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NEW WEBSITE - [WWW.HOLYTRINITYHALSTEAD.COM](https://www.holytrinityhalstead.com)

Same address, but a brand new look! Last week we launched our new website, and we'd love you to take a look. There is a lot of content there already, and we'll be adding more over the coming weeks.

Dear Parents / Carers,

Once again, we've had a busy week in school with events such as our cross-country competition and World Book Day. I was told by all the members of staff attending the cross-country event about the children's outstanding behaviour and how well they represented Holy Trinity which just goes to further exemplify the respect value that we strongly uphold as one of our core school values. Well done to them!

In Collective Worship this week, we have explored Lent, the period of reflection in the run up to the Christian festival of Easter. Lent is a time for reflection and charity. It is a time to think of others and to give something of ourselves to those less fortunate. Therefore, in the Reflections Area in school, children have been invited to write a suggested act of kindness for every day in the weeks running up to Easter. Furthermore, we have charity fundraising events in the pipeline in the next few weeks.

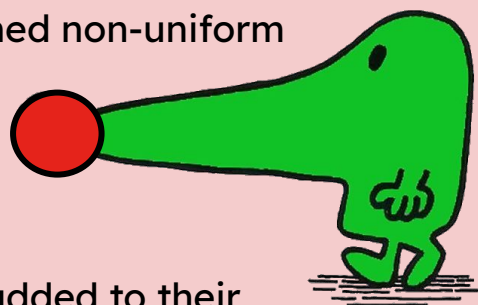
Please keep referring to the school APP for updates and key dates. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sarah Rowe

COMIC RELIEF DAY - FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

We will be raising money for children in the UK and beyond by holding a red-themed non-uniform day on Friday 17th March.

For a suggested donation of £1 children can come to school in something as simple as a pair of red socks added to their school uniform, or a full head-to-toe red outfit!



CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP

03.03.17 - Launch of the Nintendo Switch
10.03.23 - Charity Cake Sale after school
14.03.23 - Parents' Evening
16.03.23 - Parents' Evening
17.03.23 - Red Nose Day Red Non-Uniform Day!
17.03 - 23.03.23 - Sumdog National Contest
24.03.23 - Rocksteady Spring Concert
28.03.23 - Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church 2pm
29.03.23 - PTFA Meeting @ School 7.30pm
30.03.23 - End of Spring Term
31.03.23 - INSET Day
17.04.23 - Sublime Science
18.04.23 - Science Day (Parents invited in after school!)
20.04.23 - School Journey meeting for parents. 3.30pm
26.04.23 - Fencing PE Sessions
04.05.23 - School Closed for Polling
08.05.23 - Coronation Bank Holiday
07.07.23 - PTFA Summer Fete

Further dates/details of these and future events will be published as soon as confirmed. **New dates in bold.**

The remaining INSET Days for the 2022/2023 Academic Year have been confirmed:

Monday 5th June 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

All term dates, and INSET days for 2023/24 can be found at www.https.ch/term-dates

EASTER SERVICE

A reminder that our Easter Service is on Tuesday 28th March at 2pm in St. Andrew's Church. All are welcome to join us!

We will be walking up to school after lunch, and parents in attendance will be able to collect their children after the service and go straight home. All other children will walk back to school for collection at the normal time.

WORSHIP THEME

Lent and Sacrifice

Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27.14

CHARITY CAKE SALE

On Friday 10th March, Holly and Amber in Year 5 will be holding a charity cake sale to raise money for the RSPCA and the DEC appeal for survivors of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. The sale will be held at 3.10pm and children and parents are welcome to support this event.

We are very proud of the two girls' community-minded desire to help those in need.

WOW WORSHIP WELCOMES YOU every Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please come and celebrate our children!

