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## School Newsletter 167 - FRIDAY 16th JUNE 2023 - [www.https.ch/newsletter](https://ch/newsletter)

Dear Parents and Carers,

For a number of weeks now, our children have been part of some end of year assessments whether formal Key Stage One SATs, Key Stage Two SATs and phonics checks or informal ones. We are very proud of how they have coped. The vast majority have approached them in a very calm and measured way. Well done children!

I wanted to settle any confusion about the purpose of our lunchtime wellbeing hub. It is open to ALL children as selected by staff. It is not used as a time-out area for poor behaviour choices but an opportunity for creative, calm mindfulness activities appealing to many children. It is proving very successful, thanks to Mrs Lewis and Mrs McCallum who run this club. The outdoor area has some eye-catching artwork created by natural materials - if you walk past please take a look.

Look out for photos in the next newsletter from Ladybird Class' trip to Hollow Trees farm. I have had it reported as, 'the best reception trip!'

I know many of you are keen to know about new classes for next year. We are finalising the staffing teams and will let you know shortly in a separate letter. One important piece of news is that Mr Handy, who has been at Holy Trinity for 13 years, is moving on at the end of term to pursue a career with an ICT training company. He has been a brilliant teacher and a considerable influence in all things ICT over the years: fixing hardware; updating social media; e-safety; maintaining the school website and the list goes on... He will be very much missed by the whole school community but we wish him every success in his new venture.

Sarah Rowe



### SUMMER READY

We hopefully won't hit the high temperatures of last summer, but the forecast for the coming days and weeks is certainly warm enough. We will still be going outside for breaks and lunchtime, so please make sure your child is sent to school with named water bottles, hats and sun cream. Sun cream should be applied PRIOR to coming into school each day. We are unable to store Suncream in school nor can it be applied by staff



### HEALTHY SNACKS

As a Healthy School we try to encourage healthy snacks at break time. Every child in Foundation and KS1 is provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day. Recently a sizeable amount has not been eaten, and so the fruit and vegetables have had to be thrown away. Instead, there has been an increase in chocolate, crisps, biscuits etc. being brought in from home. Healthier snacks aid concentration and focus in lessons compared to more processed foods. We understand that not all the children will like all the fruit and vegetables on offer, but please could we encourage you to either make use of the free snack, or send in a healthier alternative for break time. This request for healthier snacks is also extended to KS2 pupils as well. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

### WORSHIP THEME

Our Global Family/ Father's Day

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

14.06.23 - World Blood Donor Day  
19.06.23 - Old IT Equipment can be brought into school for recycling.  
29-30.06.23 - Y6 Transition to Secondary 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)  
11.07.23 - PTFA Meeting @ School 7pm  
13.07.23 - KS2 Sports Day (PM)  
14.07.23 - Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm  
14.07.23 - PTFA Summer Discos  
18.07.23 - Y5/6 Performances 1pm & 5pm  
20.07.23 - End of School Year  
21.07.23 - INSET Day - School Closed

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

**The remaining INSET Day for the 2022/2023 Academic Year has been confirmed: 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)

### WOW ASSEMBLY

Because of the PTFA Summer Fete and the Rocksteady Concert there are only two Friday afternoon WOWs left after today: 23rd & 30th June. There will be an extra, end of term, WOW which will be scheduled soon. All parents/carers are welcome to attend - we love you joining us!

### MUSIC

If anyone has private music lessons and would like to perform to their class or during collective worship could they let class teachers know. It would be lovely to hear the children's musical talents, and it is a great opportunity to boost their confidence as performers.

### PERIPATETIC MUSIC PROVISION

#### ROCKSTEADY

If your child is interested in joining in with Rocksteady please visit [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com) or ask for a form from the office. There is currently a waiting list for some bands/age groups, but there will be a number of spaces in September when the current Year 6 pupils leave. 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. Instrument hire is available and financial assistance is sometimes provided.





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**BREAKFAST CLUB  
FROM 7.30am – 8.45am**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**3.15pm – 6.00pm  
(shorter and post-activity  
club sessions available)**

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## CHROMEBOOKS



A quick note here to make sure you all know how Chromebooks can be used by your children using their school accounts.

For those of you not sure what a Chromebook is, it's a laptop which runs Google's Chrome Operating system rather than Microsoft's Windows or Apple's macOS. Essentially a laptop running Google Chrome browser and nothing else, this means:

Good - They are usually cheaper, faster, and with better battery life than Windows or macOS devices.

