# The Holy Trinity Times

### **Upcoming Events**

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)

03/11/2023

Year 5 - Theatre Exchange

07/11/2023 to 08/11/2023

Flu Vaccinations

09/11/2023

'Children and Anxiety: How Parents Can Help' Workshop (7 pm to 8 pm)

10/11/2023

HTSA - Donations for Christmas Hampers

17/11/2023

Children in Need

24/11/2023

**Charity Vote** 

30/11/2023

HTSA - Christmas Hamper Sale

01/12/2023

Christmas Jumper Sale (after school)



#### Welcome to our October newsletter

**Dear Parents** 

So another busy month has passed and lots of great learning opportunities have taken place, see a couple of these on our WOW moments page. The children have completed their first Cornerstones topic of the year and when they return to school on Wednesday, they will start a half term of new and exciting learning. Fire drills also took place last half term to ensure that all pupils and staff are clear about what to do in the event of a fire on site. The children showed they were able to follow instructions silently and calmly and the whole school evacuated the building in under a minute and a half. Staff at school are constantly being updated and trained through the sharing of new information and training sessions in house or provided by external providers. These range from how best to support pupils with additional needs to First Aid and Positive Touch training. Last half term all staff had a refresher on how to deal with incidents of anaphylaxis, asthma and how to use our new defibrillator. So it isn't only the children at Holy Trinity who are constantly learning.

It was great to see so many parents at the Parents Evenings just before the half term break. In order to help parents we decided to offer the choice of a face to face meeting or to meet on line, but going forward we feel it will be more beneficial for parents and staff for all meetings to take place face to face in school. Unfortunately for the on line meetings there were a number of issues that meant it did not work as well as in the past.

There were some technical issues from both home and school which were frustrating, a significant number of parents did not remember their online meeting and left staff waiting, some parents were unable to find an appropriate place for meeting due to being out shopping, en route travelling or distracted by other commitments.

Staff spend a lot of time preparing for these meetings and sometimes need to share important or sensitive information, so on reflection we believe coming into school face to face gives both staff and parents the quality uninterrupted time you and your child deserve. If you had technical difficulties and were unable to connect with the class teacher please get in touch with the office to rearrange the meeting. The Spring term meetings will be an opportunity to see your child's learning in their books.

Mrs Ambrose









Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Worship this term. Representatives from the York Road Project and West End and Bisley Foodbank came along and talked to the children about where the food would go and what a huge difference it would make to the lives of other people. It is great to see our school values of Love and Compassion and Service being lived out by our school community.

Sarah our fantastic caterer, made this amazing bread wheatsheaf for the occasion - can you spot the mouse?





#### **Sport Report**

October has been a busy one for our sports teams. We have played Football and Netball matches in Years 5 and 6 with both wins and losses. We have also taken Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Round One of the Surrey Heath Sports Partnership cross country events at other schools. This was Year 3's first opportunity to take part in external sports. We came placed in nearly all of our races and every child had great fun while also representing the school. We look forward to lots more events next month.









## WOW moments from October ....



Y6 Mexican Fiesta!

Celebrating the end of their topic Hola Mexico, the Year 6's showed off their 'The Mexican Hat Dance', sang 'La Cucaracha' and enjoyed designing, cooking and eating chilli with their parents.

Year 6
Mexican
Fiesta

Reception Autumn Morning





On a sunny morning just before half term, Reception enjoyed learning all about the season of Autumn in our school grounds. The children used their senses to explore autumn through what they could see, hear, feel and smell. They created autumn crowns and pumpkin pictures using leaves of different colours and shapes. Everyone planted some seeds which they have taken home to nurture and care for, after identifying the different things a plant needs to grow such as water, soil and sunlight. A new activity this year for our autumn morning, which was enjoyed by staff and children alike, was giving each child an iPad and asking them to capture images of the signs of autumn that they could see in front of them. It was amazing to see the variety of photos, taken at different angles and heights which helped staff identify what the children truly understood about autumn. It turns out our Reception children all love a selfie too!!