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

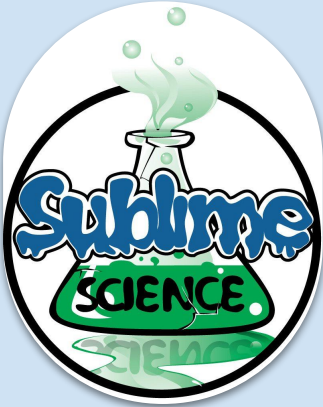
95.9%	WHOLE SCHOOL
94.8%	LADYBIRD CLASS
91.1%	ALPACA CLASS
93.7%	PANDA CLASS
97.0%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
99.3%	ARMADILLO CLASS
99.1%	COBRA CLASS
92.7%	AXOLOTL CLASS
97.0%	SCHOOL TARGET

HOW CLOSE IS YOUR CHILD TO 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year.	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year.	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year.	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year.	85%	Very Concerned

SCIENCE DAYS!

We will be holding some amazing Science Days on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April - the first two days back after the Easter holidays!



Monday 17th April

Sublime Science will be visiting Holy Trinity to lead some amazing science workshops with every class in the school.

Tuesday 18th April

Each class teacher will host more fantastic science experiments, and the children will move around the school in mixed-age groups throughout the day completing them all.

After school parents are invited in to see what we've been up to and take part in some of the experiments themselves.

It's going to be an awesome couple of super science days. We can't wait!

PLASTIC CLEVER SCHOOLS

This term, we aim to attain the Level 1 certificate for being a 'plastic clever' school. In order to do this we will be: raising awareness of our campaign; holding litter picks around the school; and making a short video about why we want to become a Plastic Clever School.

WELL DONE TO OUR CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS!



Essex Wellbeing Service

Delivered by an alliance of specialist organisations, Essex residents who are registered with a GP and are aged 16+, can receive health and wellbeing support.

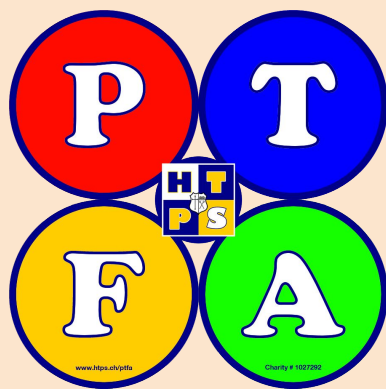
Whether it's help to quit smoking, social isolation support, weight management, or help with day-to-day needs; EWS is here to help employers, families and communities to stay healthy, safe and well.

Visit www.essexwellbeing.service.co.uk or call 0300 303 9988 to get help.



PTFA ROUNDUP

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone at Holy Trinity for your continued support. Without it we would struggle to put on fun events and help finance educational opportunities for all our children.



Funds raised last term have enabled us to invest in books for the "Fantastic Flights To Faraway Places" project - a culturally enriching experience for all the children.

There are lots of fun events coming up in March, including; Special Person's Day and the annual Easter Egg hunt (with a special guest!)

We would love to hear suggestions and feedback from parents/carers.

Please email ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com

We also meet once a month and would love to welcome some new faces and hear any suggestions for future fundraising or ideas for projects or events.

Our next meeting is on

Wednesday 29th March from 7pm

in Hammerhead classroom at the school.

PTFA STOP PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The 2023 Summer Fete is on Friday 7th July after school on the field! Details to follow soon!

As well as being a great evening, the recent PTFA Disco raised £390.98, which will all be ploughed back into exciting extras for all the children at Holy Trinity!

HALSTEAD LIBRARY HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Friday during term time, you can come along from 3.30pm to complete homework tasks.

Use the resources and computers in the library to complete tasks. Juice and biscuits provided.

