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Newsletter 4 - October 2024

Head Teachers Section

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Well, what a term it has been!

The children have continued to work extremely hard in their lessons and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them all over the past 8 weeks. I have been really impressed with their attitude to learning and the behaviour of the pupils around the school site.

As is always the case in every school, there are always aspects of what we do that can be refined and made even more effective. Having spent this term evaluating all aspects of school provision, I have shared my vision and school development priorities with the Holy Trinity team and small adjustments to various areas of school life will start to be put in to place after the break. For example, we will be trialling a new approach to homework in some classes next term, with a view to a potential launch of a new policy in the spring - more information on that in the first week back.

Attendance continues to be a priority for the school. Currently our school attendance as of yesterday is 96.5% which is in line with the national average. There do, however, continue to be a number of children regularly arriving at school late. Please do ensure your child/ren get to school on time as regularly missing just 5 minutes of their learning time will seriously impact their achievement at school.

Staffing update:

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Childs has been appointed as our school's Family Support Worker after a rigorous interview process. This is a new role to the school and Mrs Childs will take on much of the roles and responsibilities Mrs Nelson had. Mrs Childs is there to be a point of contact for all parents and carers regarding any child who may be struggling socially and/or emotionally. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Childs on her appointment.

I hope you all have a restful half term. On behalf of the whole team at Holy Trinity, thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November.

Best wishes,

Mr David Le Templier
Head Teacher



BBC's 500 Words Competition

BBC's 500 Words Competition is the UK's largest writing competition. The competition encourages children aged 5-11 to submit their original story and stand a chance of winning amazing prizes!



What are the prizes?

50 shortlisted finalists will be invited to the grand final at Buckingham Palace in February and will receive a £20 National Book Token.

The gold, silver and bronze winners of both categories will win themselves a bundle of books:

- Gold winning stories will receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books
- Silver will win the height of Her Majesty The Queen in books
- Bronze winners will the average height of a child relevant to their age category in books

The gold winners' schools will also receive 500 books each for their school library.

Each winning story will have a framed illustrated cover from Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail.



These illustrations, along with their stories, will also be included in a special 500 Words winner's book, which will go home with each bronze, silver and gold winner, in both categories.

There's also a **random prize draw**, which takes place at the start of February. One lucky winner will receive a ticket to the final and a bundle of books for themselves and their school. AND they will win a bespoke, literacy Wall Art project from Promote Your School.

The Wall Art project will promote the love of storytelling and will transform up to 30 metres of wall space, anywhere in the school.

All stories must be

- 500 words or less
- written by an individual and not a group
- a child's own original idea
- prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event
- Be created, written or developed by AI

All stories will be judged on the following criteria

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

Click [here](#) for fantastic tips and resources to help your child with writing their story

Submit your entry to Mr Anderson by 3pm on Friday 8th November.

Shoebox Appeal 2024



The Shoe Box Appeal is a charitable initiative that encourages people to fill shoeboxes with gifts and essentials for children in need, often around the holiday season.

Participants typically pack items like toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene products into shoeboxes, which are then collected and distributed to underprivileged children, often in various communities or countries.

The appeal aims to spread joy and provide a sense of care to those who might otherwise go without during the festive season.

Shoe Boxes need to be bought in on or before Thursday 14th November.

Y6 Residential

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Whitmoore Lakes



School Dinner Debts

If you pay for your child's school meals, please ensure all **dinner money debts are cleared before Half Term**. Parent Pay accounts for dinner money must remain in credit - please ensure your child only orders a meal if your balance covers it.

Harvest 2024

All the children performed beautifully as part of our harvest celebration. Thank you to all those parents and carers that came to watch and donated so generously to our collection.



Holy Trinity Wish List



Please check out our Amazon wish list, we'd appreciate any contributions.

Here's the link -

<https://amzn.eu/cFBhMIE>

Values

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

18th October 2024

Reception - Alfie and Luvuyo

Year 1 - Anelie and Ayo

Year 2 - Andre and Phoenix

Year 3 - Maya and Annie W

Year 4 - Bethan and William

Year 5 - Scarlett and Anais

Year 6 - Lucy and Billy

25th October 2024

Year 1 - Evie and Faith

Year 2 - Elijah and Zoe

Year 3 - Eli and Elsie

Year 4 - Tali and Sophia

Year 5 - Gracie and Martha

Year 6 - Noah and Ivy

Outdoor Play and Learning

NEW MENU - REPEAT MESSAGE

Please be advised our new dinner menu will start after half term, week commencing 4th November 2024.

You can view and download the menu below, if your child has an allergy or intolerance these will be provided in due course.

https://holychurchgloucestershire.schoolzineplus.co.uk/_file/media/940/gcc_autumn_winter_2024_2025_menu.pdf

Picture Menu

Christmas Fete at Battledown

Forthcoming Dates

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