# The Holy H Trinity Times

# Welcome to our March newsletter

Dear Parents,

At the weekend the clocks changed and with that change will come days that are full of light and with light comes hope. As part of our Pause Day last Friday we reflected on the Easter story and the messages of forgiveness and hope that it brings. It was an opportunity for our community to take the day at a slower space, to reflect on our own hopes for the future and to take time out to just 'be'. Many of our children commented on how much they enjoyed the day and the opportunities it provided them for time and thinking space. See some of the art work they created below. My hope for you all is that over the Easter break you are able to take time as families to come together and share time away from technology, to just 'be'.

This week is National Autism Awareness week and a wonderful group of our students told their stories in our 'Super Power' Assembly. They explained what super power their Autism diagnosis gives to them. Please see the flyer below about a workshop in June for parents of children with ODD or ADHD diagnosis.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our appeal for funds to help the humanitarian work in Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquake, £702 was raised and has been sent to Christian Aid. Thank you also for supporting our Red Nose day a couple of weeks ago, we raised £486.95, this is our school value of 'service' in action - *I will remember the needs of others and be selfless and caring. 'Do for others what you wish them to do for you.* 

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter break.

**Mrs Ambrose** 





#### Upcoming dates:

<u>03/04/2023 to 14/04/2023</u> Easter Holiday

<u>17/04/2023</u> INSET Day - School is Closed

> <u>19/04/2023</u> Year 5 - Chessington

<u>20 April 2023</u> Year 3 - Painshill Park

25/04/2023 Reception - 'National Child Measurement Programme' Checks

26/04/2023 Reception Parent's Learning Visit

> <u>27/04/2023</u> Year 1 - Marwell Zoo

<u>01/05/2023</u> Bank Holiday - School is Closed

<u>08/05/2023</u> Bank Holiday - School is Closed

<u>09/05/2023 to 12/05/2023</u> Year 6 - KS2 SATs

15/05/2023 to 18/05/2023 Coram Life Education

<u>15/05/2023</u> KS2 Sports Day (reserve day is 16/05/2023

> <u>20/05/2023</u> May Fair

22/05/2023 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (reserve day is 23/05/2023

24/05/2023 to 26/05/2023 Year 5 - Camp

# chool Meals

As a result of the children having a say in school meals, the following changes have been put in place;

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- Year 6 are now served last so that they can have second helpings as they sometimes felt their portions were not big enough.
- French fries are being introduced and may, if popular, replace the current chip choice.
  - Gravy will be available on sausage and mash days.
- After the Easter holidays there will be an option of a hot panini once a week - this might increase if it proves to be a popular option.

The ladies in the kitchen are brilliant at listening to the children and we will continue to listen to their opinions whilst ensuring the meals remain healthy and nutritious.

#### Class Movement next Academic Year

At Holy Trinity we have traditionally kept pupils in the same class groups for the 7 years they are with us, we have only mixed classes up where we feel we haven't got the balance right.

After a lot of discussion and talk with other schools we have made the decision that moving forward we will be mixing classes up on a regular basis throughout their 7 year journey with us. These are the benefits we believe this will create for our pupils:

- Develop social skills
- Increase and broaden their friendship groups
- Provide opportunities to make friends with pupils they wouldn't otherwise feel able to be with
- Developing their ability to cope with change and be resilient
- Develop skills that will help them as they transition to secondary school
- Make the year group as a whole more cohesive
- Support new pupils to our school, who can often find it difficult to fit into established friendship groups

Our intention is that we will mix classes up at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. We may do it more often if we feel it will benefit the

children. We appreciate this is a change that may cause anxiety initially but it will soon become part of the normal journey through school, as it is in many other primary schools. Some of our March WOW moments...

### Year 1 wow moments....

Year One have been enjoying outdoor learning this week. The children used rulers to measure objects outside and to compare heights and lengths.





WOY?

They also participated in activities during a Science workshop for science week where they learned about camouflage ahead of their next topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'.





# Some of our March WOW moments...

### Year 6 wow moments....

Year 6 have had a busy and creative term, embracing their learning about Frozen Kingdom, creating pastel images to represent the Northern Lights and using zentangle designs for Polar animals. They culminated this term with their DT Textiles topic: creating a bag, cushion or mobile phone case using sewing skills to attach materials. I think you would agree, they have done an amazing job!





WOY!







# Lego Club

Lego Club meets every Thursday after school. It has proved to be very popular and we thought we would share some of the smiling faces and wonderful creations made by children in the club.











#### Cross Country

On Wednesday 22 March 2023, Holy Trinity competed against 10 other schools in the Surrey Heath Cross Country Finals. Year 3 and 4 ran a 1.2km course and Year 5 and 6 ran a 1.6km course. Everybody who ran tried their very best and ran with a smile on their face. We came back with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 bronze medals, which means that we came 1st overall as a school. What a fantastic result, a huge well done to everyone that took part.



#### <u>Hockey</u>

This term, we attended the SSHSPA Quick sticks hockey festival where we played 5 other school teams and came away with 3rd place overall. Well done to all those who took part!



## Maths Challenge

Eight year 5's took part in the Marist Girls Maths Challenge designed to encourage girls to enjoy maths and have a positive attitude towards it. We entered four teams of two and one of our teams got a second place. Forty five teams took part in total so this was a great result!





