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## Newsletter 5 - November 2024

### Head Teachers Section

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy start to the new term it's been!

First of all, thank you for your support during our SIAMs inspection earlier this week, especially those of you who agreed to give up your time to meet with the inspector as part of their timeline of activities. The behaviour, conduct and attitudes of the children were exceptional throughout and the inspector developed a real sense of what a special school Holy Trinity is. Whilst the outcome remains confidential for now, I hope to be able to share the inspection report with you in a few weeks.

#### Attendance and Punctuality

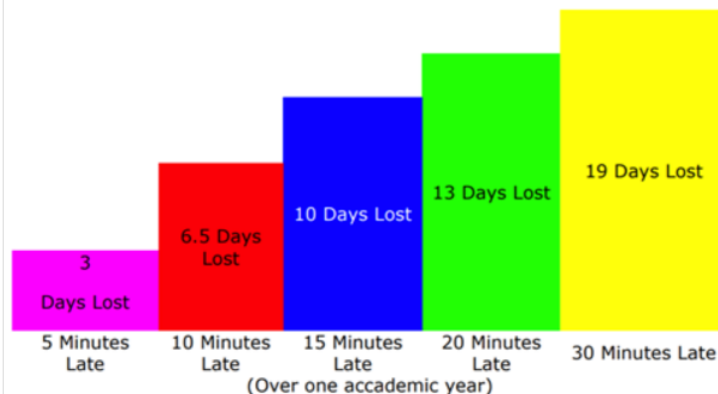
We have reviewed our current Attendance and Punctuality policy to reflect the changes made by the DfE a few months ago in regard to penalty notices and the expectations of schools to promote and monitor attendance. Our revised policy, which is scheduled to be approved by the governing body, can be found on the school website.

Within the policy, we stipulate that we expect children to attend school 100% of the time. However, I do recognise that illness happens and full attendance isn't always achievable. Having reviewed our current attendance data, there is a significant proportion of children whose attendance is below 96.5% - the current national average, which is the benchmark for most schools. Myself and the rest of the senior leadership team, will be closely monitoring attendance between now and the end of term and will be contacting parents and carers where attendance and punctuality of pupils is a cause for concern. We are committed to supporting our community to ensure all children attend school as much as possible and your support with this will be greatly appreciated.

In the new policy, there is also a greater emphasis on punctuality. As highlighted in the graphic below, every minute counts and regular lateness can have a significant effect on a child's progress and attainment.

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Again, we will be monitoring punctuality closely over the next few weeks and will be contacting parents and carers where punctuality is a cause for concern to offer support.

Best wishes,

Mr David Le Templier  
Head Teacher



### Christmas Dinner!

Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 18th December.

Please head to the "forms" section of your Edulink App to select your child's Christmas dinner choice.

Survey deadline: Monday 2nd December

Children may bring a packed lunch from home if they'd rather, they will be able to eat this with their class during Christmas lunch instead - please still complete the survey on Edulink to reflect this.

## Coffee Morning with Mr Le Templier

Nov 29 Fri

- 29 Nov 2024

Parents and carers are invited to join Mr Le Templier on Friday 29th November from 09:00-09:30 for a coffee morning to discuss the curriculum and our ongoing vision for the curriculum




## OPAL GOLDEN WELLY!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Andre in year 2 who has won the OPAL Golden Welly for his class, the golden welly is awarded to a child/ group of children or class for being fantastic during our OPAL session at lunchtimes. Well done Andre!

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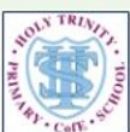
# GOLDEN WELLY AWARD


GOES TO....



## Andre

Y2





**For setting a good example at OPAL playtimes by being kind, respectful and listening well.**



After a successful trial over half term, Anaïs, in year 5, has been offered a place at the u10 Emerging Talent Centre (ETC) run by Forest Green Rovers FC. ETC's are funded by the FA to provide elite training to young female footballers with high potential. Anaïs played her first tournament on Tuesday where they went unbeaten conceding only 1 goal! On Thursday night she helped her team to a

solid win over Plymouth Argyle FC.

**Well done Anaïs!**

## Odd Socks for Anti-bullying!

## Shoes Boxes



Thank you to everyone that filled and donated a shoe box for Teams4U!

## Holy Trinity Wish List



Thank you to

everyone that has purchased from our school wish-list! Your generosity is very appreciated!

If you'd still like to purchase something, here's the link - <https://amzn.eu/cFBhMIE>

## Read With Me Winter Fayre



Read With Me provide us with volunteers who come into school to listen to children read in a one to one capacity.

This is an invaluable service for the school and really benefits the children.

If you'd like to join Read With Me more details can be found in the noticeboard outside the entrance to the school building.

## Values

HUGE well done to the following children who received a celebration certificate in our weekly Celebration Worship!

8th November 2024

Reception - Shurabeel & Dominic

Year 1 - Javonte & Amir

Year 2 - Ivan & Jacob

Year 3 - Annie & Paddy

**Well Done Anaïs!**

Year 4 - Emma & Violet

Year 5 - Tyrus & Amelie

Year 6 - Ewan & Rex

15th November 2024

Reception - Christabel & Xander

Year 1 - Fateh & Nathan

Year 2 - Tayo & Alyssia

Year 3 - Leo & Tom

Year 4 - Immy & Reuben

Year 5 - Amelia & Zac

Year 6 - Lottie & Walter

## Year 4 Viking Day

Dec 3 Tue

- 03 Dec 2024

Year 4 will be taking part in a whole day dedicated to the THE VIKINGS!

This will take place at school, in school hours & dressing up will be optional.

Please view the flyer for more information.



## Absence Reporting

As part of our ongoing improvements to the school office we have a new electronic web form to report your child's term time absence, these can be found at the bottom of our website homepage or by clicking the links below.

You will no longer need to call, email or submit an absence request form for **any illness or medical appointments**, please just notify the school office using the form below. You will not get a response for these.

You will no longer need to submit an absence request form for term time absences or holidays please do so using the form below, we will reply to your form notifying you if the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Links to both forms can also be found at the bottom of our website homepage.

PLEASE NOTE - [It is important these forms are submitted with as much notice as possible.](#)

## Children of Eden

Jacob's Well is an amateur theatre company in Cheltenham, and they are putting on a performance of 'Children of Eden' in the last week of November. Get your ticket and see if you can spot the school dad on stage! To find out more or book tickets, <https://cheltplayhouse.org.uk/CheltPlayhouse.dll/WhatsOn?f=2567452>

## Forthcoming Dates

**Please** click to see our School Calendar with all our up and coming events.