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MEDICAL ALERTS

Having spoken to the UK Health Agency for advice, there is currently no reason for undue concern about Scarlet Fever and Strep A at our school. Please keep us informed immediately of any cases within your families, and ensure that extra attention is paid to washing hands etc.

Should the situation change we will be updating you via our free app for iOS and Android.

Please ensure that you have the app installed, and if you are having any issues with it see Mr. Handy (at his class door before and after school), or the school office, as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022

As you can see from the pictures in this week's newsletter, the school has been a hive of creative activity this week! Acting and singing rehearsals for the nativity; three dimensional artwork led by Art Solutions as well as floristry skills in Christmas dinner table centrepieces. There was a cheerful, positive buzz around school and the results are phenomenal! Art Solutions praised the manners and commitment of the children and staff's enthusiasm in the project. The full and enriching curriculum opportunities this week are typical of the approach that I see for the school in providing opportunities for all children, whilst catering for 'the whole child'.

SARAH ROWE - HEADTEACHER

WORSHIP THEME

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14

BAD WEATHER PROCEDURES

In case of heavy snow or very low temperatures the school may, as a last resort, have to temporarily close. Our Bad Weather Policy, where details of how we communicate any decisions on this with you, can be found here: [www.https://ch/bad-weather-policy](https://ch/bad-weather-policy). During the COVID lockdown we were able to provide remote teaching via Google Meet. In the event of a closure due to bad weather lasting longer than a day we will, again, be able to offer some remote lessons. In readiness for this, please ensure that you have:

- Access to the Google Meet app (if using a tablet or phone) and/or a laptop or PC with a supported browser. Those of you with an Amazon Fire device will need to access Google Meet via a web browser.
- Your child's school email address, ending in @tabecat.com, and password. You will only be able to access remote lessons using your child's school email. If your child can not remember this, or it is not in the home-school book, please contact their class teacher.

Further details on accessing remote lessons using Google Meet will be sent out via the app if the need arises.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2022

The Christmas Carol Service will this year be taking place in St. Andrew's Church next Thursday, 15th December. We will walk the children up to the church after lunch for the service which starts at 2.15pm. Families are welcome to attend.

At the end of the service we will walk all the children back to school to be collected at the usual time. If you are attending the service and would like to take your children directly from the church you may, but class teachers will have a register and children must be individually handed over to you. Children may not go home alone directly from the church.

We are delighted to be back at St. Andrew's for our Christmas Carol Service and look forward to you joining us. Merry Christmas!



INDOOR ATHLETICS - LEVEL 1 COMPETITION

Well done to the children who attended an indoor track & field competition at Ramsey Academy on Tuesday 6th December. They gave their all and came 3rd of 7 teams, beaten only by two large Braintree schools. We are very proud of them - they were great ambassadors for Holy Trinity.

Essex Sumdog Winter Contest! December 9th -15th!



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

09.12.1868 - First traffic lights installed, in London.
13.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performance 2-3pm
13.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performance 6-7pm
14.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Day
15.12.22 - Christmas Carol Service (Parents Welcome)
16.12.22 - Christmas WOW 9.15-9.45am
16.12.22 - Pantomime in school.
19.12.22 - Non-Uniform for winning Team. (TBC)
20.12.22 - End of Autumn Term
Christmas Holidays
05.01.23 - Start of Spring Term
11.01.23 - E-Safety Training from The 2 Johns
13.01.23 - Vision & Progress Event 9am
15.01.23 - Deadline for Sept 2023 Intake Applications

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

ART SOLUTIONS

Children were asked about world-wide issues that were important to them at this current time and they responded with the themes of the environment, nature and pollution. The children also wanted to have some pictures of their favourite story books such as 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne as a focal point for our school library. Art Solutions listened to these requests and then project managed the art work using these themes in their creations.



FESTIVE TABLE DISPLAYS

Some of the children in Years 3 & 4 created festive table displays, for our Christmas lunch next week, in between working with Art Solutions.

The other classes will be making theirs too before the big day!

