



# Holy Trinity C of E (VC) Primary School

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[WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER](https://ch/newsletter) - **FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2022**

I can't believe how fast this first autumn term has passed us by! The children are now properly settled into their classes and their learning across the curriculum is progressing really well. I hope that the meetings with teachers this week have helped to give you an overview of how your child is adapting to the expectations in their new year group. This week, myself and some governors have been visiting classrooms and talking to the children. We have been impressed with the high levels of engagement seen and how well-mannered the children were when greeting less-known adults.

On Tuesday, the Worship Committee rose to the challenge of contributing to the collective worship on the theme of faithfulness, goodness and kindness, demonstrating through props the theme of outer appearances being less important than the personality that a person can hold inside. They reported feeling proud of being involved in sharing the messages and are keen to plan the next one!

Next term will be a busy one with all our festive plans such as the nativity, pantomime and the Christmas service at St Andrew's Church. We are also really looking forward to Art Solutions working with the children to create some colourful 3D artwork around the school. We are also looking forward to welcoming in families more through the events that we have planned.

**SARAH ROWE - HEADTEACHER**

## THE KINDNESS CUP! [www.https.ch/kindness](https://ch/kindness)

The Kindness Cup is presented to pupils who have shown special kindness around the school.



## WORSHIP THEME

This week's worship theme for the week has been:

### GOODNESS AND FAITHFULNESS

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control." - Galatians 5:22

## CALENDAR DATES <https://ch/calendar> & app

21.10.1805 - Battle of Trafalgar  
21.10.22 - PTFA Autumn Disco - TONIGHT!  
21.10.22 - End of Half Term  
Half Term  
24.10.22 - Mini-Garden Makeover  
31.10.22 - Start of Half Term  
**31.10.22 - Flu immunisations**  
**31.10.22 - Deadline for Y7 Applications**  
**01.11.22 - PTFA Meeting. 7pm. Venue TBC**  
09.11.22 - Open Day for September 2023 Intake  
14.11.22 - Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week  
17.11.22 - Open Day for September 2023 Intake  
**18.11.22 - PTFA Doughnut Sale - 3.15pm**  
**02.12.22 - PTFA Christmas Bazaar**  
07.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performances  
08.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day  
09.12.22 - Rocksteady Concert  
14.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Day  
15.12.22 - Christmas Church Service (Parents Welcome)  
16.12.22 - Pantomime  
20.12.22 - End of Term  
Christmas Holidays  
05.01.23 - Start of Term  
11.01.23 - E-Safety Training from The 2 Johns  
Further dates/details of these and future events will be published as soon as confirmed. **New dates in bold.**

## GARDENING PROJECT - NEXT MONDAY!



Please come and join us in our mini garden makeover on Monday 24th October 10.00am - 3pm!

Children can come along provided they are supervised by a parent / carer. Grandparents are welcome too.

There will be some painting, digging, and planting going on. Bring your spades, garden sacks and trowels. Spring bulb donations would be gladly received too!

## SEASONAL SAFETY

As this is the last newsletter before October 31st & Bonfire Night Weekend...

Although we do not celebrate Halloween at Holy Trinity we know that many of your children will want to go Trick or Treating again this year. We are also sure that you will probably want to enjoy firework displays and sparklers during the week that follows too.

Please visit [www.https.ch/seasonal-safety](http://www.https.ch/seasonal-safety) and remind your children of some of the rules that will help them stay safe at this time of year.

## PTFA NEWS

**DISCO** - We're looking forward to the first disco since 2019 this evening.

Please remember that all children must be collected from the school hall at the end of the discos. There will be another disco in the Spring!

**COMMITTEE** - Following the AGM we are delighted to confirm that the elected PTFA Committee roles for 2022-23 are:

- Chair - Tracie Hoskin
- Vice-Chair - Leanne Cass
- Treasurer - Holly Prince
- Secretary - Nicci Fincham



We also have a number of non-elected committee members and a list of volunteers who can not commit to formal roles but are happy to help out on an as-and-when basis.

Thank you to all of the committee and helpers for making a huge difference to Holy Trinity.

