

The Holy Trinity Times



Upcoming Events

30/11/2023

HTSA - Christmas Hamper Sale

01/12/2023

Christmas Jumper Sale (after school)

04/12/2023

Year 5-6 Christmas Performances
(1.45 pm and 6 pm)

05/12/2023

Year 3-4 Christmas Performances
(1.45 pm and 6 pm)

06/12/2023

Year 1-2 Christmas Performance (1.45 pm)

07/12/2023

Reception Christmas Performance (2 pm)
Year 1-2 Christmas Performance (6 pm)

08/12/2023

Christmas Jumper Day

11/12/2023

Year 3-4 Christmas Craft Day

12/12/2023

Year 1-2 Christmas Craft Day

13/12/2023

Year 5-6 Christmas Craft Day

14/12/2023

Christmas Lunch

15/12/2023

End of Term - Finish at 1:30pm



Welcome to our November newsletter

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable November. Here at school it seems to have passed by so quickly and Christmas preparations and autumnal coughs and colds have already started to make their mark, one very uplifting the other not so much!

There is much to read about in this newsletter and to celebrate. Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helps our school to be the place it is. We have a fantastic staff team and a committed group of volunteers who really make a huge difference to the experiences we can provide for the children. We couldn't do it with you!

In particular this month I would like to thank the HTSA and the amazing team of volunteers who helped with the firework night event. A lot of work went into the creation of the bonfire and the firework display, as well as the stalls and refreshments. Thank you to everyone involved, I know this has raised a fantastic amount of money for the school as well as creating a great community event for us all to enjoy.

Tomorrow Christmas officially arrives at Holy Trinity with the decoration of our Christmas tree in our special Christmas tree service. A huge thank you to the Vosloo family for once again donating a tree, Christmas at Holy Trinity wouldn't be the same without it.

We have welcomed Mrs Sparkes as Teaching assistant and Miss Blows as Learning Support Assistant to the Reception team this term. We are also pleased to announce that Miss Lomax is returning from her maternity on the 11th December and will be class 1BL class teacher. Mrs Blows and Mrs Newington will continue to teach across the school. Sadly Miss O'Connor left us this term to move on to work in other schools. She joined us during Covid and has been an LSA and a popular member of our midday team. We wish her well in her new role.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas performances next week. You are in for a treat!

Mrs Ambrose

Christmas Post Box



Writing Christmas cards is a great opportunity to get your child writing for a purpose. We will have two post boxes up in school (one for our Reception children in their unit and one for the rest of the school in the library) and our willing Year 6 posties will start distributing the cards from Monday 4th December. If you child would like to send a card to a friend please make sure it has their friend's full name on the envelope and their class name.

Please do not add any chocolate or sweets to the envelopes as we have children in school with allergies and wouldn't want it to get into the wrong hands.

We celebrated Children in Need 2023 on Friday 17th November. The children had the opportunity to dress up and were encouraged to raise money by taking part in the Bear-pee challenge. A huge thanks to everyone who donated to such a worthwhile cause. Holy Trinity School raised a fantastic £791.45.



Thank you!

Thank you to the Surrey Heath Tree Wardens who came in and planted some new hedging at the edge of our outdoor class room. We look forward to seeing them grow into a healthy hedge!



THE CHRISTMAS CHARITY VOTE

At our Christmas performances parents are invited to donate to a charity that the children have chosen.

Every November pupils at Holy Trinity are given the opportunity to present a charity to their classmates which they would like to have considered for the charity vote.

The children present the charity to their class and the class then votes for the one they would like to donate to. Those chosen then go forward to present to the whole school and all the children vote on the charity they would most like to support.

This is a great opportunity for the children to have an opportunity for public speaking as well as a chance to be passionate about something that is close to them and their family. It also links in brilliantly with our school values of Love and Compassion and Service.

A huge well done to everyone who put a charity forward.

The results from the 2023 charity vote are as follows:

The Monkey Sanctuary 45

Compassion 53

Dogs Trust 148

Cancer Research 54

Papyrus 68

Woking Hospice 37

If you would like to donate to the charity chosen by the children

Dogs Trust,

please bring money along to the Christmas performances.

Thank you





WE NEED YOUR HELP.....



In our July newsletter I was thrilled to announce that Holy Trinity had decided to introduce the Opal Play Programme. Staff and parents have had an opportunity to complete a questionnaire giving their views on playtimes and the pupils will have their say before the end of term. Staff training on this has begun and we are hoping that the children will start to see some changes to their playtimes from early next term.

