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School Newsletter 169 - THURSDAY 20th JULY 2023 - [www.https://ch/newsletter](https://ch/newsletter)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the year. It has been an extremely busy half term with Sports Days, art events, UKS2 Production, Sublime Science just to name a few. Speaking to the children they have thoroughly enjoyed these events and I hope that the memories will be taken with them throughout their learning journey.

As Year 6 end their time at Holy Trinity, we all would like to say how proud we are of them as a year group and wish them the very best as they embark on the next chapter at secondary school. We hope that some of them will come back to see us! Mr Handy had a wonderful send off on Wednesday with a film made summing up his time at Holy Trinity as well as specially crafted cards made from the children and his favourite tree, a ginkgo, which he has asked to be planted in the school grounds. Good luck Mr Handy!

I want to thank everyone who has supported the school this year; whether it be coming to Wow Assembly, volunteering to help readers, attending Books and Biscuits; coming to our parent information sessions or simply reading newsletters and APP messages to ensure your child is prepared for the day.

I would also like to thank my team of staff for their continuous support this year. They work extremely hard every day to help your children do the very best they can. I feel very blessed to work with such a talented and dedicated group of people.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer.

Sarah Rowe

GOODBYE REV'D JO!

Yesterday morning Rev'd Jo led her final worship assembly before she moves onto pastures new. We would like to thank her for her contribution to the school over the past few years, especially her online assemblies during lockdown which raised our spirits, and wish her and her family all the best in the future. She will be missed by us all.

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

04.09.23 - INSET Day
05.09.23 - INSET Day
06.09.23 - Start of the 2023/2024 Academic Year
05.10.23 - National Poetry Day
10.10.23 - Mental Health Day
12.10.23 - Harvest Service 2pm at St Andrew's Church (tbc)
17.10.23 - Individual photos (3 mornings) - 19.10.23
17.10.23 - Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
19.10.23 - Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
20.10.23 - PTFA disco
08.11.23 - 9.30 and 1.30pm Open Day New Starters (please book)
13.11.23 - World Kindness Day
16.11.23 - 9.30 and 1.30pm Open Day New Starters (please book)
17.11.23 - Children in Need Day
24.11.23 - Non-Pupil Day
11.12.23 - Nativity - evening performance EY and KS1
12.12.23 - 2pm nativity Performance EY and KS1
14.12.23 - Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church 2pm All welcome (tbc)
20.12.23 - Non-Pupil Day

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)

REMINDER: CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOURS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

The expectation is that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This has meant slightly extending the school day at Holy Trinity. Therefore, the new school hours will be arranged as follows:

Key Stage One (EY- Year 2) morning registers will close at **8.50am** and the school day will end at **3.15 pm**.

Key Stage Two (Year 3 - 6) morning registers will close at **8.50am** and the school day will end at **3.20 pm**.

LEARNING MOMENTUM

The summer holidays are a much needed opportunity to unwind and relax at the end of a long school year, but it is important to keep some learning momentum from the summer term so September isn't a huge shock to the system. Please read with, and for, your child as much as possible, play games that include maths such as board and card games, and visit places in the local area and beyond as much as time, childcare and finance allows. CGP resources are good and readily available for revision in a range of subjects. On www.tabecat.com we have Sumdog (maths, spelling and grammar), Time Tables Rockstars, Myon & Bug Club (reading), Purple Mash (cross curricular), and more, to help your child continue learning in fun ways.



HTPS PTFA NEWS

Wow, wow, wow 🤩

The Summer Fete was a huge hit!!!

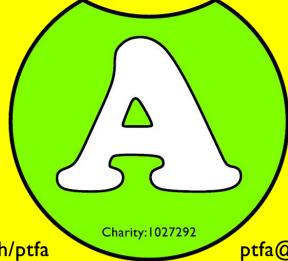
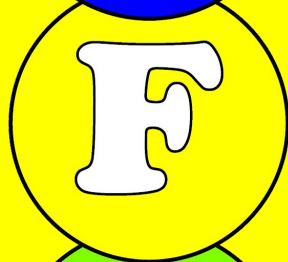
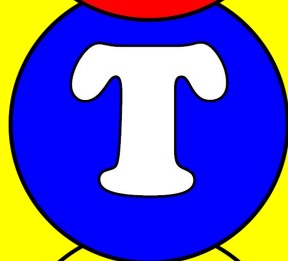
TOGETHER WE RAISED £3500

We hope everyone had a fabulous time!

