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[WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER](https://ch/newsletter) - FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I'd like to start this edition with a thank you to the PTFA who have backed our enrichment project next week by purchasing books relating to the themed week. So far the children who have seen the collection have been completely enthralled!

Thank you, also, to Mr Beswick who continues to do an amazing job of putting salt down on our pathways during the frosty mornings that have been a regular occurrence recently.

Where mental health and wellbeing is concerned, Holy Trinity takes this aspect seriously and so if any of you have any concerns about how your child is getting on in class or during breaktime, please get in touch with the class teacher as soon as an issue arises so that we can do our best to solve any issues straight away. All the staff are ready to listen whenever you have a concern.

Sarah Rowe

WORSHIP THEME

The Power of Thought and Reflection (Respect and cooperation)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
John 13:34



FANTASTIC FLIGHTS TO FARAWAY PLACES

Next week, as part of our Explore Curriculum, we will be embarking on a cross-curricular mini-project exploring countries across the continents of the world and inventing and creating flying objects to take us there! Along the way we will read engaging, high quality books that open our eyes to different cultures and ways of life!

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

27-29.01.23 - Big Garden Birdwatch
30.01.23 - Fantastic Flights to Faraway Places Project
02.02.23 - Progress Meeting for Parents 3.15-4pm
03.02.23 - NSPCC Number Day - Non-Uniform
03.02.23 - PTFA Spring Disco
10.02.23 - End of Half Term
Half Term
20.02.23 - Start of Half Term
13.03.23 - Science Week
14.03.23 - Parents' Evening
16.03.23 - Parents' Evening
24.03.23 - Rocksteady Spring Concert
28.03.23 - Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church
30.03.23 - End of Spring Term
31.03.23 - INSET Day

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

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

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 31st March 2023
Monday 5th June 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

In addition, the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 4th May as it is being used as a polling station.

The INSET Days for the 2023/2024 Academic Year have been confirmed:

Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Friday 24th November 2023
Friday 20th December 2023
Monday 3rd June 2024

All term dates can be found at www.https://ch/term-dates

WOW WORSHIP WELCOMES YOU

Please remember all parents / grandparents / carers are welcome to join the Wow Worship every Friday at 2.30pm in the school hall.

PARENT PROGRESS MEETING

Come and see the good work that is going on throughout the school!

There is another opportunity to find out about progress and plans:

THIS COMING THURSDAY

2nd February

3.15-4.15pm

All Welcome!

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who took part in the handwriting competition organised by the School Council. Here are the winning pieces by (clockwise from top left) EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 5/6, and Year 3/4.

Respect yourself and others will respect you.
Everyone should be respected.
The power of respect is being kind caring and fairness.
by uma keeble



Children Are...
Amazing, cherish them.
Believable, trust them.
Childlike, let them.
Divine, respect them.
Energetic, nourish them.
Fallible, embrace them.
Gifts, unwrap them.
Here Now, be with them.

By Isaac Winton

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In great delight in them.
Joyful, appreciate them.
Kindhearted, join them.
Loveable, love them.
Magical, fly with them.
Noble, esteem them.
Open minded, hear them.
Precious, treasure them.
Questioners, encourage them.
Resourceful, support them.
Spontaneous, enjoy them.
Talented, believe in them.
Unique, affirm them.
Vulnerable, protect them.
Whole, recognize them.

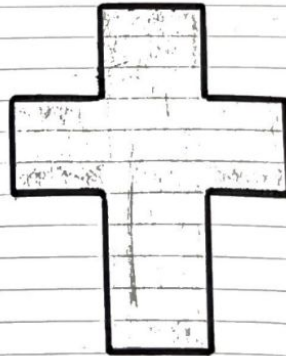


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Whole, recognize them.
Xtra Special, celebrate them.
Yearning, notice them.
Zany, laugh with them.



RESPECT
HONESTY
LOVE



Ruby M year 6

E-SAFETY - THE TWO JOHNS SESSIONS

John Woodley & John Staines, The 2 Johns, ran online sessions at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

The main message to the children was "Tell a trusted adult if you are worried." The main message to parents was to make sure that children feel confident talking to you about their worries - and this won't happen if they are scared you will take their device away if they confide in you.

Thank you to those of you who were able to make the live Two Johns E-Safety session 10 days ago. We hope you found it as useful as we did.

[For those of you who were unable to make the session, and for those who would like to revisit it, you can view a recording by clicking the link here \(in the digital version\) or in the app.](#)

This will be available to view online until half term in three weeks time, and is essential viewing for all parents. It is not for viewing *with* children.

Please do take the time to watch the video, and look out for a feedback survey we'll be sending out via the app soon.