If you would like to help the PTFA in some way, however big or small, please speak to a member of the PTFA on the playground, contact the school office, or email [ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com](mailto:ptfa@holyltrinityhalstead.com)

**FUTURE EVENTS** - Confirmed dates are on the calendar on the front page of this newsletter, and the website/app. The Christmas Bazaar is on Friday 2nd December after school in the hall.

**NEXT MEETING** - The next PTFA Meeting is on Tuesday 1st November at 7pm. The venue is to be confirmed.

## AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

[smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Last quarter you raised £37.67 for the PTFA by shopping via Amazon Smile - making a total of £457.08 since we started raising money this way.

We have 73 people who have signed up and are supporting us by visiting [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choosing Holy Trinity Halstead as their charity of choice. This is now also available via the settings in the Android and iOS apps.

By signing up for this you notice no difference to your shopping experience, but Amazon donate a percentage of what you spend to the PTFA without it costing you anything! We don't know what you've bought, we don't even know who you are (!), but we do get a donation that helps the PTFA raise funds for all our children.

## LUNCHES

Don't forget that lunches for the first day back after half term must be booked by Friday 28th October. Thank you!

**LOST PROPERTY** - Our lost property pile is becoming far too large due to unnamed items. Please ensure that all uniform, PE kit, coats etc. are named, and that you check regularly to ensure that the names are still visible. If an item has a name in we return it, if it doesn't there is little way we can find out the owner.

**UNIFORM** - We understand that it is not always easy to replace uniform items, but please can we remind you that jumpers, including P.E sweatshirts, should be blue as stated in the school uniform policy. Thank you.

Our PE kit is as follows:

- Navy blue T Shirt with school logo and navy blue shorts
- Plain navy blue tracksuit (joggers and hoodie)
- Trainers or running shoes
- NO VISIBLY BRANDED SPORTSWEAR

[www.holytrinityhalstead.com/uniform](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/uniform)

## SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

A reminder that parents with a child in Year 6 need to complete and submit their applications for secondary school by 31st October.

Applications must be made online here:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

## SPORTS NEWS - ALL IN FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, pupils from Years 3 & 4 travelled to The Maltings Academy in Witham to take part in a range of activities specifically designed to promote inclusion within PE. Their conduct and sporting behaviour was

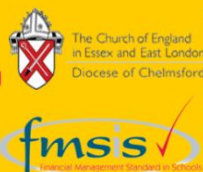
praised by all the staff, and even the minibus driver! Well done to all our athletes!





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**Is your child due to start school in September 2023?**

## September 2023 Intake Open Days

**Wednesday  
9th November  
2022**

**Thursday  
17th November  
2022**

Sessions each day at  
9.30am - 10.30am  
& 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Please email [admin@holytrinityhalstead.com](mailto:admin@holytrinityhalstead.com) to book a date/time.

Additional tours can be arranged via the school office.

*At the beginning of each session there will be a welcome talk from Mrs Rowe, the headteacher. This will be followed by a tour of the school, and an opportunity to ask questions.*

You can apply for a primary school place for September 2023 from Monday 7th November 2022 until Sunday 15th January 2023. Applications must be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) - admissions are dealt with entirely by Essex County Council.

### SENSORY ROOM

We are currently reorganising and redesigning our sensory room that will incorporate environment-enhancing resources to encourage calmness and wellness for our children. If anyone has natural materials such as large shells, polished stones that they can donate, we would be very grateful.

CHILDLINE 0800 1111  
MIND 0300 123 3393  
SAMARITANS 116 123  
CITIZENS ADVICE  
0800 144 8848  
NHS DIRECT 111  
Text 'SHOUT' to 85258

IT'S GOOD  
TO TALK

It's Newsletter 153! In John 21:11 Jesus caught 153 fish. Can you find the 10 fish hidden around the newsletter?

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

#### YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

On World Mental Health Day we were joined by Nicola Chantler from [Little Yoga Studio](http://LittleYogaStudio.com), who led yoga and mindfulness workshops for all our children. They were led through some age-appropriate yoga activities and introduced to some techniques to help deal with worries.

There are a number of yoga and mindfulness activities available on our Signposting page - [www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting)

#### POSITIVITY NOTES (BELOW RIGHT)

Also as part of World Mental Health Day the children wrote 'Positivity Notes' with words of support and affirmation, and hung them on a line outside. These were collected later at random by other children from different year groups.

