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School Newsletter 164 - FRIDAY 28th APRIL 2023 - [www.https.ch/newsletter](https://ch/newsletter)

Dear Parents / Carers,

The start of the Summer Term has been an exciting one for our children with Science Day, Earth Day, Fencing Day and an international virtual meeting with our school in China. It has been great for Ofsted to recognise these enrichment activities as a strength; 'Leaders thoughtfully plan a wide range of exciting opportunities for pupils.' I know as a busy parent myself, organising P.E kits, packed lunches for trips and changes to school timetables can cause extra organisation and planning ahead on your behalf but it is worth it when you see what the children gain from these special days and how they respond to these opportunities. Thank you!

We are still beaming from our recent Ofsted report and so if you haven't had the chance to see it yet, we will share it on our school website later today.

As we speed through to the end of this half term, please take a look at the diary dates on this newsletter as we still have quite a few important dates coming up! I do hope a good number of you will attend the King's Coronation Picnic after school next Friday as it will be great to mark the occasion with a school get together - fingers crossed for some more summery weather!

On behalf of the Holy Trinity Team, have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we will see you all next week. S Rowe

POLLING DAY

As previously publicised, we have been informed by Braintree District Council that Holy Trinity will be used as a Polling Station (and therefore closed as the site can not be secured) for the approaching local elections on Thursday 4th May 2023.

I know that this additional closure day is frustrating for working parents, **but we do not have a choice** - each ward in the area must provide a polling station and our school is the only public building in the Trinity Ward.

HOME/ONLINE LEARNING

We have been advised to provide online learning when the school is closed for polling day. This will follow a similar format to the sessions offered when the school was closed due to heavy snow. Work for polling day will be sent home with pupils on Wednesday, and Google Meet will be used to facilitate an online session for each class.

USING GOOGLE MEET

- On a computer or laptop you can go to the Google Meet website, login to Google with your child's Tabecat account, and enter the class code at the appropriate time.
- On an Android or iOS device you can download the Google Meet app, sign in with your child's Tabecat account, and enter the class code at the appropriate time.
- Due to platform issues it is sadly not easy to install Google Meet on Amazon Fire or Huawei devices.

LOGIN DETAILS

Please login to Google Meet using your child's Tabecat address (username@tabecat.com) and password. Many children will know this already as they use it to login to our Chromebooks at school, but if you are unsure please double check with your child's class teacher before Thursday.

WORSHIP THEME - Honesty / Truthfulness

To save printing costs this newsletter is in greyscale.
A full-colour version is available online and from the school office.

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

28.04.1923 - Wembley Stadium Opened
03.05.23 - PTFA Meeting 7pm @ school. All welcome!
04.05.23 - School Closed for Polling (See Below)
05.05.23 - Non-Uniform Day - Coronation Clothes!
05.05.23 - PTFA Coronation Picnic 3.15-4.30 on the field.
08.05.23 - Coronation Bank Holiday
09-12.05.23 - KS2 SATs Week
16.05.23 - Class Photographs
22-26.05.23 - Y6 School Journey @ Bawdsey Manor
26.05.23 - End of Half Term
05.06.23 - INSET Day- School Closed
06.06.23 - Start of Half Term
12-15.06.23 - Book Fair after school. All sales earn commission!
26-30.06.23 - Y6 Transition to Secondary Week sessions.
04.07.23 - Sublime Science II
07.07.23 - PTFA Summer Fete after school on the field.
10.07.23 - EYFS Sports Day (AM)
11.07.23 - KS1 Sports Day (AM)
13.07.23 - KS2 Sports Day (PM)
14.07.23 - Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm
18.07.23 - Y5/6 Performances 1pm & 5pm
20.07.23 - End of School Year
21.07.23 - INSET Day - School Closed

WOW WORSHIP
- There is no WOW Assembly next week, 5th May, because of our Coronation celebrations.

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](https://ch/term-dates)

TIMETABLE

Online sessions using Google Meet will be at the following times:

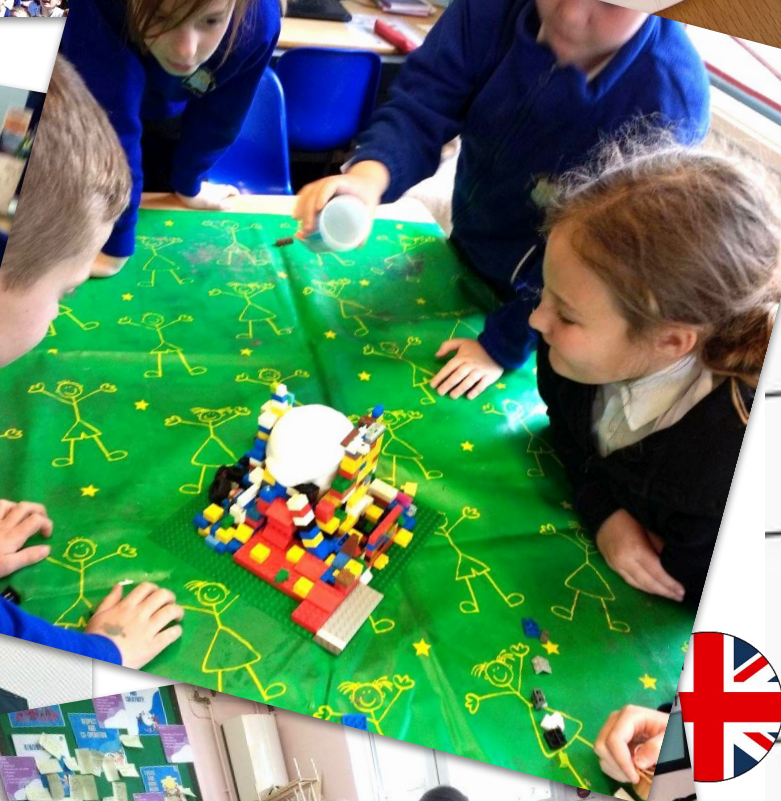
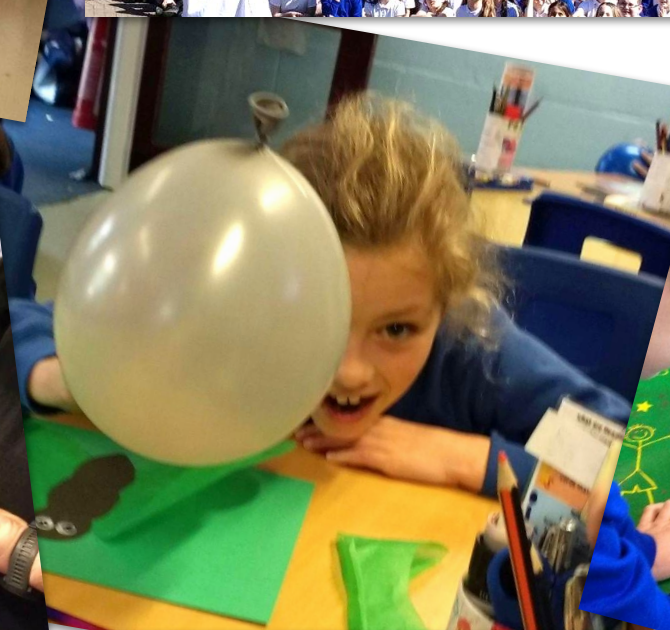
Year Group	Time	Google Meet Code
Year 6	11.30am	axolotl
Year 5	11.00am	cobra
Year 4	10.30am	armadillo
Year 3	12.00pm	hammerhead
Year 2	12.30pm	panda
Year 1	1.00pm	alpaca

These sessions are only accessible via Tabecat email addresses, and will not work until class teachers have logged in just before the allotted times.

SCIENCE DAYS

We kicked off the Summer Term with two amazing Science Days. On the Monday we were visited by Sublime Science, who wowed the children with a series of amazing science experiments and then fired rockets into the air outside at the end of the day. This was paid for by the PTFA, and we have negotiated with Sublime Science for a return visit later in the term... Then, on Tuesday the children moved around the school in mixed-aged groups taking part in a range of science experiments from LEGO volcanoes, static electricity butterflies, lava lamps, tornadoes in bottles, and more! The children were amazing, engaging enthusiastically with all the tasks and working together with children from other classes in a manner that made us all very proud of them. It was also great to see so many parents come into school at the end of the day to see what we had been doing - thank you for coming in if you were able to, we hope you enjoyed sharing in your children's learning.

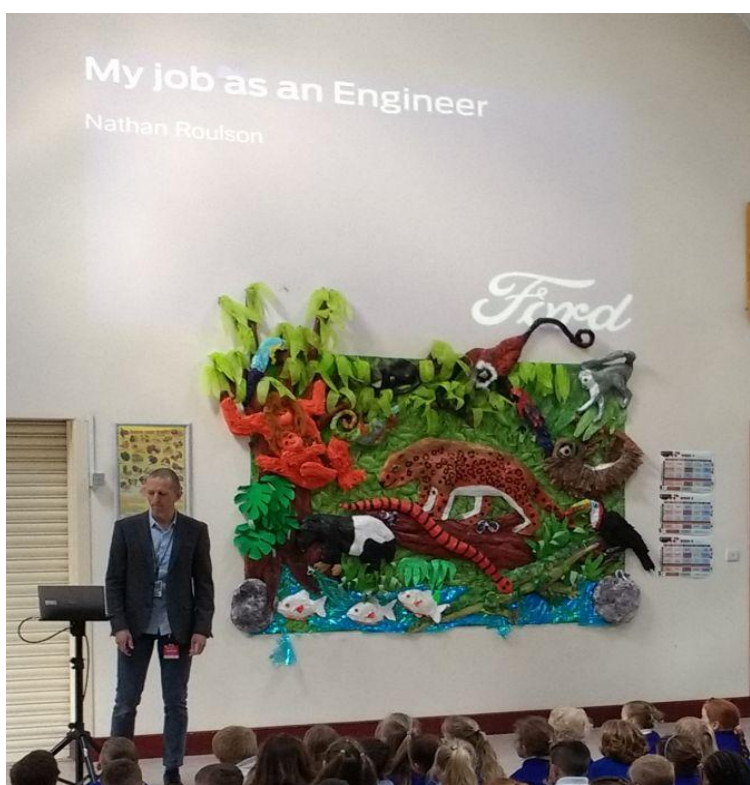






ENGINEER VISIT

On Tuesday we had another visitor. Parent and ex-pupil Mr. Roulson came into school and talked to the children about his career as a mechanical engineer, and the latest trends in car design - including the use of virtual reality. It was a fascinating talk, and we are very grateful to Mr. Roulson for taking the time to inspire some future engineers.



