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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with us being awarded the British Council International Award for our school's commitment to collaboration with other schools around the world. The assessor commented that the school has, "an impressive programme of international activities." I was thrilled that our unique offer was recognised and praised.

Yesterday's World Book Day was a tremendous success with some highly creative and colourful costumes, even a few aliens were seen roaming around! The library sessions, reading buddies, sponsored run and wooden spoon character competition all contributed to a fun-filled week, hopefully memorable for all the children. Thank you to Mrs Thomson, the school's English subject leader, and all staff who have gone out of their way to create the extra activities.

Well done to Year 5 for taking part in the Bikeability lessons to ensure they are safe road users on their bikes. Praise was given by the instructors for their efforts.

Have a wonderful week.

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International School Award

Certificate

This is to certify that

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

has achieved

Intermediate level
Developing internationalism

Scott McDonald

Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council

Always keep praying for all God's people as in
Ephesians 6:18



PICTURES FROM PUPILS FROM HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
www.standrewschurchhalstead.org.uk



Reverend Katie's visit to school to pass on the gift of a bible for the start and end of their journey at Holy Trinity.



Children from Holy Trinity had their work published in this month's Halstead parish magazine. (see above)

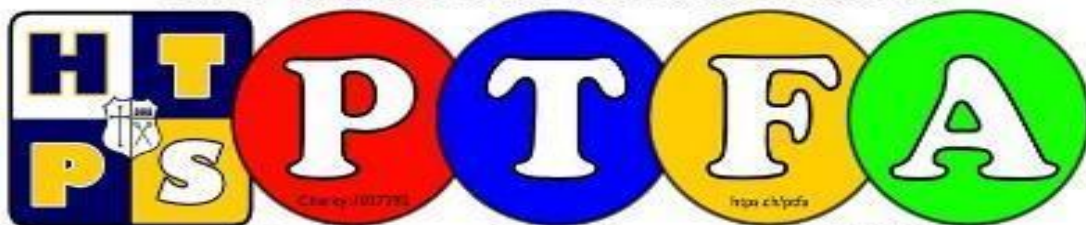


Well done to all the children who qualified from the level 1 tournament and ran at the level 2 finals on Tuesday 5th March at Braintree Leisure Centre, a very difficult competition due to the rain and the muddy conditions and some very strong competition from other schools but all the children competed fantastically.

Further congratulations to Jarvis, Evelyn and Zach for qualifying for the county championships later this month.

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HOLY TRINITY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the disco such a huge success. We hope that everyone had a wonderful time! Also a massive thanks to all who bought Mother's Day gifts this year. We really appreciate all your support.

Help Needed

The school are hoping to create an outdoor reading area and book swap. We are looking for someone who may be able to build something to house books in the playground please.

We are also wondering if there are any parents who are able to repair our gazebos or even gift a gazebo please?

Around the World in Music and Dance

Your PTFA is proud to have helped fund the dance and music experiences that all pupils were able to take part in before half term.

This is all possible thanks to your amazing support at our fundraising events.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Monday 11th March 2024 from 6pm at Holy Trinity Primary School.

All welcome and we would love to see you there.

We are always available to contact via our email

ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com

And on our Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/groups/htpsptfa/?ref=share_group_link



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.essexwellbeingsevice.co.uk or call 0300 303 9988 to get help.

