

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School Newsdesk



Friday 10th September 2021



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Dear Holy Trinity Community,

Welcome to this first edition of Holy Trinity's Newsdesk for the 2021-22 academic year.

Our children have made an excellent start to the new year. There is a lovely, calm and focused atmosphere as you walk around the school and it has been particularly lovely to see children being able to mix and play together in the playgrounds at playtime and lunchtime.

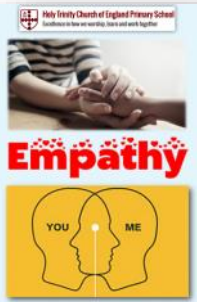
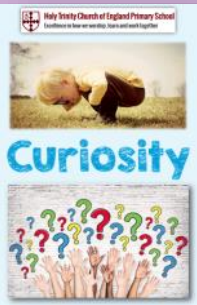
We continue to encourage good hygiene and sanitisation and our windows remain open throughout the day to aid ventilation. Although life has returned to relative normality, we know we must be careful as the awful virus is still prevalent.

I have loved seeing our children arrive in the new school uniform this week. The new PE shirt is particularly attractive. Don't forget, you can purchase all your child's uniform items from School Uniform Direct. [Just click here.](#)

Next Friday 17th September is Jeans for Genes Day. Our children are invited to wear their jeans or an item of denim/blue colour on this day. We would like everyone to take part, so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans with school shoes, shirt, jumper or blazer. A £1 donation would go to support children living with genetic disorders.

Best wishes,

Mr Winn



Holy Trinity Class Dojo Champions

Jaguar Class are this week's champions with 642 Dojo Points.

Congratulations! What an excellent start to the new school year.



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Holy Trinity Values Ambassador



Our Pupil Values Ambassador this week is Matthew. He was nominated for his beautiful poem about freedom last week, and for winning the most amount of Dojo Points in the whole school! What a superstar.

Holy Trinity Staff Values Ambassador



Our Staff Values Ambassador this week is Mr Dove. He has been nominated by the After School Activity Team for always offering to help them. The children absolutely love him. Thank you Mr Dove.

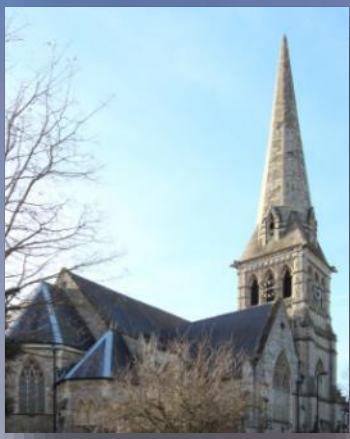
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Learning in focus

This week in Literacy, Meerkat and Gazelle Class have been describing sounds in poetry. They went on a sound collecting walk to Brixton Hill - keeping their ears open for the rumble of buses, the panting of dogs and the whooshing of the wind.



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Faith Corner

Reverend Richard Dormandy



It was wonderful to be back in whole school Collective Worship this week.

This term our Collective Worships are all about New Beginnings. I'm retelling the story of Zacchaeus. He was someone who certainly had a new beginning. He was well known for collaborating with the Roman occupying army, for cheating his own countrymen out of their taxes, and for creaming off a sizable portion for himself.

Imagine if we lived under an occupying power! Imagine what you'd think of someone like that!

Several years ago I wrote a kids musical about Zacchaeus, in fact we learnt it in school worships. I tried to imagine what might have happened to this person as a child, to make him turn out the way he did.

Just think about it - as an adult, he had loads of money but few real friends. In fact, he was despised and hated by most people. So he was isolated by his own decisions and actions.

It made me wonder whether he'd been neglected as a child; maybe he was always on his own; perhaps he had poor health or was poorly looked after. Children sometimes single others out when they're like that, and make fun of them. In my musical, I call him "Snivelly-Bivelly" as the nickname I'm imagining other kids taunted him with.

And so, to protect himself, he builds an emotional wall - cemented together with hatred of everyone, because they all seem to hate him. And he vows to get his own back.

Well, all this is simply my imagination. But it's a typical scenario. As the story continues into the Bible account, Jesus comes along and breaks down the wall in one dramatic conversation. He then follows it up by visiting Zacchaeus at his splendid residence...and Zacchaeus is converted.

The story really makes me think about how we care about our children - whether at home, school, church or club. And how we teach our children how to care for others; how to step beyond the crowd response and reach out to someone in need.

Reverend Dormandy

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Online Safety and Technology Newsflash

HOOP

What Parents Need to Know About Hoop

Hoop is a social networking app that syncs with Snapchat to help users build their community of friends. When a user adds a new Hoop contact, they are essentially sharing their personal information from Snapchat.

The Snapchat app should not be used by primary-school aged children as the app itself says that it is appropriate for children ages 12 and upwards.

This app has a number of potential safeguarding risks such as grooming, visible location and no age verification system. To read more please visit:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/hoop>

Holy Trinity Punctuality News

Bunny Class	Good	93%
Badger Class	Excellent	95%
Puma Class	Good	94%
Gazelle Class	Needs to improve	82%
Lion Class	Good	92%
Meerkat Class	Good	93%
Cheetah Class	Needs to improve	87%
Panther Class	Good	94%
Lynx Class	Good	92%
Jaguar Class	Needs to improve	89%
Leopard Class	Needs to improve	83%
Tiger Class	Needs to improve	84%

Our registers close at 9am every day.

EVERY
MINUTE
COUNTS



Better late
than never,
but never late
is better.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- * Tuesday 14th September at 5pm - Secondary Transfer Parents Meeting
- * Friday 17th September - Jeans for Genes Day
- * Monday 4th October - Black History Month Launch
- * Friday 22nd October - End of Autumn Term 1
- * Monday 1st November - Beginning of Autumn Term 2
- * Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November - Parents' Evening
- * Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm - End of Autumn Term 2

This Year's Term Dates

Term	Start Date	Finish Date
Autumn One (2021)	Thursday 2nd September <i>Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day</i>	Friday 22nd October
Half-Term	Monday 25th October	Friday 29th October
Autumn Two	Monday 1st November	Thursday 16th December <i>Friday 17th December - INSET Day</i>
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20th December	Sunday 2nd January 2022
Spring One (2022)	Thursday 6th January <i>Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January</i> <i>INSET Days</i>	Friday 11th February
Half-Term	Monday 14th February	Friday 18th February
Spring Two	Monday 21st February	Friday 1st April
Easter Holiday	Monday 4th April	Monday 18th April
Summer One	Tuesday 19th April	Friday 27th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May	
Half-Term	Monday 30th May	Friday 3rd June
Summer Two	Monday 6th June	Wednesday 20th July <i>Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July</i> <i>INSET Days</i>
Summer Holiday		

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