Bad - They only run web-based applications. (Although all our school software is web-based, so if using it as a 'learning' device that's OK.)

Your child's Tabecat email (username@tabecat.com) is a Google-based account and can be used to login to any Chromebook.

If you have a Chromebook which you use with your own GMail account your child can login as another user by using their username@tabecat.com account with their usual password. This will automatically provide them with ad-blocking extensions and filtered searches, and default to the [www.tabecat.com](http://www.tabecat.com) links page when they open Chrome.

Although not as secure and safe as at school, as we have professional filtering software, it is a safer option than 'piggybacking' on an adult's account.

Children should always be supervised when using a laptop or tablet as no system is 100% safe. We advise the children:

OK - Only use apps and websites you know are safe for you.  
OFF - If anything online worries you turn the screen off.  
TELL - Show a trusted adult that is worrying you immediately.



As ever, if you have any questions about this, or any other IT issues, please do come and have a chat at the classroom door before or after school.  
Mr. Handy

## ROAD SAFETY

In the week before the half term break Anita Bartram from Safer Essex Roads Partnership came into school to work with Year 5 regarding road safety. With the added distraction of mobile phones, and the advent of quieter electric vehicles, it is even more important to stop, look and listen when crossing the road. We remind children in all year groups about road safety, but this visit was focused on Year 5 as they are beginning to walk to school on their own on a more regular basis.

Stop look Listen Live

**THE GREEN  
CROSS CODE**



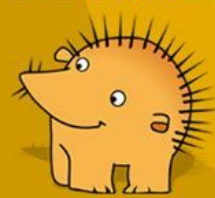
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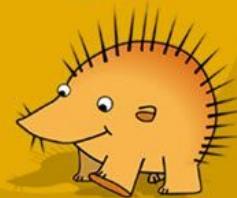
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**3. USE YOUR  
EYES AND EARS**



**4. WAIT 'TILL IT'S  
SAFE TO CROSS**



**5. LOOK AND  
LISTEN**



**6. ARRIVE ALIVE**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

During the summer we would like to freshen up some of the classrooms which have not been re-decorated for some years. Are there any painters and decorators who would like to sponsor the school and help with the work over the summer? We are looking for walls and doors to be painted and would provide publicity via the newsletter, social media, and the wider community. If you are interested in helping out the school please contact the school office in person, or via [admin@holytrinityhalstead.com](mailto:admin@holytrinityhalstead.com) and 01787 472096.



SUNFLOWERS

Mrs Butterley has organised a sunflower competition between all of the classes. Between now and the end of term each class is responsible for daily watering of the plants, which will be repotted when they get big enough. This is all part of our aim to involve the children in improving the school grounds. We'll post more pictures when the sunflowers have grown.



OLD IT EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

A company is coming before school next Tuesday (20th June) to collect the broken and obsolete IT hardware we have at school.

If you have any computers, laptops, printers, cables monitors etc. that you would like to get rid of, now is your chance - they'll take yours too! They wipe hard drives etc. for privacy and recycle as much as they can.

Please bring any items you may have into school on Monday, and preferably Monday afternoon so we don't have lots of items in the way during the school day. We will not be able to accept anything brought in on Tuesday as the company will have been and gone well before school starts.

This is a great opportunity to dispose of IT equipment for free without it going to landfill.

No harmful components are sent to landfill abroad for disposal.