WORSHIP THEME: Jesus' love for children

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19.13-14



Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners

CALENDAR DATES - <https://ch/calendar> & APP
NEW DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED AND IN BOLD

- 26.03.2024 Easter Service 9.30am KS1 In school
- KS 2 2pm St Andrew's Church (parents welcome at both venues)
- 28.03.2024 Easter holidays
- 15.04.2024 Term starts
- 02.05.2024 Polling Day - school told to be a polling station with no option to keep school open (online learning sessions provided)
- 03.05.2024 Non-Pupil Day
- 06.05.2024 May Bank Holiday
- 13.05.2024 Year 6 SATs Week
- 20.05.2024 Friendly Games (approx 20 children)
- 24.05.2024 STEM science and technology day
- 10.06.2024 Year 6 School Trip
- 10.06.2024 Year 1-5 full class photos
- 17.06.2024 Year 6 full class photo
- 24.06.2024 Song Festival at Notley High School
- 25.06.2024 Round Robin Sports events (no parents)
- 26.06.2024 Sports Day Races EY and KS1 AM, picnic lunch, KS2 races PM
- 29.06.2024 Summer Fete
- 02.07.2024 Back up Sports Day (races and picnic)
- 18.07.2024 Year 6 Production at The Empire Theatre
- 19.07.2024 School Disco
- 23.07.2024 Leavers' Assembly Last day of term
- 03.09.2024 Term starts

Sports Days

This year we will have all races in one day. EY and KS1 races in the morning and KS2 races in the afternoon with a picnic lunch. Round robin events will be on a separate day with no expectation for parents to attend.

All term dates, and INSET days for 2023/24 can be found at [www.https://ch/term-dates](https://ch/term-dates)

POLITE REQUEST REGARDING SCOOTERS

We have had a couple of near misses in the playground with children riding on scooters unaccompanied. From now on, please could we ask adults to carry scooters once on the school site at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you.

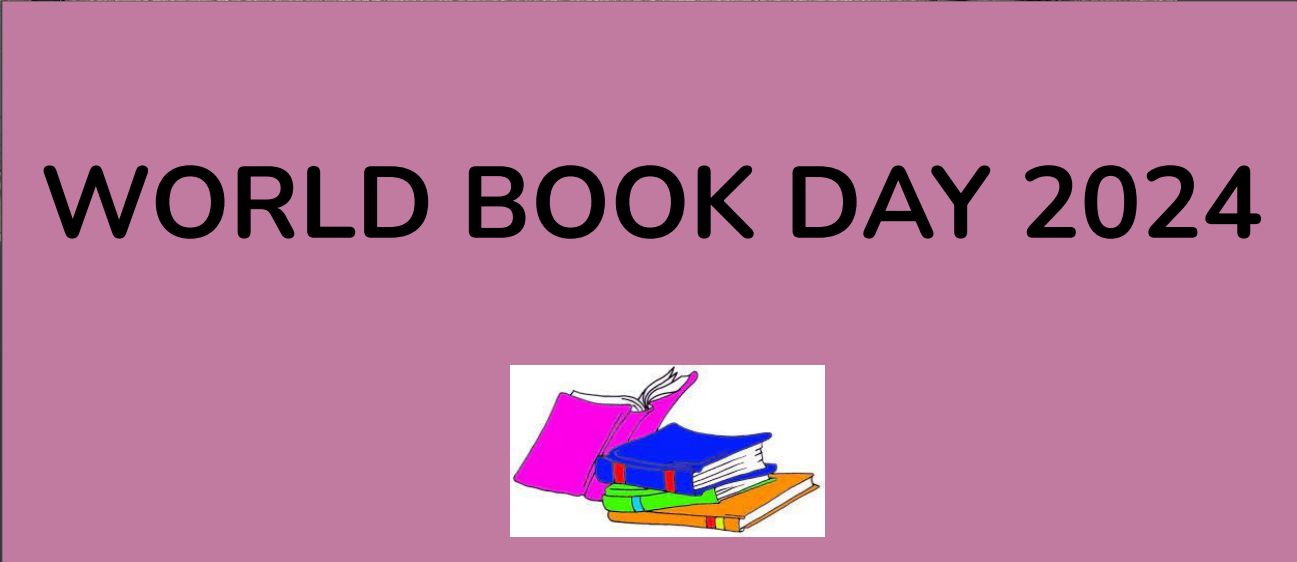
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MIND 0300 123 3393
SAMARITANS 116 123
CITIZENS ADVICE
0800 144 8848
NHS DIRECT 111
Text 'SHOUT' to 85258
CALM 0800 58 58 58

