energy and water bills**
- **cover other essential costs linked to energy and water and wider essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service or repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, and ovens)**

The application form for the Housing Support Fund can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>. The Household Support Fund is available until 30 September 2022.

Cheltenham FoodBank: If you require extra help and support, the Cheltenham Food Bank Help for Hardship contact number is **0808 2082 138**. You will be able to speak confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice advisor (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday), who can issue a foodbank voucher and provide other information.

Holiday Free School Meals Scheme: This summer holiday, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. The vouchers are provided by GCC as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals. **Parents who are registered will receive £15 per eligible child, per week.**

For the summer holiday, GCC will be providing **2 weeks' worth of vouchers**, as in previous summer holidays. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, they are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will have already been included. New parents will need to sign up as soon as they can. **For parents who have already signed up, if more of your children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please contact childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so your account can be updated as this not an automatic process.**

Applications for Holiday FSM Vouchers for the summer holiday period is now open until the 12.00noon on Tuesday 12th July. Voucher emails will be sent out between 13th & 14th July. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as vouchers can end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by then, please get in contact with by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Warwick Place Community Kitchen: Please see attached leaflet for further details.

SAVE THE DATE! The PFTA Summer Fayre will be on **Wednesday 20th July** after school. More details to follow!

Move More Camps: Are running three camps across Cheltenham for 3-12 years every day of the holidays (excluding bank holidays). They accept childcare vouchers and offer a 10% sibling discount! More info and the booking link is. www.move-more.org/booknow. See Flyer attached for further details.

Forthcoming Dates

- Thursday 30th June Holy Trinity Orchestra Celebration 3.15pm – 4.pm
- Friday 1st July Y1 Gloucester Waterways Museum Trip
- Friday 1st July Y3 Dean Heritage Centre Trip
- Monday 4th – Friday 8th July Y6 Residential Trip, Whitemoor Lakes
- Tuesday 5th July Reception Stay & Play Sessions (Sept 2022 Intake)
- Wednesday 6th July Y3 & Y4 Swimming, **last session**
- Monday 11th July Y1 Attending Multi Skills Festival
- Tuesday 12th July Reception Stay & Play Sessions (Sept 2022 Intake)
- Thursday 14th July Y2 Visiting Gloucester Waterways Museum
- Thursday 14th July Y6 Production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' 1.45pm & 6.30pm
- Thursday 14th July Y6 (Current Y5) Residential Trip Meeting 2.30pm
- Friday 15th July Annual School Reports Sent Home
- Monday 18th July Y6 Leavers Service in School Hall 2.15pm
- Wednesday 20th July PTFA Summer Fayre Details to follow
- Thursday 21st July PTFA Non Uniform Day £1.00 Donation
- **Thursday 21st July** **End of Summer Term 2**
- **Monday 5th September** **INSET Day – Teachers only in School**
- **Tuesday 6th September** **Start of Autumn Term 1**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lynda Britton – Deputy Headteacher