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who came and supported us!
Special Thanks to all of the volunteers, without you we honestly couldn't run these events! Thank you so so much ❤️

We would also like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to the following businesses;

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Thank you so much Mr Handy for being such a great sport and raising loads of cash in "Soak The Teacher"
Massive thanks to Miss Passfield and Mrs Kemp too!

The end of year disco was très bien! Thanks to Archie, Tiana, Molly, Trent, Noah, Teah, Annie, Jack, Mia & Lily for their extra help setting up and packing away the disco, and of course to Darryl Paul @ Dream Roadshows for putting on a great show...

Please continue to contact us via email

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and keep up to date via our Facebook page
HTPS PTFA official.

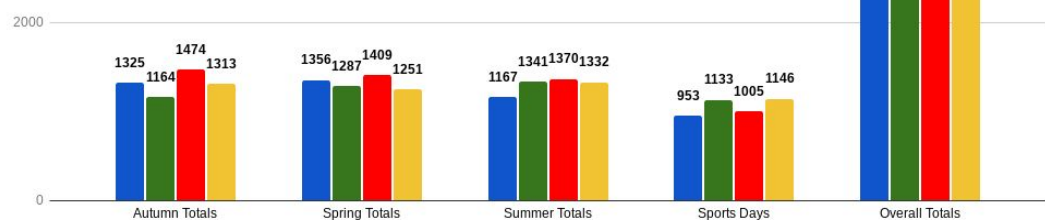
If you've not joined the PTFA official Facebook page already then please input this link to join

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/htpsptfa>

Our next meeting will be in September. The date and time will be announced after the holidays. We'd love to see you there!

TEAM POINTS

Congratulations to Red Team who have collected the most team points and sports day points in total over the year.
Teams are mixed up each year and the children will find out their next team in September.



GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On July 3rd a group of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football festival at Ramsey Academy.

The girls enjoyed learning some new skills and games with the NWESSP (North West Essex School Sports Partnership) team. It was an enjoyable morning of football and the girls represented the school in a fantastic manner.



ROCKSTEADY

Well done to everyone who performed at last week's Rocksteady concert, and thank you to our band leader Richard for inspiring and preparing the bands. A video of the performance will be available to view online shortly.

There are a number of spaces in Rocksteady bands in September due to the Year 6s moving on to secondary school.

If your child is interested in joining in with Rocksteady please visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or ask for a form from the office.

Rocksteady 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.





Years 5 and 6 have put on some amazing performances of 'Shakespeare Rocks' for the school and parents this week. They worked so hard on it over a number of weeks and came together brilliantly to deal with some last-minute absences. Well done to all the cast and crew, and thanks to:

The Year 5 & 6 staff for working with the children to put this performance together.

The rest of the school for letting Year 5 & 6 have the hall so much to practice.

Parents/carers/families for help with costumes, props, and learning lines.

A video of the evening performance will be available to view online shortly.



HAMMERHEAD GALLERY

On Tuesday afternoon Hammerhead Class opened a pop-up gallery showing all their artwork from this term. Well done to all the children for making huge progress with their drawing and painting skills, and thank you to all the adults from home who were able to attend.



YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 DANBURY COUNTRY PARK VISIT

What a wonderful problem solving day and team-building day was had by Years 3 & 4. Thank you again to the PTFA for helping to fund the trip.

KS1 BRIGHTLINGSEA VISIT

All the children had a great time at the beach. Thank you to the PTFA for helping to fund the trip, and to the parents who came along to help!



SENSORY DAY

We would like to say a special thank you to Essex Bouncy Castles, for donating use of a castle when we hosted a Sensory Day for a couple of our children.

If you would like to see what inflatables they offer, they can be found on Facebook.
www.facebook.com/EssexBouncyCastles/



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HAMMERHEAD CLASS FUNDRAISING

Article 24 (Health & Health Services) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states: *“Every child has the right to the best possible health...clean water...and a clean environment...”* As a class they wanted to do their bit to help this goal become a reality.

On Tuesday 11th July Hammerhead Class walked, ran, danced and sifaka-bounced around the daily mile track many times to raise money for school toilets, ‘tippy tap’ hand washing solutions and hygiene education in Madagascar.

Our aim was to raise £80 for a single toilet, but in the end we raised £250 - enough for a block of three toilets!

Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who sponsored us, and well done to the children for taking the cause to their hearts with such enthusiasm.