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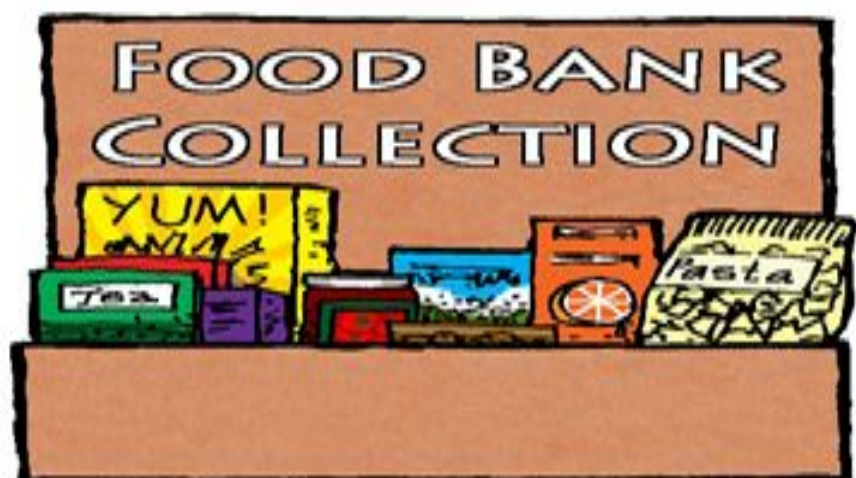
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REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD BANK

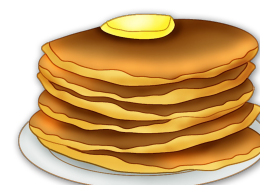
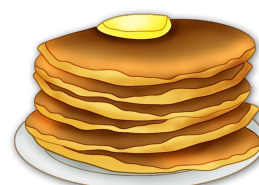
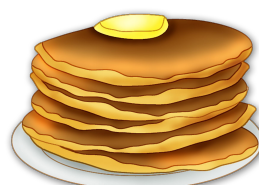
Braintree District Food Bank at Halstead

Did you know that the Braintree District Food Bank is open at St Andrew's Church Hall, Halstead, on Mondays 10am to 12pm (not on Bank Holidays). Foodbank is always there and ready to help in times of crisis. We can offer food, toiletries and other household items, together with a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee. On the other hand, if you are able to support us by giving food items, please do bring them to St Andrew's Church Hall on a Monday morning. If it would be more convenient to donate money, please use the donate button on our website (top right). For more information and to request a voucher (to be able to access food from the Foodbank), call the Project Manager at 01376 330694



Pancake Recipe Winners

Congratulations to Molly and Madeleine who won the School Council's pancake recipe competition. They received a kit for making cookies as a prize.



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AND ST ANDREW'S HALSTEAD.

Free fun for all the family

Join us for

Messy Church!

Saturday 20 January

Saturday 16 March

Saturday 18 May

3pm to 5pm

**St Andrew's Hall, Parsonage Street
Halstead CO9 2LD**

Contact Rachel on 07837 167 408 for more information.



The Soul Food initiative at St Andrew's aims to support those who are hungry or in need of a meal. We work with the food bank and other agencies providing support for those who need it. Each week volunteers prepare and serve meals to give away.

If you need help contact our community officer via the St Andrew's parish office. The Gateway Project gives our Community a chance to work together and join in fellowship, growing meaningful relationships. We have been blessed by the growth of the initiative so far. Our January 2024 Communal Meal was really special with a visit from our face painter and some table magic by a youngster who will be returning later in the year to show us more new tricks....people didn't want to leave that Sunday! Our next Communal Meals will be on the 2nd Sunday of every month throughout 2024. Love Rachael and the Soul Food Team.

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