

The Holy Trinity Times



Welcome to our January newsletter

Dear Parents,

2023 has started well at Holy Trinity School, the children came back from the Christmas holidays enthusiastic and ready to learn. A number of trips have already taken place and lots of WOW moments have been organised in classrooms - we hope you have heard about them at home; if not some are included in this newsletter.

The weather has been particularly cold this month, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat every day. In the event of snow - please send your child in with wellies and spare socks as we can then allow them to enjoy the snow on the field at break times. If we experience really heavy snowfall we will do everything we can to keep school open. However in the event that we cannot open safely due to staff not being able to get in we would notify you via Parentmail, on our website and on Southern Counties and Eagle radio stations.

Hopefully you saw my email last week in relation to the dangerous and inconsiderate parking and driving on Benner Lane. I have received another email today from a parent who is incredibly worried about the safety of children at drop off and pick up and like me wonders what needs to happen to a child or adult before people start to drive safely. As a school we have many ideas of ways to help parents drop off quickly and safely. Some are in the hands of County (the drop off zone for example) but others need volunteers. We really want to get a walking bus started. This would start small but if successful could provide a great service for a large number of families. If you are interested in being part of a working party looking into the walking bus and getting the initiative started with us please email the office.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss McLachlan back from her maternity on Monday 6th February, where she will be job sharing with Mrs Hunter in 3HM. Mrs Ross has been a brilliant part of the Year 3 team and I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the class. Thankfully Mrs Ross will continue to cover other classes for us around the school so we will still benefit from her skills.

We have noticed an increasing number of girls and boys attending school with long hair that is falling across their faces and they have no means to tie it up for PE lessons. Long hair must be tied up out of the way for PE for health and safety reasons. Where hair is impacting their vision and is causing a distraction in class too, we ask that it is also held back out of the way. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the disabled bay by the school car park entrance is to be used by cars displaying a disabled badge only. We do have couple of families that hold such a badge and need to be able to access it. Thank you

Mrs Ambrose



Upcoming Events

30/01/2023

5E Royal Grammar School Visit

06/02/2023

5M Royal Grammar School Visit

07/02/2023

Safer Internet Day

07/02/2023 and 09/02/2023

Parents' Evenings (by appointment)

10/02/2023 to 17/02/2023

Half Term - School is Closed

20/02/2023

INSET Day - School is Closed

22/02/2023

Year 3 and 6 - PrimeVR Visit

23/02/2023

Year 4 - Centre of the Cell

24/02/2023

Bag2School Collection

27/02/2023 to 02/03/2023

Book Fair

28/02/2023

Reception - Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Checks

Reading Helpers

Firstly can we say a huge thanks to the parent helpers and reading volunteers who come into school on a regular basis to hear our children read. Research is clear that reading little and often has a very positive impact on the progress children make not only with their decoding skills but also their comprehension ability.

We have not returned to our pre Covid number of reading helpers and would really like to recruit some new, willing volunteers. Ideally we would like people to commit to a weekly slot, this could be as little as one hour but ideally two. As part of our safer recruitment process all volunteers need to be DBS checked and we would provide training so the children would get the very best out of their 1:1 time with you. So do you love reading, would you like to share your love of books with the next generation?

If you think this is something you would like to be involved in please contact the school office via email:
school@htp.tamat.org.uk





Safer Internet Day 2023

Every year, schools across the country participate in Safer internet day. This year's focus is on taking time to talk about life online and takes place on the 7th of February.

The internet plays a significant role in the lives of children and young people; becoming integral to their social development as they get older. Talking to young people about their life online and encouraging them to share their experiences with you, is a key part of helping to safeguard your family.

As a school, we see the value in taking an active role in our children's life online and feel it should become part of everyday conversations, where both children and adults feel comfortable in talking about positive or possible issues that may occur online.

At times it can be tricky to know how to start conversations about life online. If you would like support, please see the links below provided by [saferinternet.org](https://saferinternet.org.uk) which will you support or direct you to where you can seek support.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers/practical-tips-for-starting-a-conversation-about-life-online>

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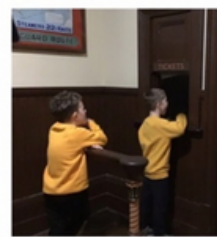
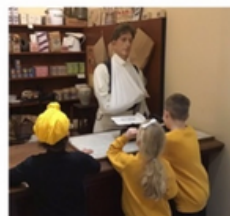
Some of our January WOW moments...

Year 2 Trip to Milestones Museum

In Year 2 we have been immersing ourselves in our new topic 'Street Detectives'.

As part of this topic we visited Milestones Museum where we had two history-based education sessions and then some free time to explore the 'Milestones pier' and shops and homes from different time periods. We enjoyed learning about how things have changed and spotted many similarities and differences between homes and shops now and then.

We also experienced what life would have been like in a Victorian classroom one afternoon at school – the children agreed that they much prefer how school is now!



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Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court

Year 4 were excited to begin their exploration into Viking times on a recent school trip to Ufton Court. We enjoyed several activities throughout the day which included: a taste of a Viking farm, playing traditional games, learning key battle skills and we took part in a Viking trial to learn how criminals were dealt with! Despite the rain, we all had a wonderful day and enjoyed our hands-on learning.



Year 3 Tribal Tales Day

On Monday 9th January Year 3 had a great introduction to their new topic, Tribal Tales. In the morning they were very active archaeologists piecing together their finds from the Stone age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. They created cave paintings using oil and charcoal and as hunter-gatherers, also made their own useful pouches, using hessian, wool and running stitches.

In the afternoon, they learnt more about how the Stone age lasted a very long time and is divided into three periods – the Palaeolithic, the Mesolithic and the Neolithic.