Money for Madagascar www.moneyformadagascar.org is helping isolated schools who struggle against the odds to give children the chance to learn. But most schools in Madagascar have no water or toilets. Thank you for helping us build new hygienic facilities for the children so we can push back against sickness and child mortality - creating safe places where children can thrive.



LADYBIRD CLASS FUNDRAISING

#In Ladybird Class have been focussing on all children having the right to an education and how we can raise awareness of this through our sculpture (which will be displayed in St Andrews Church).

They have also been supporting the charity First Steps 2 School - Peru <https://firststeps2schoolperu.wordpress.com/> who wish to relieve poverty and its effects on Peruvian pre-school children up to the age of six, by the provision of day-nursery schools and programmes of attendance to enable the children to develop physically, mentally and emotionally.

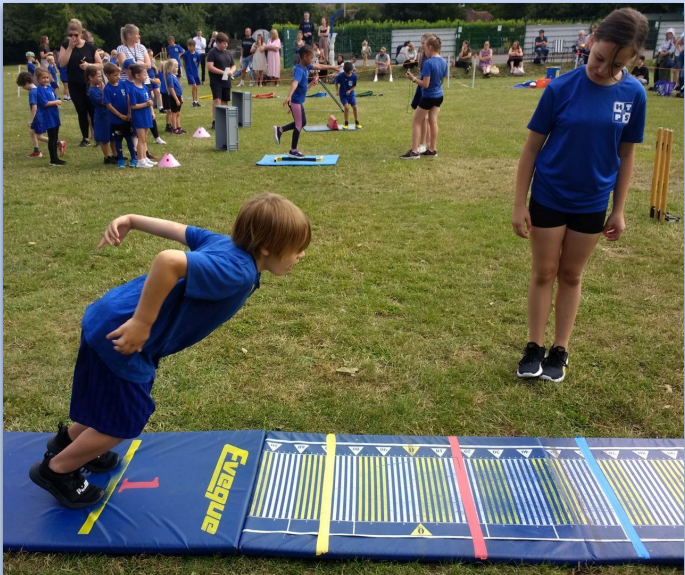
To do this they held an ice a biscuit stall where children across the school could decorate a biscuit.



Thanks to everyone’s support they have raised £40.50 to help children in Peru have access to an education.



A stolen space on the newsletter to say a huge thank you for all the kind words and gifts I have received over the past few days and weeks since it was announced I was leaving. For nearly 17 years I have been various parts of the great Holy Trinity community, and I shall miss you. May love be with you all, Mr. Handy.



SPORTS DAYS

Over the past two weeks we have held three sports day - one each for EYFS, KS1 & KS2. The children showed fantastic sporting behaviour and gave every event their all! Well done to Greens who won the KS1 event and Yellows who won in KS2. Special thanks to the Year 6 children who helped out with the younger children’s activities, and to Mr. Wiskin and Noah for organising everything.



P.E UNIFORM

The transition time has been extended to September 2024 to help families. The change to black shorts and joggers was mainly to help families as they are more easily accessible. As stated before, cycling shorts will not be allowed.

PUPIL CHAMPIONS

This academic year we have been fortunate enough to receive visits from sculptors, glider pilots, car designers and more. We would like to continue this next year so the children can find out more about different jobs and professions. Please contact the school whatever your job; refuse collector, shop worker, engineer, games designer, driver, sports person, nurse, dentist, etc. - whatever your job we know the children would like to hear about it. We do support all visitors so you don’t have to stand in front of a group of children on your own! The exact format can be decided before your visit. We aim to encourage children to have aspirations and ambition for their future and visiting speakers can inspire them to reach new

NAME IT!

Please take advantage of the summer break to put your child’s name in all their uniform items and on all of their belongings. We’d like to keep the lost property pile smaller next year!

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.