#### STAFF TRAINING

Staff took part in training last week to help develop ways of supporting pupils with their mental health as a means to them getting the most out of their lives at school and beyond.

#### A WORD FROM OUR Y6 PUPILS

*"Here at Holy Trinity we accept everyone. We follow our Learning Powers including kindness, respect, and perseverance. In our weekly celebration assembly we award a student the Kindness Cup. This student will have performed an act of kindness towards another pupil or member of staff. On World Mental Health Day every student created their own positivity note and later on randomly chose a note from another pupil to keep. We also came together as a school community to celebrate Harvest Festival where we donated food to our local Food Bank. Our school is truly a great place to be."*

By Alfie B, Phoebe B, Maisie C & Harry W





# GOSFIELD ACTIVITY CAMP

**Gosfield School, Cut Hedge CO9 1PF**

**Have Fun | Get Active | Meet Friends**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**£25 per day / £88 – 4 days**

**Sibling Discount**

**Ages 4 – 12 years**

**9:30am – 3:30pm**

**Wrap – Around Club (8:30am – 4:30pm)**

Join us at Gosfield School for non-stop activities for 4 – 12-year-olds. Get involved with Archery, Dodgeball, Tennis, Nerf, Football, Forest School and so much more!



**To Book: [www.multicoachuk.co.uk](http://www.multicoachuk.co.uk)**

**Or Contact Us: 07769033144**

## HARVEST FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who sent in Food Bank items as part of our Harvest Festival Celebration. They have all now been passed on to Halstead Food Bank.



If you feel you would benefit from the support of Halstead Food Bank please visit:  
<https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>  
call 01376 326628  
or email [info@braintree.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@braintree.foodbank.org.uk)

## WOW ASSEMBLY

After the enforced break due to COVID, we would like to invite parents / carers in for our Friday Celebration Worship from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

Due to space constraints we will prioritise the families of children who are receiving a certificate - we will let children know they are WOW on Thursday afternoon.

## INFORMATION ROUND-UP

**NEWSLETTER** - The paper newsletter has returned and will be sent out fortnightly. At other times we will continue to use the app...

**APP** - Please ensure you have our school app and it is updated to the latest version. Download links can be found at [www.https.ch/ool](http://www.https.ch/ool). Don't forget to go to More > Settings > Notifications and select 'Whole School' and your children's classes to ensure you receive all alerts relevant to you. The app is our main day-to-day communication route and so it is really important you have it installed and the correct in-app notifications selected. For help with the app please see Mr. Handy before or after school.

**CALENDAR** - The school calendar remains online at [https.ch/calendar](http://https.ch/calendar) & can also be viewed via the Events button on the school app.

**MAIN WEBSITE** - The website [www.holytrinityhalstead.com](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com) is still the main source of general information about the school. We are giving the website another of its regular refreshes in order to make information easier to find.

**CLASS WEBSITES** - These remain in place, linked to via [www.tabecat.com](http://www.tabecat.com). They are the the main source of information about homework, curriculum newsletters, PE days etc. for your child's class.

**TABECAT.COM** - The children's website [www.tabecat.com](http://www.tabecat.com) is available 365 days a year, with links to all of the online resources we offer. Pupil logins are the same as the children use at school.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** - Please do follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/holytrinityhalstead](http://www.facebook.com/holytrinityhalstead), Twitter [www.twitter.com/HTPSHalstead](http://www.twitter.com/HTPSHalstead) & Instagram [www.instagram.com/holytrinityhalstead](http://www.instagram.com/holytrinityhalstead). As ever, our social media accounts generally signpost to our website & app rather than having unique content. Should you need to contact the school please call or email us rather than using social media.

**SIGNPOSTING** - We will continue to add offline resources to [www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/signposting) as and when we are made aware of them. New items have been already been added this term.

**SAFEGUARDING** - All safeguarding issues outside school hours should be directed to Essex County Council via 0345 6037630 or [www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk](http://www.essexeffectivesupport.org.uk)

**NUT-FREE SCHOOL** - Holy Trinity has a number of adults and children with nut allergies. Please do not send any snacks or lunch items in containing nuts of any kind. Thank you for your cooperation.

**RESPECT.**

**HONESTY.**



**LOVE.**