

HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

MAY – JUNE
2024



'In every child there is a space that only God can fill.'
Our School Mission Statement

Diary Dates

w/c 3rd June: Trinity

3rd June – Back to school, beginning of Pentecost 2 Term

w/c 10th June – St Barnabas

Y1 Phonics Screening Check – full attendance needed for Y1 children

Y4 Multiplication Check – full attendance needed for Y4 children

w/c 17th June: Neighbour

Healthy Week in school

Lots of visitors and healthy activities

Friday 21st June – Mental Health Retreat Day in school

w/c 24th June: Self-Control

24th June – Y3/4 Food Tech day

25th June – Y5/6 Food Tech day

25th June – KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm

26th June – EYFS Sports Days

F1 am, F2 pm times TBC

27th June – KS2 Sports Day 9:15am

28th June – Saints Peter and Paul Whole School Mass 9:30am in church all welcome.

28th June – after school Summer Fayre

w/c 1st July: Patience

5th July – Moving On Morning

Reports Out to parents

w/c 8th July: Care

Meet the new teacher sessions

dates and times – see Dojo

11th July – F2 Graduation Time TBC see Dojo

12th July – Whole School Eco Retreat Day and Wear it Wild Dressing up day

w/c 15th July: Generosity

17th and 18th July 2pm Y5/6 Production – Parents Welcome

w/c 22nd July: Thanksgiving

23rd July – Music Concert

25th July – Leavers' Mass 9:30am Parents Welcome

26th July Leavers' Awards 9:15am

26th July – Last day of school year

Welcome to Pentecost 2 Term!

Welcome to the final half term of the School Year! It's difficult to imagine that we began the school year with such disruption – time has certainly flown by this year!

It's going to be a really busy half term, so please do note the Diary Dates section for various events taking place. These will also be announced on Dojo and also no doubt, further activities which there is not the space to mention in this Newsletter.

Last half term was an equally busy one – the Y6 children worked so hard during SATs Week. They applied themselves diligently and took it all in their stride. They can all be really proud of everything that they have achieved this year irrespective of the tests – they have worked in 4 different spaces this year and nothing has phased them or held them back. They have shown true resilience and collectively are an absolute delight to have in school. Well done to all of them and to the staff for preparing them so well. Very fitting therefore that they should be rewarded with a Residential Visit to the Briars the week after their SATs tests – read on to find out more...

This term, the Y1 children will be taking the Phonics Screening Check – please keep practising at home using the packs which have been sent home. Y4 children also have the Multiplication Check. All Y4 children should know all of the Times Tables by heart up to 12x12 by Y4. Please keep on supporting your child at home – chanting in the car on the way to school really does pay off!

I hope your child/ren really enjoy the final term of the school year and make the most of all the exciting activities planned. As usual, events and activities will be shared on Class Dojo; and do also follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything going on in school.

As ever, my door is always open should you need anything. Just drop me a message on Dojo or catch me on the Church Carpark gate in the morning.

Wishing your wonderful children a fabulous term ahead!
Mrs Julia Summers
Head Teacher

Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship Updates

It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Patrick and Fr Simon to Holy Trinity just before half term to bless our newly opened School Chapel, lectern (made for us by a very talented Becket 6th Form student)

and prayer gardens; and very fittingly just in time for the feast day of the Holy Trinity. The children, as usual were incredible, participating as always with such respect, joyful singing and beautiful readings and prayers – the latter written by the Y5 children.

Thank you so much to all parents and governors who attended – it was a delight to be able to share this joyful occasion with you.



During the morning, the children took part in a special Holy Trinity Retreat Day. As usual, the Chaplaincy Team children did everyone proud by planning and leading some beautiful prayer stations for the whole school to enjoy and each class also created some beautiful Holy Trinity artwork.



Adoration and Reconciliation



Thanks very much to Fr Michael for giving his time earlier in May to offer the children an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation. The feedback from the children is always so positive – they really value the opportunity for silence and reflection.

Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

<https://www.holytrinitynewark.org.uk/church/notices1.pdf>

Crowning of Our Lady

Well done and thank you to the wonderful children in Mrs Francis' class who led a really beautiful Crowning of Our Lady Celebration of the Word earlier in May for the whole school, with joyful singing and reflective prayers and responses. It was a joy to see our crowned statue of Our Lady being processed around our school grounds and delightful to see the children place flowers at her feet so respectfully. Many thanks to all the parents for supporting either through attendance or through sending flowers in to school. The flowers were bundled up and taken afterwards to Bowbridge Care Home where the residents enjoyed some flower arranging!