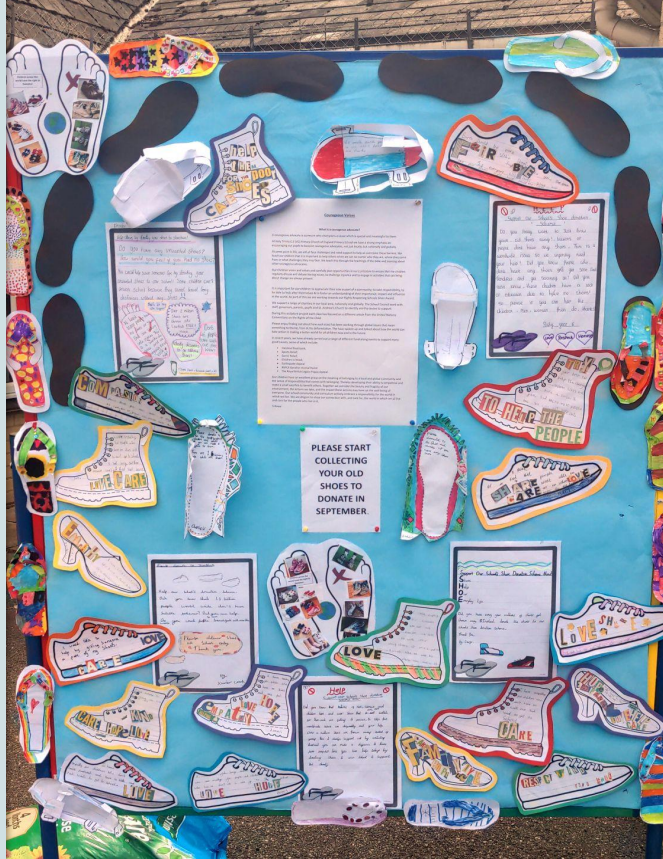


YEAR 5 MERCURY THEATRE VISIT
 The children had a fascinating visit behind the scenes at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester. Thanks to the PTFA for helping to fund this.



COURAGEOUS VOICES AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCULPTURES
 The children have done a tremendous job with the sculptures on different articles from the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child. Each class has been working through global issues that mean something to them, from AI (artificial intelligence) to deforestation. They have spoken up and talked about how the world can take action in making a better world for all children now and in the future.
 All seven sculptures will be display over the summer holiday in St Andrew's Church from Saturday 22nd July so do please go along and take a look if you are passing by!

SHOE COLLECTION
 All of the children have based some of their courageous voices project on looking at the staggering statistics about young people who can't access education due to not having footwear to get them to schools, and the number of unwanted shoes that fill up landfill..
 The children would therefore like people to donate pairs of shoes next term to support Clarks Shoe Share scheme and ShoeAid.







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**30th August 10-11am
 31st August 3-4pm**

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The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge is taking place between Saturday 15 July and Saturday 2 September.
Visit Halstead Library to find out more and join in!

Don't forget that all children at Holy Trinity also have access to Bug Club (EYFS & KS1) and Myon (KS2) via the links on www.tabecat.com. Both platforms provide a range of ebooks tailored to your child's ability. In KS2, Myon also provides end-of-book quizzes which help develop the inference skills so important as they get older.

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SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Mrs Butterley's sunflower competition has come to an end and the results are as follows:

Classes - 1st Mrs Rowe (56cm), 2nd Y4 (55cm), 3rd Y5 (53cm).

Staff - Jnt 1st MDAs, Mrs Betchley & Teachers (34cm),

4th Teaching Assistants (33cm), 5th Cleaning Staff (32cm).

Thank you to Mrs Butterley for organising this and well done to those who have been looking after them. The sunflowers have now been moved to the bigger containers near the school office.

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21ST AUGUST - 22ND AUGUST



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FOOTBALL FUN - Girls development course - Aug 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2023

FOOTBALL FUN - Boys development course - Aug 2nd, 3rd, 4th 2023

CRICKET + ROUNDERS - August 9th, 10th, 11th 2023

FEELGOOD FUN ACTIVITIES 2 - August 30th, 31st, Sept 1st 2023

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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE NOTIFICATION SETTINGS ON THE SCHOOL APP!

Your child/ren are moving into new year groups - don't forget to go into Settings > Notifications and change to the new channels so you don't miss any updates! Also, please remember that all future dates and events are available to view under the Events tab in [app](#) and on the [Calendar](#) page of the website.

OH BUT WHAT IF YOU FLY?

To mark the end of the school year every Holy Trinity pupil has decorated a part of these wonderful butterfly wings under the theme 'Oh but what if you fly?' At school we try to provide the children with the tools to make the most of their lives, and these wings are a physical representation of that aim. The wings will be on display in school throughout the next year, and we thank Mrs Jones for coordinating and constructing the project.



So long, and thanks for all the memories...

**Our departing Year 6s leave with our love
and best wishes for the future.**

**They are a credit to the entire Holy Trinity
family - pupils, staff, parents, and the local
community.**

**We are incredibly proud of all of them, and
know that they have bright futures ahead.**

**Farewell to the Class of 2023,
you're all stars!**

**(We would also like to give our best wishes to the other
pupils moving on to new schools this summer.
We'll miss you too!)**



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