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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware, we had a visit from Ofsted this week. We will let you know when the full report is issued in a few weeks time.

This week, I want to particularly thank my teachers and teaching assistants for always going above and beyond for our children. They really are dedicated and talented in both delivering our Holy Trinity curriculum, and ensuring all the children's pastoral needs are catered for.

It was great to see so many parents attend the parents' evenings this week. If you were unable to speak to the new breakfast and afterschool club provider, you should have received a flyer with this copy of the newsletter to give you further information.

On behalf of all the Holy Trinity team, I would like to wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Sarah Rowe

WORSHIP THEME

Courage Through Worries

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **Matthew 6.25***

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

17.03 - St. Patrick's 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.

WOW WORSHIP - There is no WOW Assembly next week, 24th March, because of the Rocksteady Concert.

PLASTIC CLEVER SCHOOLS

As part of becoming a Plastic Clever School we have pledged to carry out regular litter picks around the ground. Using grabbers donated by Braintree District Council the children will soon be doing litter sweeps of the playground. Hopefully seeing this being done will encourage better use of our onsite bins.



HEADTEACHER QUIZ

The quiz helped the children recap their learning from the previous academic year. Well done to Jack who won this round - there are more quizzes to come!



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

93.1%	WHOLE SCHOOL
91.5%	LADYBIRD CLASS
88.3%	ALPACA CLASS
92.8%	PANDA CLASS
95.5%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
91.8%	ARMADILLO CLASS
96.3%	COBRA CLASS
95.0%	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

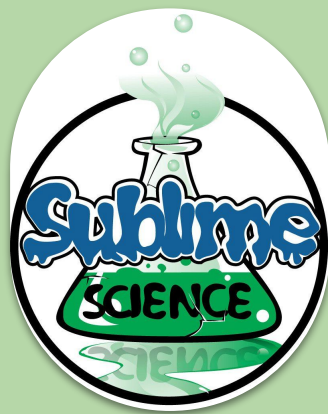
Sublime Science will be visiting Holy Trinity to lead some amazing science workshops with every class in the school. Thank you to the PTFA for financing this activity!

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.



COMIC RELIEF DAY

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations, there were some very red children! We'll announce a total raised in the next newsletter.



SUMDOG CONTEST

The latest Essex Sumdog contest starts today and runs until next Thursday!

It's a National Competition this time with 2852 classes from 331 schools taking part!

To join in you just need to login and play either in the Sumdog app or via the link on www.tabecat.com

Class winners will get a mention in WOW Assembly.

Children should use their usual login details (not email address) and the school code is holytrinityhalstead



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.essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk or call 0300 303 9988 to get help.

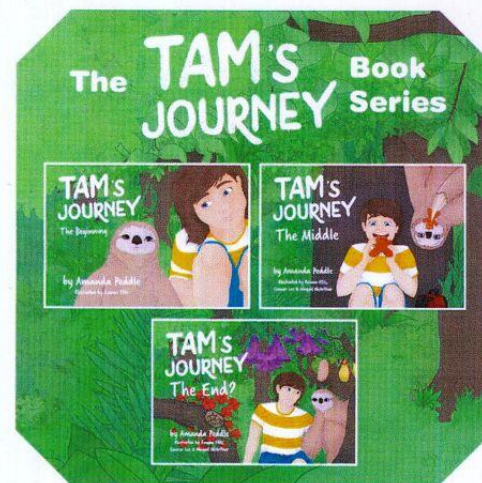
Interactive Library Sessions

TAM's Journey!

Explore your child's emotions

For children aged 8-12 years

A series of 3 interactive sessions for you and your child, to help them understand their emotions.



These sessions will:

- teach the 'how and why' of emotions to help calm worry around the reactions we have
- explore the ways we react when we're scared or confused
- help children to understand and accept their emotions

Halstead Library

14 March 3.30pm-4.30pm

21 March 3.30pm-4.30pm

28 March 3.30pm-4.30pm

Ask a member of staff for more information and to book a place.



Essex County Council

The remaining sessions of this may still be of interest..

PTFA ROUNDUP

Thank you!

Our final Amazon Smile payment was nearly £100. Thank you for signing up to the scheme and choosing the PTFA as your charity. When we have a final amount raised over the whole of the scheme we'll let you know it via the newsletter.

Help Needed!

Our annual Easter Egg hunt is being held on Thursday 30th March 2023.

Are you able to spare approximately 30 minutes that morning to help the bunny hide the eggs?

If you are able to help please email ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.co.uk

or join our HTPS PTFA Helpers Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/htpsptfa

We would ask volunteers to kindly report to the office, straight from school drop off (9am) please. We really do appreciate all our helpers and the best part is being able to watch your little ones enjoying the fun!

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.

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.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

NOW's The Time for Change, came into school to work with the Year 6's in preparation for their move to Year 7. They helped them to become aware of each emotion and mental health.

Teaching the tools and techniques to improve their emotional and mental health, to overcome transitional times of life and emotional challenges. The workshop included: building resilience, relationships and confidence; understanding emotions and know it's okay not to be okay; learning calming techniques; identifying core skills; positive language; mindset coaching; mindful meditation and emotional freedom through tapping techniques, all within a safe environment and with freedom of choice.



WRITING COMPETITION

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

There is still time to take part - get your entries into school before the end of term!

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.



Summer Fete

07.07.23

Details to follow!

www.https.ch/ptfa



WRAPAROUND CARE

Little Oaks will be operating at Holy Trinity from September 2023, offering wraparound care before and after school, and during holidays. Details available soon!

CHARITY CAKE SALE

On Friday 10th March, a group of girls from Year 5 held a charity cake sale to raise money for the RSPCA and the DEC appeal for survivors of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes. The girls raised a fantastic £120 and donated the unsold cakes to Halstead Hall residential care home. The residents were delighted with the donations.



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.



E-SAFETY CORNER!

“Always act the right way online!”



Remember when chatting with friends on games and messaging apps that there is a real person at the other end. Talk with them as you would in person - with respect and kindness. Online messages often lose subtle cues and can be misinterpreted. If in doubt, don't send it!

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.



BIKEABILITY 1

This week, the first Bikeability group have been impressing the tutors with their biking skills - well done to them all!