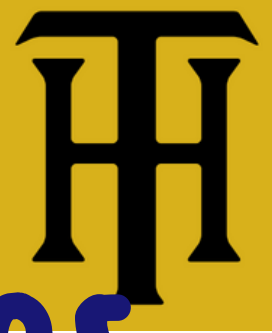


The Holy Trinity Times



Welcome to our March Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I am sure your children are ready for the Easter break after the busy term we have had. It has not been the easiest of terms as staff and pupils have been impacted by illness. Let's hope we are through the worst of it and we can look forward to the Summer term and all the exciting activities that we have planned.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, grandparents and volunteers who help us in school. You provide opportunities for our children to progress with their reading, learn new skills and be supported. We are grateful for the time you give to our pupils, it does make a big difference. One of the groups who helps our pupils is the School Readers Charity - we currently have 5 volunteers from this organisation supporting our pupils. If you think you or a family member may have some regular time to share please contact the office, we would love more help.

There are a number of children who are arriving late for school, many on a daily basis. Children that arrive late are disadvantaged as they miss the initial instructions and teaching for the day. Please help your child into a strong routine that sets them up for a future of punctuality.

We have noticed an increase in the use of swear words by children in school and I have also received complaints about parents swearing at the school gates. Primary school children, particularly our younger pupils, are at an age where they are still learning which words are appropriate to use and which are not, for given audiences. Out of respect for other families please be mindful of your language around the school gates at drop off and pick up times. Thank you

At Holy Trinity our curriculum is taught in half termly topics which always start with a 'hook' or 'wow' moment. The idea is to motivate the children at the start of a topic, to inspire them to want to learn more. We are mindful of not over burdening parents with financial requests for these activities but some of the best opportunities do require additional funding. Please check your Parentmail shop to find out if you have any outstanding payments to make, without your contributions these activities are not financially viable for us as a school. If you are experiencing financial hardship please speak to the office in confidence and we will see how we can help. You will see some of this months 'wow' moments in this newsletter.

In assemblies this term we have been talking about wise words in the bible. Our wise words for this week have been at the very heart of the Easter story and these words are about love, spoken by Jesus: 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' We have encouraged the children to show love to those around them through the words that they say and the actions that they choose. I hope you and your families experience love this Easter.

Mrs Ambrose



Upcoming Events

27/03/2024

End of Term - Finish at 1.30 pm

16/04/2024

Reception - Height, Weight and Vision Screenings

Year 3 - River and Rowing Museum

Year 4 - Ufton Court

17/04/2024

Year 6 - Residential and SATS Meeting (3.30 pm)

18/04/2024

Year 5 - Chessington World of Adventures

19/04/2024

Mufti Day - donations for MayFair

20/04/2024

HTSA Curry and Quiz Night

24/04/2024

Year 1 - Marwell Zoo



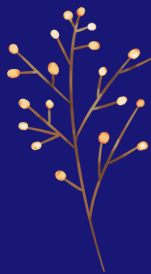
OUR WOODLAND CLASSROOM



We are fortunate to have wonderful grounds that we use for outdoor learning activities and lessons.

Research states that learning outside the classroom can deepen learning connections as well as developing an appreciation for the natural world and enhancing the wellbeing of children. Alongside more curriculum focused lessons, we are fortunate to have Forest School sessions run by our trained Forest School Teacher, Mrs Newington. Children across the school are being given the chance to experience working with tools, creating imaginary play opportunities and problem solving.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sotomayer who has kindly created a sign which now hangs proudly in the woodland and encompasses our time spent outside.



Year 4 were one of the year groups to have forest school this half term. The children loved being in the forest and loved engaging in the various activities such as using drills, creating dens and creating bird feeders. The rain made it even better as the children had the opportunity to go for a little splash!



March WOW moments ...