Attendance and Punctuality Updates

Whole School Attendance last half term was as follows:

F2P 89.7%

F2/Y1K: 94.9%

Y1/2M: 92.8%

Y2E: 96.9%

Y3/4W: 95.5%

Y3G: 92.5%

Y4F: 97.2%

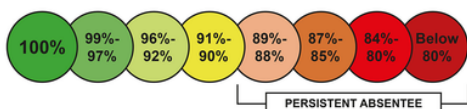
Y5BH: 95.3%

Y5/6W: 95.1%

Y5/6DM: 95.7%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Well done again to all in Mrs Francis' class; and also to Mrs Easton's class who aren't too far behind!

Please continue to prioritise your child's good school attendance!

Punctuality Reminders:

Please be reminded that school starts at:

8:35am for Nursery Children

8:40am for F2 and Y1 and Y2 children

8:45am for Y3-6 children

Every single second of learning counts. Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time.

Holidays in Term Time cannot be authorised except in Exceptional Circumstances. Please make any requests well in advance so that we can advise you as to how to avoid a Penalty Notice (fines) which are issued for more than 3 days unauthorised absence from school. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the School Website for full details. [Attendance Matters](#)



Mobile Phones, devices and toys

Children are not allowed to bring Mobile Phones, other devices or toys into school, except for Y5/6 children whose parents give them permission to walk home – they may bring their phone with them. They **MUST** hand this in in the morning for safe keeping in the office. It will be handed back to them at the end of the day and **MUST remain switched off** until they leave the school premises. Parents of children in Y5/6, please support us by reminding your child of this – thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Reminders

The popular Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am until 8:45am, Monday to Friday, term time.

A healthy breakfast is served with a range of fun activities to do too!

Booking forms are available from the school office.

Booking and payments should be made in advance please



Our popular After School Club is also open Monday to Friday, 3:15 – 5:45pm. Please contact Mrs Poole on: 07852463028 or the school office.

Booking forms are available in the Main Entrance or via Mrs Poole detailing costs and discounts. Healthy snack included, along with lots of fun activities to enjoy! Booking and payments should be made in advance please.

ADVANCE NOTICE - FEES FOR BOTH CLUBS ARE LIKELY TO RISE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. More information will be provided in due course. Currently our charge is significantly less than other schools. We cannot afford to run the clubs at a loss. **PAYMENTS MUST BE SETTLED IN ADVANCE. ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS NEED CLEARING WITHOUT DELAY PLEASE TOO. MANY THANKS**

School Uniform – Important Reminders

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards with our school uniform.

Hoodies are only worn on PE days and are NOT part of our main school uniform so should not be worn instead of a tie and jumper on non PE days.

Jewellery:

No jewellery other than an ordinary watch (not a Smart watch) and **small stud earrings** are allowed in school; and these need removing on PE days.

Any children not wearing suitable earrings for school will be asked to take them out for Health and Safety reasons.

Please make sure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name – thank you!

Chess Tournament 3rd Place!

We are very proud of our fabulous Chess Teams who took part in the final round of the Newark Schools' Chess Tournament last half term. All of them were an absolute credit to their parents and our school. Our A Team came third overall which is a brilliant achievement, just pipped at the post in the final round! Particular congratulations to Henry who won all three matches and has done so all year! An incredible achievement! It was a real pleasure to host the final round and welcome our friends from John Blow, Barnby Road and Sutton on Trent whose A and B teams came first and second overall, a brilliant result for them, so many congratulations. Many thanks to all parents who came along to support their children too!



Y6 Residential Visit

The children in Year 6 enjoyed a fabulous Residential visit to the Briars Catholic Youth Centre in the Peak District just before half term. They visited Crich Tramway Museum on route and enjoyed a range of activities at the Briars whilst they were away. Staff reported what an absolute delight they were to be with whilst they were away showing excellent manners, kindness and friendship to one another. Many thanks to our dedicated team of staff to give so willingly of their time to make these memorable occasions possible for the children.



Gardening Club News!

Garden Club have been busy in our school grounds. They have wheelbarrowed and spread wood clippings, planted seed potatoes and sown carrots, beetroot, spring onions and lettuce seeds which are just coming up!

They also used hammers, nails, roofing felt and logs to make reptile tiles which are places for snakes and other reptiles to hide under and warm themselves up. No snakes have been spotted yet though!

As a treat for all the hard work they made rhubarb crumble; it was delicious! Thank you to them and the lead staff for all their hard work!



Gentle Reminders please...

Playground equipment before and after school is CLOSED for use. This is due to Health and Safety reasons. It is only insured under staff supervision and as such must not be used before and after school. Parents, please ensure that you supervise your children appropriately. Equally, ball games are not allowed before and after school – this is to enable safe pedestrian access through the grounds. Parental support with this is much appreciated – thank you!

Car Parking – please make sure that you switch your engines off when waiting at drop off and collection times; and be considerate of our local residents, and church and Sconce Park users too. Many thanks!

Stay safe in the sun

Hopefully the weather will be getting warmer, so please apply sun cream in the morning before school and send your child in with their sun hat and water bottle.

Many thanks!

