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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday.

We are delighted to announce another accreditation for the School: Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Bronze Award in recognition of our efforts in courageous advocacy and for the global perspective we have included in our current curriculum provision. What's most impressive is that we are the first in the Chelmsford Diocese (139 schools) to receive this award! Our diocesan adviser, Julie Sarti, was first to congratulate us.

Some highlights from the report:

- Leaders are passionate in driving forwards a cohesive and thoughtful approach to global citizenship.
- The carefully chosen values of respect, love and honesty support pupils in becoming effective worldwide neighbours.
- Leaders are committed to be outward looking and actively seek frequent and meaningful opportunities. Consequently, the school has fruitful partnerships with its local community and sustained global links.
- A clear thread weaves through development plans into carefully planned and embedded actions across the school.

We have now achieved three awards in 6 months for the school's drive for character education through global connections, cultural tolerance and respect and empathy for all people. A unique accolade. Bishop Roger, Chair of the DBE as well as Environmental lead for the Diocese. and Carrie Prior, Director of Education at the Diocese have heard about the school's great work and will visit us before the end of term.

S. Rowe

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

02.05.2024	Polling Day - compulsory use of school (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	EY - 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
27.06.2024	Ramsey Academy and Hedingham Transition day
28.06.2024	Ramsey Academy and Hedingham Transition day
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

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



World Book Day
£2156.90
was raised for
books for the
school!



A group of children from Year 4 took part in an eco competition, presenting on something relevant to their school and related to saving the planet. They came up with a wonderful idea for our allotment area: a Bee-Byway, a bee and butterfly pathway leading up to the school garden where we can plant lots of wild flowers and have water bases in order to keep the bees hydrated. The judges were impressed with their idea and we won the competition, collecting £150 to complete the eco project! Congratulations to the children who took part. Thank you to Mrs Kemp who accompanied them and the adults in Year 4 who gave them support throughout the project.




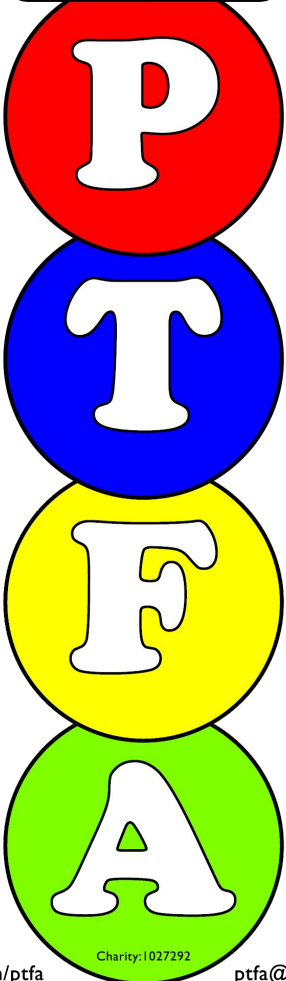
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Our Easter services rounded up the term so well. The younger children delighted us with their singing, Easter gardens, photos of nurturing the chicks and artwork based on the Easter story. The Key Stage Two children presented brilliantly at the service in St Andrew's Church which included a mixture of readings, hymns, prayers and art work. There were Easter gardens and a large scale 3D cross that incorporated scenes from the Easter story. St Andrew's Church was so impressed with this that they asked to borrow it for the Easter services.

On the last day of term we had a visit from the Easter bunny who had left chocolate eggs around the school grounds.

HOLY TRINITY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

working together for our children...

<https://ch/ptfa>
ptfa@https.ch

Our PTFA have been rather busy this month already. We came in bright and early on Saturday 6th April to replace the rotten flooring in our container and to better organise the uniform, summer fete and bazaar stock. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Russell, Darryl and Sam for giving up their Saturday mornings to help source and lay the new flooring, and for putting much needed shelving up too!



A massive thank you to the PTFA who have helped secure a generous grant for some sun sails that we hope will be installed by the end of this academic year!

Volunteers/Get Involved.

We are always looking for people to help us at various events, including our regular ice cream sales on Fridays after school. If you could spare an hour during any Friday and you'd like to help out please let us know via our email address ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com or come let Leanne or Holly know. We would really appreciate any assistance offered!

Alternatively if you have a business that can provide us with a raffle prize for our Summer Fete, please let us know! We will always promote your business on our App, in our Newsletter and on our Facebook page as a thank you!

We are also still looking for loan or donations of gazebos to use at our Summer Fete. If you have one or know of someone who can help us out with a gazebo we would be most grateful.

Upcoming Events.

Ice Creams - EVERY FRIDAY - after school.

Fathers Day - watch this space - 16th June

Summer Fete with Inflatable fun - Saturday 29th June 12-4pm

Contact us

ptfa@holytrinityhalstead.com

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RESPECT.

HONESTY.

LOVE.

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REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY



New Awards

Last term we we launched our very first Holy Trinity Award (our own Duke of Edinburgh style award). Children had to evidence a series of four exciting challenges linked to the theme of being voices for change and supporting the community. Any child can work towards these goals. Children source four pieces of evidence and submit their evidence to Mrs Rowe and a governor to win a special badge. We are keen to ensure our school vision and values continue beyond the school gates and into the local community. So far we have seen a lot of interest and children are talking about them. I looking forward to seeing the documents to talk through what they have done. We look forward to handing out the first badge!

STEM SCIENCE PROJECT

We are very excited to be part of the 2024 MARS Balloon project that is run by STEM Ambassadors from Thales Alenia Space. The project aims to test anything that humans or robots could be doing on Mars in the future. Holy Trinity will be sending up to 3 capsules, along with 150 others, on a high altitude balloon 30km up into the Earth’s atmosphere, a place where the conditions of air pressure, temperature and radiation are similar to those on the surface of Mars. This project will allow students to test how various items would respond to the Martian environment, many of which have never been tried before, to potentially make new scientific and engineering discoveries. The children are working together to determine what items they wish to send in their capsules and will receive their capsules back after the flight to determine the impact of the journey. We are sure this will be a very interesting and insightful experiment for the children and are looking forward to seeing the results!

WORSHIP THEME:

The Miracles of Jesus
Courage

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1: 9

IT’S GOOD TO TALK

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SAMARITANS 116 123
CITIZENS ADVICE 0800 144 8848
NHS DIRECT 111
Text ‘SHOUT’ to 85258
CALM 0800 58 58 58

Kindness Cup and Manners Medal Winners

Congratulations to Maisie (Year 4) and Olivia (Reception) who are the manners medal winners this week.

FOOD BANK

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



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