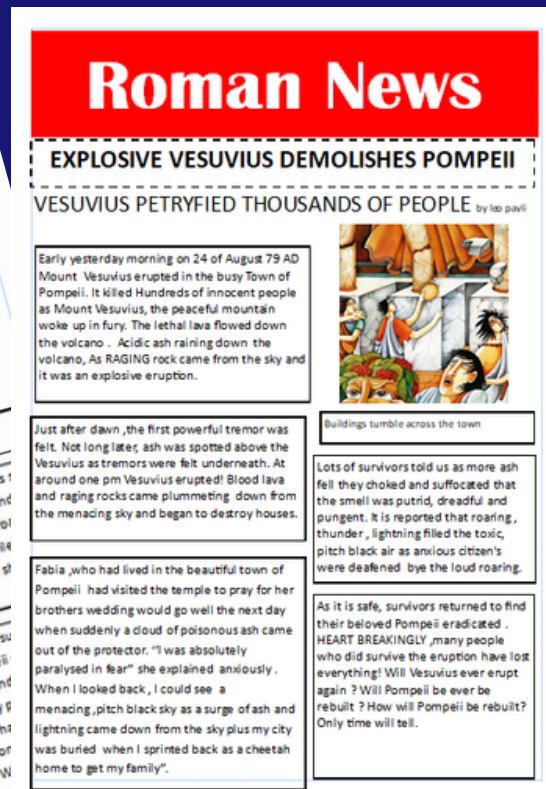


Year 2

As part of our 'Land Ahoy' topic Year 2 experienced a fun-themed Pirate Day. We dressed up and walked the plank to board the ship for the day, found our Pirate names, played games such as 'Captain's Coming!', measured the size of a real pirate ship on the playground and worked as a team to try and draw it to scale, drew ships, took part in pirate yoga and ended the day by performing our sea shanties and sharing our topic learning with our parents. This was a really fun way to bring together all of the learning from the topic and we had a swash-buckling time!



Year 3 have had a very busy half term! We started our topic 'Tremors' off with a visit from a theatre group exploring natural disasters. We have created and erupted volcanoes and made our own fossils, as well as making our own textured surfaces to create artwork in the style of Stone Age cave paintings. We have recently written newspaper reports, reporting on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and what happened in Pompeii in 79AD.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our next Ground Force Day is going to be 9-12 on Saturday 4th May. We understand this is a bank holiday weekend and people may have made plans but if you are around and are able to spare just an hour we would love help to tidy and improve our school grounds. More information on the types of jobs we will be tackling will be sent nearer the time but we wanted you to know the date for your diaries.



Our PE shed is being replaced next term and a new one is being erected alongside a new shed for our OPAL play equipment. This is very exciting and we are grateful to the HTSA for their financial support with this project. We need to take the PE shed down in preparation for the new bases to be created.

Some staff are coming in next Wednesday the 3rd April to do the job from 10 am. If anyone is available to come and help we would be very grateful!

The office are dealing with an increasing amount of parents dropping off forgotten items. This is impacting on their ability to carry out their roles. If your child has forgotten medication, glasses or their lunch please buzz the intercom as usual and bring in to the office. If your child has forgotten anything else such as water bottles or coats there will be a box outside the front door where you can drop them off. There is no need to ring the intercom as the office will be checking it regularly. The new summer term might be the opportunity to start some new routines at home that encourage the children to become more independent in managing their own belongings. I am sure that as parents you have busy lives and would also appreciate not having an additional journey to school!



*Help is
out
there...*

Sometimes the school holidays can be particularly difficult for our Neurodiverse children. If you are having a challenging time and need someone to talk to, please do use the Mindworks out of hours support line to seek advice.

Out of hours advice line

A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD.

Our skilled and friendly advisers will talk carers and families through ways of calming down difficult situations and remind them of their coping strategies.

It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please call 0300 222 5755.



What do you think of our newsletter?

Does it contain the kind of information you find useful?

LET US KNOW IF WE CAN IMPROVE IT IN ANY WAY.