

The Holy Trinity Times



Upcoming Events

29/09/2023

Crazy Science Show in worship
Year 2 - DT Morning

04/10/2023

Diversity Day

05/10/2023

Year 6 - Height and Weight Checks
Emotion Coaching Parent Workshop
(7 pm to 8 pm)

06/10/2023

Harvest Assembly

07/10/2023

Ground Force Morning (9 am to 12 pm)

10/10/2023

Individual School Photographs

17/10/2023

Reception - Autumn Day
Parents' Evening (Face to Face appointments)

19/10/2023

Parents' Evening (Video Call appointments)

23/10/2023 to 30/10/2023

Holiday - School is Closed

31/10/2023

INSET Day - School is Closed

02/11/2023

Year 1 - Reading and Phonics Talks
(3.15 pm to 4.15 pm or 6 pm to 7 pm)



Welcome to our September newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school Year.

These monthly newsletters are a chance for us to remind you of important dates, share with you some of the great things that are happening in school and to signpost you to useful resources and workshops. I hope you find them beneficial, if you have any suggestions on how to make them more useful I would welcome any constructive feedback.

The term has started well and our new pupils have settled happily into their new classes. For our youngest pupils in Reception, they are still learning the routines and expectations but they have made a great start and we are enjoying working with our new families.

It is great to see the children looking smart in their school uniform. However can I take this opportunity to remind you that children must not wear earrings on PE days - in our policy we do not allow them to be taped for Health and safety reasons. Please ensure they are removed before your child comes to school. Also if your child has a hair cut that means hair can hang in front of their eyes please ensure it is off their faces with either a hair band or tie, this applies to girls and boys. We are finding some of the children are very distracted by the hair in front of their faces.

This newsletter includes information about our latest award, the Bronze Good Travel Plan, some WOW moments that have taken place this month as well as information about attendance and our school ELSAs.

Mrs Ambrose

Attendance at Holy Trinity

At Holy Trinity, we know that the best way for your child to make progress and be settled in school is for them to attend regularly. Therefore we prioritise attendance and we always follow up any absence. Please be aware that the Education Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless the reason is considered to be exceptional circumstances. Headteachers are required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. This absence can be for any reason not considered to be exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. Government Regulations state that parents who take their child out of school during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority and in Surrey it has been agreed that Penalty Notices will only be issued where 5 days unauthorised 'leave of absence' is taken. These absences do not have to be consecutive but could be accumulated over a 3 month period.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority will prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please be aware that EACH parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for EACH child. Therefore, for two parents and two children, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL?

Sometimes, especially in the aftermath of COVID, we can be unsure of whether our children are well enough to be in school or not. The NHS has a useful web page and if you are unsure what to do when your child is displaying symptoms, please take a look as it may help your decision making:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





At Holy Trinity School we have been working hard to improve the safety of Benner Lane at drop off and pick up times for our pupils and their families. We had a working party of parents supporting us in this, have met with local and county councillors and through a successful petition set up by a parent have had our voice heard at a County Council Highways meeting. There will be changes to Benner Lane, that will help, but whilst we wait for the council wheels to turn we have also been working on achieving our travel plan accreditation. This is something that proves as a school that we are invested in making travel to our school more sustainable and active and that in turn will help reduce car use on Benner Lane and make it safer. At the end of the summer term we submitted our evidence and were pleased to achieve the Bronze standard.

Modeshift STARS is the Centre of Excellence for the delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business and Community settings. The STARS Education scheme recognises schools and other educational establishments that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. Launched in 2008, the STARS Education scheme is supported by the Department for Transport and has seen over 1,400 schools in England achieve accreditation since its inception.

We can only make things safer on Benner Lane if we have the support of neighbours and families. Please can I take this moment to remind you of our one way system, to ask you not park cars over driveways or on pavements and where possible to walk to school or park further away and walk in. We will continue to look into and implement ways to support you and will keep you posted of any updates.

What is ELSA?

An ELSA in a school is an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and we are lucky enough to have two trained ELSAs at Holy Trinity – Mrs Davie and Mrs Barnett.

