



HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

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

Diary Dates

Friday 18th October – Multi-Cultural Education Day in school. Come dressed in the colours of a country's flag or in traditional costume or dress.

Friday 18th October – break up for half term

Monday 4th November – first day of Advent 2

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November – EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evening sessions

Friday 8th November – Whole School Mass led by Y5/6, 9:30am in church all welcome

w/c 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week in school

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day service led by Y3/4WD, all welcome time TBC

Friday 15th November – Children in Need day. Non uniform fundraiser

Friday 22nd November – Whole School Retreat Day – Youth Fun Day

Friday 29th November – Whole School Mass St Andrew's Day 9:30am in church all welcome

Friday 6th December – Advent Celebration of the Word led by Y5/6. Parents welcome, time TBC

Friday 6th December – FHT Christmas Carols, Coffee and Cake after school. Details to follow on Dojo.

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DIARY DATES:
<https://www.holytrinityacademy.co.uk/news/>

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that it is the end of the first half term of this new school year already! Time has really flown by and what a delight it has been, in comparison with this time last year, to have a normal, exciting and happy start to the school year for the children.

As ever, the children continue to make me so proud – they have been a real credit to our school and you as parents so far this term by the way in which they behave around school, the manners that they show and the way that they treat each other. They really do follow the 'Holy Trinity Way' and this is evident in the amount of Respect Ranger tokens that have been shared this term. Well done everyone!

It has been a very busy term with lots going on, so I hope that you are able to take a few moments to read on! Please also note the Diary Dates on the left hand side. These are also posted on the website and have been shared on Dojo too.

Many thanks to all of you who attended our KS2 Parents Evening sessions this week. It really is wonderful to work in partnership with you as your child's first educators. Together we can really make a difference to their learning and progress. KS1 and EYFS Parents' Evenings take place after half term; so please do book a slot if you have not done so already.

We break up this Friday 18th October for half term; so I wish you all a happy and safe break and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for the exciting run up to Christmas on Monday 4th November.

Kind regards
Mrs Julia Summers
Head Teacher



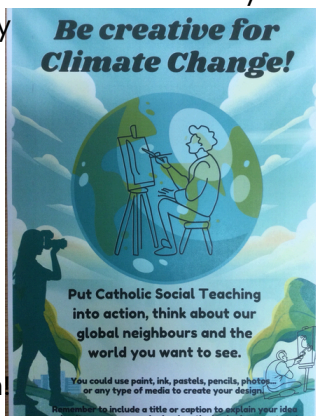
Catholic Life and Mission – the Season of Creation

Many thanks to all families who gave so generously for our Harvest Celebration led by Y6DM a couple of weeks ago. Nikki from the Emmaus Trust visited and the House Captains filled her car to the brim! She was very grateful indeed and spoke to the children about how the goods will help teach their residents cooking skills which will prepare them for when they leave and move into their own accommodation when they are ready. Many thanks to the children in Y6DM for leading such a beautiful Celebration of the Word and encouraging us to live out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity.



Some of our Chaplaincy Team children visited St Joseph's Catholic School in Shirebrook with Mrs Summers and Mrs Allen, to take part in a special Retreat Morning focussing on the Season of Creation and looking after God's wonderful world. They took part in lots of Prayer Stations and activities all relating to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Stewardship.

As part of this, there was also an opportunity for all children to take part in a Trust Hub Schools Competition to 'Be Creative for Climate Change' and this has also been promoted in school by our Eco Team members. Many thanks to everyone who took part. We had some really great, thoughtful and creative entries. The winning entry from our school will be presented with the entries from the other schools and an overall winner will be announced after half term.



See over for just some of the fab entries!

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 MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE
We reserve the right to withdraw children's places at both clubs if payments have not been made.

School Uniform Reminders

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

Just a reminder that **School 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.**

Black school shoes please – trainers for PE only.

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.

Hair accessories should be in school colours only please – red, black, blue, grey or white.