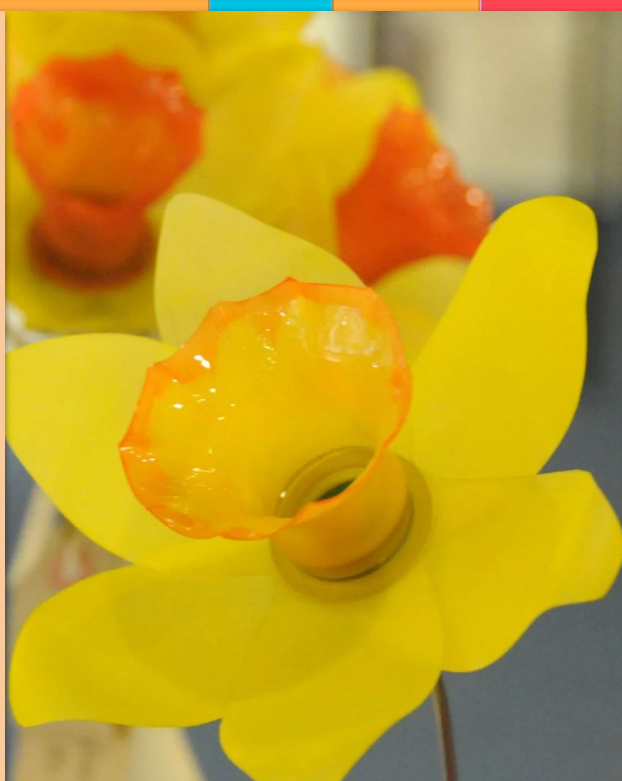
Don't forget your library card. Print off any work at 20p a sheet.

Please note parental supervision is required.

UPCYCLING ART REQUEST

We are looking to embark on another upcycling project, this time for the school entrance, using the bottom and top of fizzy drinks bottles.

We would be grateful for some plastic bottle bases and bottle necks being brought into the office.



WRITING COMPETITION

We have lots of very Talented writers in school and so we are entering The Magic Door Writing Competition!



Details will be sent home soon, and class teachers will explain what needs to be done beforehand.

Stories can be fictional or based on a recount of a real event, set anywhere in time or space, or even a whole new world. What is behind the door?

The closing date is Friday 31st March.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC PROVISION

ROCKSTEADY



If your child is interested in joining in with Rocksteady please visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or ask for a form from the office. There is currently a waiting list for some bands/age groups. Rock Steady costs approximately £30/month for weekly half hour group sessions and the end of term concert for the school! All instruments are provided and no previous experience is required.



LEARN IT!

If your child wishes to have more traditional-style music tuition at school Essex Music Education Hub can offer lessons in a range of instruments. For more details and to register directly with them visit <https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/making-music-in-school/learn-it/> or call 0333 0138953. Prices vary. Book by March 13th for the Summer Term. Instrument hire is available and financial assistance is sometimes provided.

HEALTHY CHOICES AT SCHOOL

We encourage all children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break. Below is a list of healthy snack suggestions to give an idea what to send in with your child:

Fruit and vegetables
Granola bars (nut-free)
Rice cakes
Malt loaf
Cheese and crackers
Yoghurt
Unsalted popcorn



All children in EYFS and Key Stage One have a fresh fruit choice available at break times.

We politely request that children do not bring in chocolate bars, sweets or biscuits for playtime snacks.

For drinks, please remember that Prime, and other similar energy drinks and juices, are not permitted at school. We are a healthy school and so encourage only water, in a reusable bottle, as a drink during the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

What an amazing day! There was our Book Swap (run by Y5 pupils), book blankets, class swaps, quizzes, games, reading in unusual places, and stories galore! Thank you to everyone who donated books, and to the children, whose enthusiasm made World Book Day 2023 such fun!



KINDNESS CUP WINNERS

The Kindness Cup is awarded to someone who has shown great kindness during the previous week.



MANNERS MEDALS

Manners Medals are awarded to a pupil from each Key Stage who have shown great manners during the previous week. The school takes a pride in high standards of behaviour and this is just another way to celebrate great role models every week.



GARDEN MAKEOVER II

Thank you to everyone who came into school during the half term break to help with the continued development of the Millennium Garden, with a special mention for Halstead in Bloom, Mrs Butterley and Mrs McCallum for leading the project.



E-SAFETY CORNER!
“Be careful who you talk to online!”

Be careful about talking to people you don't know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information – such as what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any requests they send you for images or videos of yourself, and stop talking to them. If you are worried about anything you see online tell a trusted adult immediately. Adults please do come and speak to us if you need any help and support.