For those who didn't see the July newsletter here is some information about OPAL and why we have chosen to make this change at Holy Trinity.

Research shows that children's mental and physical health is struggling and that great play can make it better. We are investing time and money into improving the quality of play-times for children and raising the importance of play to the children's development in line with their academic development. The benefits of this are enormous and include; behaviour, self-regulation, social and emotional development, risk management and physical activity. Please feel free to follow this link to find out more about this amazing programme and how it can benefit your child: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

Watch this video to see what we are aiming towards:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UCex3K_Oj4

We need your help...

As part of the programme we need to build up resources in school for the children to play with. This will be a gradual process as we purchase and install storage.

Christmas time can be a time for clearing out the old as the new comes in.

In January we will be looking for donations of the following:

- old clothes for dressing up - including hats and bags - we are not looking for actual dressing up outfits such as Disney princess or superheroes but clothing that could be more adaptable
- old sheets, shower curtains
- old kitchen pots and pans and cooking utensils
- small wheelee suitcases
- cuddly toys
- pushchairs (full size not toy ones)

**We will let
you know
when to
bring your
donations in
next term.**

WOW moments from November....



Year 5 enjoyed an exciting topic launch, where they shared the day with the Theatre Company, learning all about life in Ancient Egypt. They became true Egyptians, bowing down to the pharaoh and using the River Nile in their daily life. Lots of fun and learning had by all!



**Year 5
Egyptian Day**



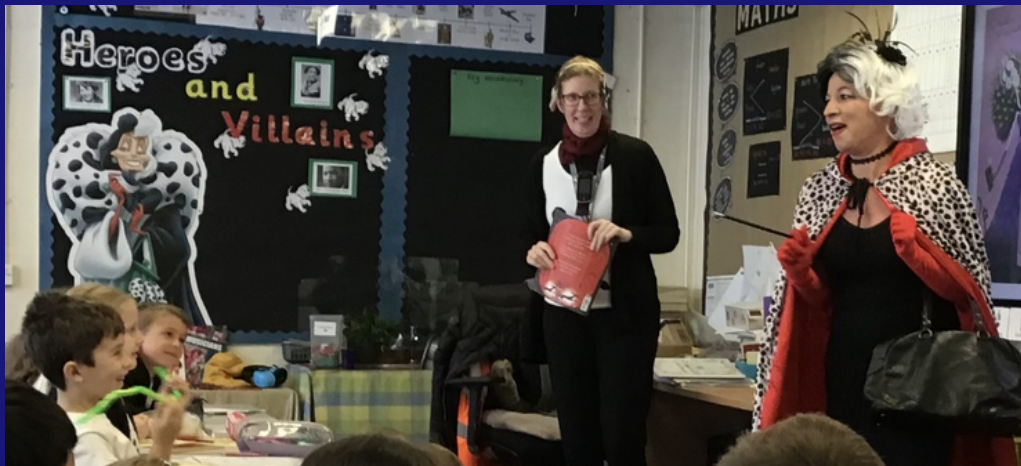
**Year 2 Muck,
Mess and
Mixtures Day**



On Friday 3rd November Year 2 started their new topic: 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' and spent all morning learning outside. First of all, we learnt about the artist Jackson Pollock and experimented with his paint techniques. We had fun using his 'drip' and 'splatter' techniques with our paper on the floor of the playground. After that we recalled our learning about bonfire night from Year 1 and went on a firework 'word hunt' in the woods. We then worked in small groups to create a descriptive sentence about fireworks and shared them as a year group in the woodlands. Finally, we used chalk to create firework pictures on the playground. The children were also fascinated to see the team building the bonfire on the field and were impressed to see the size of the bonfire at the end!



More WOW moments from November....



Year 3 had a great Wow day to introduce their new topic: Heroes and villains. They had a special visitor, Cruella de Vil who seemed rather pleased to see so many spotty Dalmatian puppies. They also watched 101 Dalmatians and carried out some art activities which included creating some origami Dalmatians.

**Year 3
Dalmatian
Day**



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Last May, as part of our 'get active' initiative, we took part in a sponsored event with the athlete Frederick Afrifa - a sprinter. He gave an inspirational talk and did a work out with every child and we raised around £3000 for our school and £2000 for GB athletics. Through a charity called Sports for Schools the 2K will be used to sponsor athletes hoping to be part of the Olympics.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event as £3000 is a fantastic amount of money for us to spend on sports equipment for the school. We wanted to let you know some of the items we have ordered and received this term:



**Table tennis
tables and
starter kits**



**Butterfly
scooters and
stands**



Omniken Ball