Developed and supported by educational psychologists, this initiative recognizes that children learn better and are happier at school if their emotional needs are also addressed. ELSA sessions can be delivered on an individual or group basis and we provide a wide range of support covering:-

- *Understanding and communicating the 6 key emotions
 - *Identifying a trusted adult
 - *Self esteem
 - *Social/friendship skills
 - *Anger management
 - *Bereavement
 - *Family separation
 - *Pastoral support
- *Super powers - celebration of diversity and championing neurodivergence
- *Lunchtime drop in at The DEN
- *Trained dog handlers to work with the school therapy dogs

To find out more about Inclusion and ELSA support, visit
<https://www.holytrinity-primary.org.uk/>

Mrs Davie



Mrs
Barnett



Some of our WOW moments from September....



Year One have been having fun on Forest Fridays. This week the children learnt how to tie dye fabric using blackberries from the field on the school grounds.



**Year 1
Forest
Friday**



**Year 4
Roman Day**

Year 4 took part in an exciting Roman Day filled with fun and hands-on learning experiences for our children. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the breadmaking activity. The whole year group got their hands dirty and created delicious Roman bread to taste at home. Our young historians had the opportunity to showcase their artistic skills by creating intricate Roman mosaics and built mini catapults whilst learning about the concepts behind the Roman army's success on the battlefield. Some of the catapults actually worked and launched mini projectiles across the classroom!

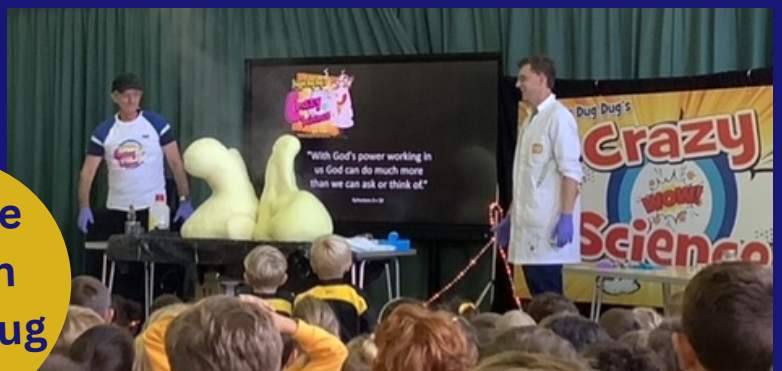


**Year 5
Camp**

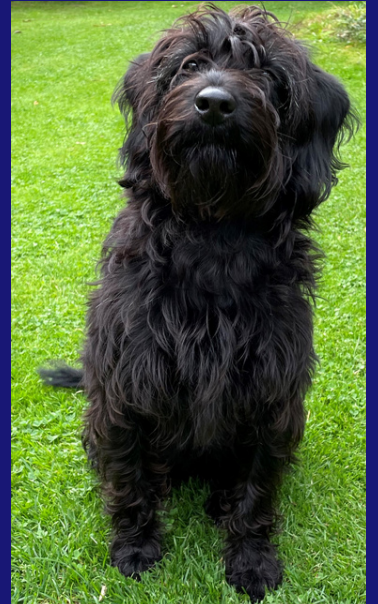
Despite the rain Year 5 had a wonderful camp this year, enjoying and overcoming all sorts of team building activities and challenges.



**Crazy Science
Worship with
Duggie Dug Dug**



Mabel and Misty love receiving letters from the children letting them know what they have been up to. Please do encourage your child to write to them if they have any special news they would like to share.



HTSA Second Hand Uniform Sales

The HTSA hold termly second hand uniform sales after school. This has been run for a number of years by two fantastic mums who take time to collect in and sort the clothes and then sell them. However we now only have one of the mums in school as her child has moved onto secondary and are looking for some new recruits. This is not an onerous job but one that really makes a difference! It means that school uniform gets reused, saving the environment, it allows families to buy uniform for less money and it raises funds for the school! We would love a couple of new volunteers to come forward and take this on. If you (and a friend perhaps) think this is something you can give time to please let the office know and we can get you in touch with the mum who currently runs the sales.