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

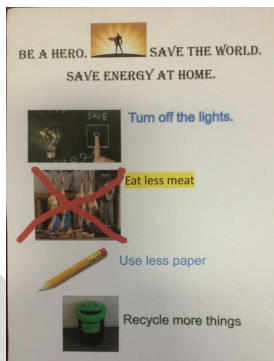
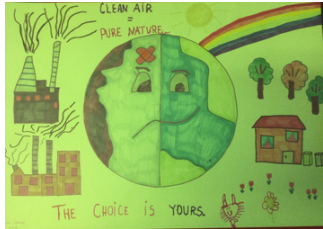
These children look super smart in their uniform – such great role models!



We have lots of second hand uniform available in school for just £1 per piece – do ask in the School Office.

Catholic Life and Mission – The Season of Creation

Here are just a few of the Season of Creation 'Climate Change Competition' entries. Well done to all who took part and thank you to parents for your support...



We celebrated Mass at the beginning of term led by our Chaplaincy Team. As usual, everyone participated beautifully with joyous singing and respectful and reverent behaviour. Parishioners always comment on how wonderful the children are in church and how great it is to see them lead the readings at Mass so confidently. As part of the Mass the Chaplaincy Team were commissioned in their new roles and set up for the year ahead with a special blessing from Fr Michael.



We are really grateful to the Chaplaincy Team for all their work that helps shape the Catholic Life and Mission of our school. Already they have planned and set up several Prayer Stations around school for the rest of the school, adults and children alike to participate in. We look forward to seeing what they get up to over the course of the rest of the year

Holy Trinity Parish Newsletter:

Please click here:

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

Multi-Cultural Education

We are so lucky to have such a culturally diverse community. This week we are celebrating the different cultures represented at Holy Trinity along with the vast array of languages spoken. On Friday the children are invited to come dressed in traditional costume or in the colours of a country's flag. They will be taking part in lots of different activities as well as French activities and map skills in Geography. Our International Ambassadors will be conducting a survey to find out just how many languages are spoken in our school community so we look forward to finding out!

We are setting a creative piece of homework this week and over half term for all the children to get engaged with. We look forward to all the different entries and displaying these in the hall after half term. Please see Class Dojo posts for further information.



Attendance Matters!

As you know, we really do value good school attendance at Holy Trinity. Every day lost is a day's learning that is very difficult to get back. If parents leave valuing good school attendance until Y6 this is really too late and the damage to your child's education is already done.

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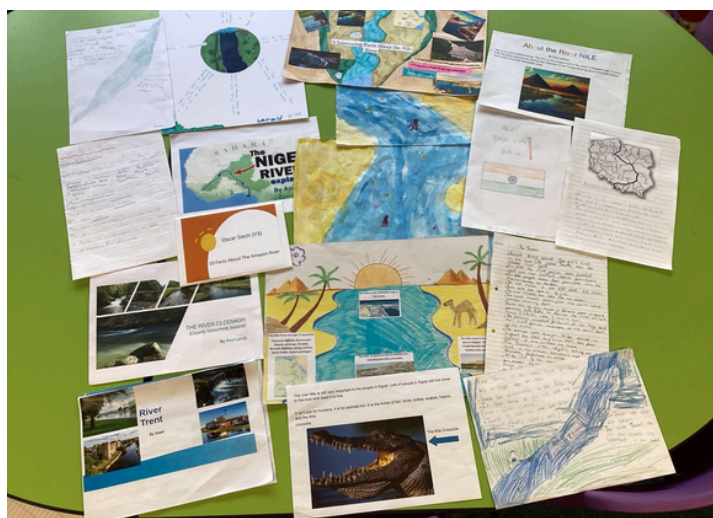
The Foundation Stage is where good attendance really does need to begin. There is a clue in the title of the setting. Builders would not build our houses without laying strong **foundations** – one gust of wind and they would all fall down! This is the same with your child's education. One day missed is a sound missed in your child's reading. That day will never come round again! Lots of days missed here and there mean gaps in learning. We appreciate that children need time off when they are ill; but if they are just saying they don't want to come to school sometimes it's all too easy, especially when it's cold and wet to give in and call to say they are sick. Please do persevere and don't worry – we will always call you if we think your child is too ill to remain in school. Call Mrs Summers if you are worried about your child's attendance and if you need any support with this.