EARTH DAY 2023

We had planned for Year 2 to mark Earth Day 2023 on Friday 21st April at Gosfield School with a number of other schools. Sadly, rain put a stop to that and so the children instead had a fantastic time celebrating Earth Day in school. Activities included exploring the school grounds, scavenger hunts, nest building, and making seed bombs. The children threw themselves into the alternative activities, and are looking forward to the rescheduled Gosfield School visit later in the term.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

94.8%	WHOLE SCHOOL
91.0%	LADYBIRD CLASS
97.3%	ALPACA CLASS
96.7%	PANDA CLASS
94.3%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS
96.7%	ARMADILLO CLASS
95.5%	COBRA CLASS
92.3%	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

ANY BENCHES?

We are on the lookout for free garden benches for the area outside Years 1 and 2 to improve our school grounds.

If anyone comes across free, serviceable benches through Facebook Marketplace, Freecycle etc. and has transport to bring them to school please let us know so we can use them at break times and for outside learning.

KINDNESS CUP & MANNERS MEDALS

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



CORONATION EVENTS

We will be marking the coronation of King Charles III in a number of ways. Next week in English we will be writing short one-off pieces related to Kings and Queens.

On Friday 5th May:

- We will be having a non-uniform day where pupils are invited to come to school in coronation clothes or with coronation-themed accessories. This is, as ever, optional.
- Every pupil will make a crown and be involved in Coronation related activities, before taking part in a Crown Parade in the afternoon.
- After school the PTFA are holding a Coronation Picnic on the field between the end of school and approximately 4.30pm, which all parents and children are welcome to attend. As it's a Friday, the PTFA will be selling ice creams!
- The PTFA will also be drawing the Coronation Hamper Raffle at the picnic, made from donations brought in on the non-uniform day on the 28th April. Tickets will be on sale all week before the picnic.

WEEKLY CLASS ROUNDUPS

Responding to the parents questionnaires at Parents' Evening, we have introduced class updates on the app to inform you of what has been covered in class, as well as lesson content for the subsequent week. We hope this will help you support learning at home.



CHINESE CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Yesterday morning Year 5 took part in another video call with our partner school in China, Lasa Road Primary School in Nanjing.

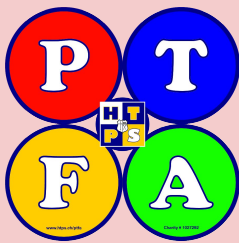
The children told their peers in China about Holy Trinity, and showed them some of their work.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and a fascinating opportunity to find out about children in a very different part of the world.



PTFA ROUNDUP

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THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all who supported Special Persons Appreciation day. We raised an amazing £104.31.
The money you help us raise enables us to fund amazing projects like "Sublime Science" who came into school last week.

CORONATION PICNIC

Bring your own picnic and celebrate the King's Coronation with us on Friday 5th May from 3pm on the school field.

HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you for all of the hamper items which were brought into school today. There are 7 hampers and we will be selling raffle tickets next week before the draw at the Coronation Picnic

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Our summer fete is 7th July from 3.30pm. Are you able to spare some time to help us either set up, man a stall or tidy away please?

We're always so grateful of any help available.

Do you own a business that could donate a raffle prize to our raffle please?

SUMMER FETE SIGNS

Are you able to display a Michael's Estate Agent sign advertising the school fete at your home?

We generate £10 per board displayed, we managed to get 36 people to have a board last year.

"Michael's have very kindly said they will provide advertising boards for our school fete again this year. If you are able to display a board at your address to help us advertise the fete, please could you let us know in person or via our email: ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com

CONTACT

If you are able to help us please email ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com or join our HTPS PTFA Helpers Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/httpsptfa

NEXT MEETING

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 3rd May from 7pm in Hammerhead classroom at the school.



Summer Fete

07.07.23

Details to follow!

www.https.ch/ptfa



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Ice Cream Fridays

After school, behind the hall, every week...

...all summer!

E-SAFETY CORNER!

"Keep passwords complex, secret, & safe!"



At Holy Trinity the pupils all have simple to remember, but difficult to guess passwords. We encourage the children to keep their passwords secret and to not share them with anyone. It's not just website passwords though - passcodes for phones and credentials for apps should also be kept private and not shared with friends. Similarly, game PINs, telephone numbers, and email addresses should only be shared with people you know in real life and trust. Finally, we teach that passwords should be easy to remember but difficult to guess. No names of pets or simple letter strings!
If you are worried about anything online tell a trusted adult immediately. Adults please do come and speak to us if you need any help and support.



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.

RESPECT.

HONESTY.

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