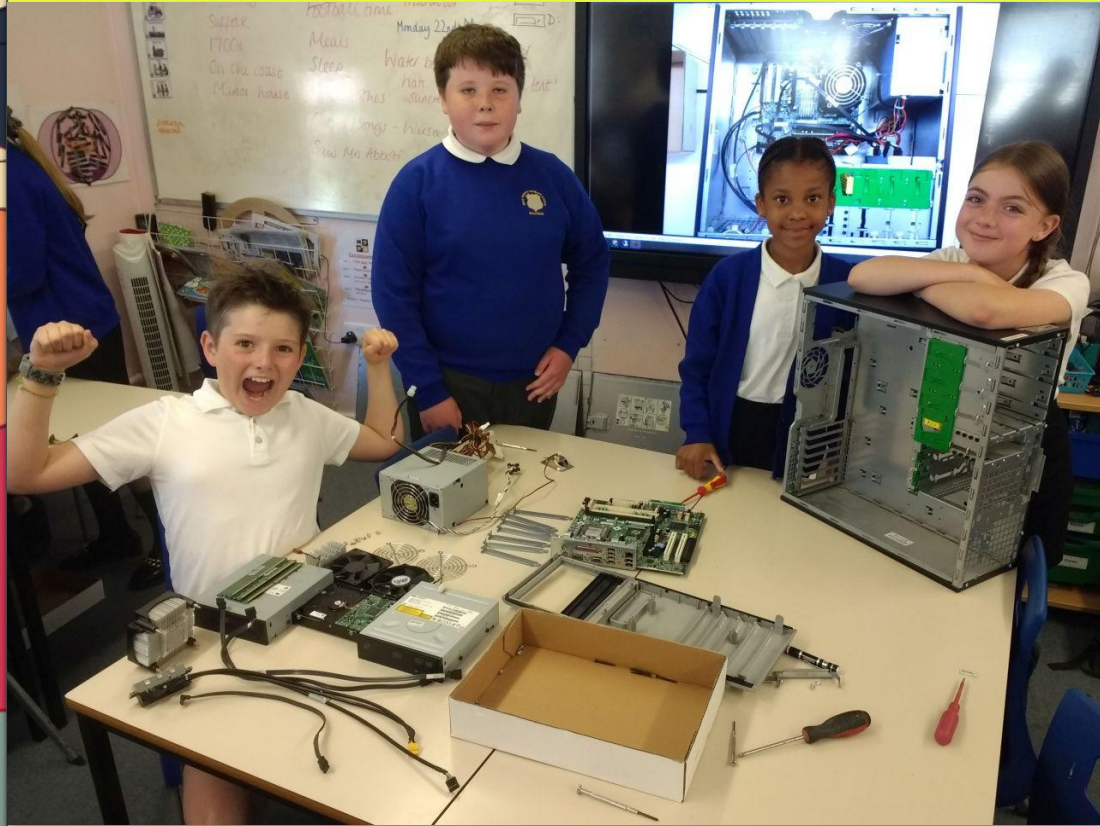
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REUSE!  
RECYCLE!

Accessories	Cables	Cameras	Cases	Circuit Boards
CPU's	CRT Monitors	Floppy Drives	Hard Drives	Ink Cartridges
Keyboards	Laptops	LCD Monitors	Memory	Mice
Modems	Motherboards	Networking	Optical Storage	PC Base Units
Photo Copiers	Printers	Projectors	PSU's	Scanners
Servers	Software	Speakers	Telephones	UPS's



Y6 COMPUTING

Last week Year 6 completely took apart some old computers, along the way learning about the role of each part. They then had to put them all back together again themselves, and we were mostly successful - cheers for Windows XP! The children worked together so well and I am, again, very proud of them,



BOOK FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who bought books from the Book Fayre this week. We earned commission on every sale, which we are going to put towards some high quality dictionaries for use in class. Happy reading!



Every blood donation can save up to 3 lives.

Book today at  
[blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk)







## 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.



## HTPS PTFA NEWS

There are so many ways you can help your PTFA to raise vital funds that enhance your child's educational experience at Holy Trinity.

### Volunteers

We desperately need volunteers to help at our upcoming Fete on 07/07/23.

Even if you could spare 30 minutes to help set up or tidy away. Every little helps and many hands make light work.

### Teddies

If you have any teddies you would like to re-home we are always grateful of donated teddies for our Teddy Tombola. Please bring them into the office or contact the PTFA via email/facebook and we can collect if needs be.

### Raffle Prizes

Do you own, or know of, a business that could donate a prize to our Summer Raffle? In return we would mention and thank each donor on all our media platforms. We get a prize, you get advertising - it's a win win!!

### And finally....

Our next meeting is 11th July at HTPS. We'd love to see some new faces and hear your views. Please remember you can also email [ptfa@holyltrinityholstead.com](mailto:ptfa@holyltrinityholstead.com) or contact via our Facebook page [www.htps.ch/ptfa](http://www.htps.ch/ptfa)

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# Summer Fete

Raffle - Refreshments - Bar  
BBQ - Teddy Tombola - Stalls  
Games - Stocks - Ice Creams  
Stilt Walker - Bottle Tombola  
Inflatables - and more!

# 07.07.23

3.30 - 6.30 on the school field [www.htps.ch/ptfa](http://www.htps.ch/ptfa)

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