Educational Visits

The children in Y3 and 4 have had their Geography learning enriched this term with various visitors to school and also visits to the river. These were led by the Canal and River Trust with whom we enjoy a strong partnership. The children carried out various activities both before and during the visit to enhance their learning about Rivers. Take a look at some of the great pictures below... As usual the children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed their visit!



Some wonderful homework created too - well done children and thank you parents for your support...

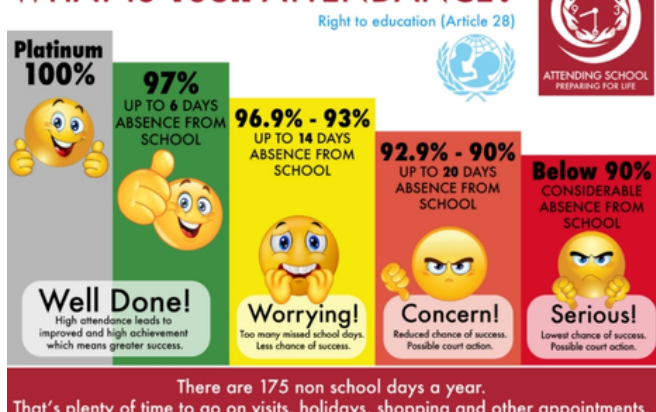


Attendance Continued...

Below is a break down of this term's attendance: 95.4% is the National Average to date this year and we sit at 93.8%. As you can see, many classes are below and there is work to be done to improve it, so that your child meets their learning potential:

F2: 90%	F2/Y1K: 87%
Y1/2E: 90%	Y2F: 96.8%
Y3G: 90.5%	Y34/4WD: 93.8%
Y4F: 97.3%	Y5BH: 96.4%
Y5/6W: 91.7%	Y6DM: 93.5%

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Please value your child's good school attendance.

A gentle reminder that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Any requests for Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances need making in advance. Please always ask so that we can advise you as to how to avoid being issued with a Penalty Notice (fine).

New plug plants!

Many thanks to Cara and Brett de Angelis, parents of children who have now left Holy Trinity, who kindly donated a wide variety of vegetable plug plants for the children to plant and watch grow.

They were planted by the children in Miss Kuczak's class with some help from a group of Y6 children.



We look forward to seeing them grow and harvesting them later in the year!

Wonderful Art Work!

The children in Y5 and 6 have been studying the Mexican Artist Frida Carlo. Take a look at this incredible imitation... Well done Y6!



Mental Health Day – Peer Mentors

We were so proud of our Peer Mentors last week on World Mental Health Day. Not only did they speak in assembly about it being World Mental Health Day, they also visited each class in the afternoon; where they led an activity on how we can help regulate ourselves when we have big feelings, such as anger, sadness or anxiety.

They gave every member of staff a Self Kindness card to remind them of ways they can look after themselves too. Well done and thank you children!



School Clubs fun!

We have a great range of clubs on offer to the children at Holy Trinity. At lunchtime our Y6 Play Leaders will be leading and supporting games outside at lunchtime for the younger children. We also offer Basketball at lunchtimes and Girls' Football Club led by Miss Bursztyn. Mr Murfin's War Hammer club has also got off to an exciting start and the children have already taken part in a competition! After School we offer Football for F2, KS1 and KS2, Irish Dancing, Chess, Gardening Club, Netball led by Miss Bursztyn and Miss Spellman; and Lego Club led by Mr Westerman who have also got off to an exciting start. Chess Club are busy practising their tactics ready for the next tournament which takes place after half term. Many thanks to all the staff who give of their time to lead these clubs and give such great opportunities to the children.



Music Tuition

The children enjoyed a special Drumming assembly earlier this term. If your child would like to have instrumental lessons please ask at the school office. Most of the individual lessons are led by Mr Burton who also delivers our whole class music tuition. He is a really talented musician and an excellent teacher!



Nocturnal Resident!

How exciting it is to have a resident fox in Ecoland! He was spotted last summer term on Eco-Cam! Here are some of the children marvelling at his amazing habitat!