We will continue our successful e-safety curriculum at school, and if you have any questions or concerns please do have a chat with Mr. Handy, our IT lead.

NSPCC NON-UNIFORM NUMBER DAY

We will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of the NSPCC next Friday 3rd February.

Everyone is invited to come to school wearing maths-themed clothes. It might be a number badge, a t-shirt with mathematical symbols on, or even a onesie or a tutu! If you're not sure ask your class teacher, and remember it's supposed to be fun!

Please bring in a donation for the NSPCC.

During the day the children will be taking part in a host of fun and exciting maths activities to celebrate Number Day.



PUPILS' CHAMPIONS

We would like to introduce visiting speakers to talk to the children about their job / profession. Please contact the school, whatever your job; engineers, games designers, sports people, nurses, dentists, etc. We aim to encourage children to have aspirations and ambition for their future and visiting speakers can inspire them to reach new goals.

On Wednesday 18th January, Michael Condrón visited the school to talk to the children about his career in public sculpture; his journey there and how it takes a commission through to installation. A few children from KS2 said how much they enjoyed the talk and want to pursue art-related jobs in their own future which is just what we were aiming for through these sessions.

We have a glider pilot coming in at the start of our flight topic and a nurse a week later.



**Together,
let's make
it count**



**Big Garden
Birdwatch**

27-29 January 2023

Play your part at: rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



TRINITY TASTING TRIALS - HEALTHY SCHOOL

We have created a regular opportunity for children to sample new foods (allergies considered) during their lunchtime. Last week, children had the chance to try sultanas and apricots and in subsequent weeks there will be a range of foods to try, from countries across the globe. This will be run by Year 6 who will pass around trays of tasting pots for those children who want to participate.



SUMDOG CONTEST

The latest Essex Sumdog contest starts today and runs until next Thursday! To take part against 87 classes from 16 schools across Essex pupils just need to login and play! Class winners will get a mention in WOW Assembly. The school code is **holyltrinityhalstead**

ENGLISH & MATHS NEWS

Earlier this week we sent home an English & Maths newsletter full of information about the subjects and how you can help your child at home. Please check your child's bag if you've not seen it yet!

SCHOOL LIBRARY QUIZ

Also sent home this week was our school library quiz! There are different quizzes for EYFS, KS1 & KS2, and they will hopefully be a fun activity for you to share with your children.

Completed forms to be handed in by Thursday 2nd February 2023 at the latest to your class teacher. Winners will be revealed on Friday 3rd February 2023.

The quizzes are part of our work on National Storytelling Week next week.

KINDNESS CUP WINNERS

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

MANNERS MEDALS

A pupil from KS1 and KS2 are nominated during lunchtime for showing good manners. In addition, the catering staff will nominate someone who showed particularly good manners when collecting their meal from the serving hatch. The school takes a pride in high standards of behaviour and this is just another way to celebrate great role models every week.

Well done to this week's winners: Cameron in Y6 and Maisie in Y3!



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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

94.5%	WHOLE SCHOOL
94.8%	LADYBIRD CLASS
95.0%	ALPACA CLASS
91.7%	PANDA CLASS
98.0%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
96.3%	ARMADILLO CLASS
96.8%	COBRA CLASS
88.7%	AXOLOTL CLASS
97.0%	SCHOOL TARGET

AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

smile.amazon.co.uk

Thanks to your support of our PTFA via Amazon Smile we have raised over £500 without costing us a penny!

You may have heard that Amazon are stopping the Smile program on Monday 20th February.

We are still able to collect donations until that date however, and so any purchases you make via Amazon Smile up to that date will earn money for the PTFA.

A final reminder that you can contribute in this way by signing up and are supporting us at smile.amazon.co.uk and choosing Holy Trinity Halstead as your charity of choice. This is also available via the settings in the Android and iOS apps.

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.

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

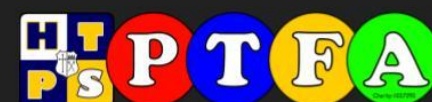
CAN YOU SPOT THE EIGHT COMMON GARDEN BIRDS HIDING IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

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!

HEALTHY BREAK TIME SNACKS

We have noticed an increase in the number of less healthy snacks coming in for break time. Please send in fruit, nut-free cereal bars etc. rather than items such as chocolate bars, grab-size packets of crisps & pastries.



£3 per child to include a drink, snack & glow stick.
Tickets on sale after school on the playground during disco week.

UVDISCO

INFANTS
5.45-7.00

JUNIORS
7.15-8.30

Tickets with contact details must be provided on arrival.
All children must be collected from the school hall.

With thanks to Darryl Paul @ Dream Roadshows...

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023