We have also been Making baubles for our outdoor Christmas tree!



Thanks to Juniper Flowers for the resources!



CHRISTMAS POST BOXES

The Christmas Post Boxes are back! Please make sure that all cards have the name and class/year group on the envelope so we can deliver them! Just send the cards in with your children!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



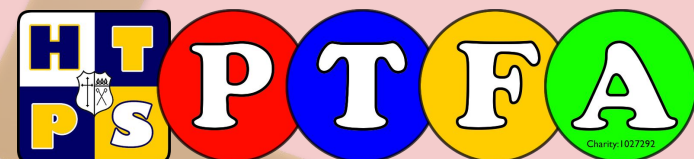
PTFA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Friday's PTFA Christmas Bazaar, from the PTFA (and their families) themselves, to the Year 6s who ran stalls, the staff who stayed to help, all of the people and companies who made donations and contributions to the raffle and other activities, to everyone who came along and spent money to help the PTFA support the school, and Father Christmas! What an evening, what a team. Together we raised £1002 which will go back into the school to enhance the educational experience of all our children.

YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE

Given £15 each by the PTFA, the groups planned, created, and ran stalls at the bazaar. The group raising the most money wins a prize of £50 to spend on the school on whatever they choose - and their group name on the Enterprise Trophy! This year's winners...will be announced at the special Christmas WOW Assembly on Friday 16th December!

Well done to all our Year 6 for their hard work, enthusiasm, and enterprise!



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

90.0%	WHOLE SCHOOL
88.4%	LADYBIRD CLASS
90.7%	ALPACA CLASS
91.3%	PANDA CLASS
94.5%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
87.6%	ARMADILLO CLASS
85.8%	COBRA CLASS
92.4%	AXOLOTL CLASS
97.0%	SCHOOL TARGET

VISION & PROGRESS EVENT

On Friday 13th January 2023 you are invited to come into school to receive an update on Holy Trinity's improvement progress, and have a tour of the school. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting which will start at 9am in the school hall.

CHRISTMAS WOW!

Due to various events on Friday afternoons we are holding a special Christmas WOW Assembly on Friday 16th December in the morning, starting at 9.15am. Parents are, as usual, welcome to attend.

CHILDLINE 0800 1111
 MIND 0300 123 3393
 SAMARITANS 116 123
 CITIZENS ADVICE 0800 144 8848
 NHS DIRECT 111
 Text 'SHOUT' to 85258
 CALM 0800 58 58 58

It's **OK** to
ask for
Help!

Attendance Ladder

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

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Thank you!
Together we raised

£146.10

for children around the world.

AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

smile.amazon.co.uk

Last quarter you raised **£47.17** for the PTFA by shopping via Amazon Smile - making a total of **£504.25** since we started raising money this way.

We have **79** people who have signed up and are supporting us by visiting smile.amazon.co.uk and choosing Holy Trinity Halstead as their charity of choice. This is now also available via the settings in the Android and iOS apps.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS!

By signing up for this you notice no difference to your shopping experience, but Amazon donate a percentage of what you spend to the PTFA without it costing you anything! We don't know what you've bought, we don't even know who you are (!), but we do get a donation that helps the PTFA raise funds for all our children.



ESSEX LIBRARIES WINTER READING CHALLENGE

This year's challenge is all about the journey of Lyra the penguin. Challengers will help Lyra as she travels around the zoo, asking her animal friends all about how they celebrate the winter season differently around the world.

Children of all ages will need to complete at least 6 of the 12 challenges in our interactive booklet. There are prizes to all who finish, and an extra special prize to those who finish early! Some of the challenges can be completed in the library,

Running from Saturday 26 November to Saturday 28 January, the challenge is being led by Essex Library Service, in partnership with Penguin books and the Essex Year of Reading.

You can sign up to the challenge by visiting any of our Essex libraries!

CAN YOU SPOT THE 12 TRAFFIC LIGHT-THEMED BAUBLES?

RESPECT. MERRY HONESTY. CHRISTMAS! LOVE.