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WWW.HTTPS.CH/NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2022

Over the last couple of weeks we have ensured that the theme of kindness, alongside the message of anti-bullying, has been a focus for the school day. Children at Holy Trinity really do look out for each other and take on the key messages of the week. Only a day ago, I was impressed to see a group of Year 5 children who had written, through their own free will, a poem on equality and friendship during their lunch break. How blessed we are to have such thoughtful children in our school!

The winter bugs are starting to hit so many of us and I am aware that sometimes making decisions on whether to send your child in is a difficult one. However, improving attendance is both a school and a national priority. Last week we introduced an attendance competition between classes (with children with high medical needs discounted). I am hoping that with a collaborative effort we can reach 96% or more in classes, in line with national expectations. Persistent late arrivals and poor overall attendance could result in formal procedures.

WrapAround Care

We have listened to the wishes of the parents / carers in our community and as a result have embarked on plans to have Little Oaks run wraparound care before and after school, from September 2023 at the very latest. More details will follow in due course.

Thank you to all of you who have supported charity fundraising events and PTFA fundraising. We really do appreciate every effort to support these events.

Have a wonderful weekend

SARAH ROWE - HEADTEACHER



CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you!

Together we raised **£218.70** To help children in need across the UK!



CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

The deadline for ordering Christmas cards & gifts with free delivery to school is Monday 28th November. You can still order items after this date, but postage will then have to be paid. All items bought earn commission for the PTFA, and that money is then spent at school benefitting all our children.

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are joining in with Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December. Normal uniform, but with a Christmas-themed jumper or t-shirt. Please send in a donation for Save The Children, to help children around the world. Thank you!



WORSHIP THEMES

KINDNESS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AND DIGNITY

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the essence of the Law and the writings of the Prophets.” - Matthew 7:12



→ **BY BEING
THE CHANGE
YOU WANT
TO SEE** →

#antibullyingweek2022



THE KINDNESS CUP!

The Kindness Cup is presented to a pupil who has shown special kindness around the school during the week. The cup is presented in our WOW Assembly.



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

26.12.22 - National Tree Week Starts
28.12.22 - Christmas Card Deadline for Free Delivery.
02.12.22 - PTFA Christmas Bazaar
07.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Booking Deadline
08.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children)
09.12.22 - Rocksteady Concert
09.12.22 - School Council World Cup Poster Deadline
09.12.22 - Christmas Jumper Design Deadline
13.12.22 - Infant Nativity Performances
14.12.22 - Christmas Dinner Day
15.12.22 - Christmas Church Service (Parents Welcome)
16.12.22 - Pantomime
20.12.22 - End of Autumn Term
Christmas Holidays
05.01.23 - Start of Spring 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.**



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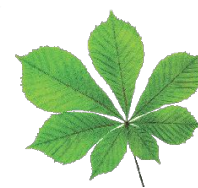


CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Elferidges * Reindeer Toss
Raffle * Bottle Tombola * Y6 Enterprise
Hair Braiding * Gamers Wheel of Fortune
Glitter Tattoos * Frosty Cups
Face Painting * Where's Rudolph's Nose?
Teddy Tombola * Advent Calendar
Bar * Wine To Water * Reindeer Food
Name The Teddy * Christmas Scratchcards
Refreshments * Snowballs & Candy Canes
Father Christmas Walkabout at 4.30pm
Everyone Welcome!

**FRIDAY 2nd
DECEMBER** 3.30-5.00
in the hall
www.https.ch/ptfa

Halstead Library's Letter to Santa



Halstead Library, Saturday 26th November



Write a letter to Santa and receive a reply from the North Pole
(Remember to bring a stamp)

Story Time



Every 3rd Saturday of the Month at 10.30am

Can you find the 10 leaves? Beech, Birch, Ginkgo, Hawthorn, Holly, Hornbeam, Horse Chestnut, Maple, Oak, Sycamore.

CHRISTMAS AT OLIVERS PLANTS

Christmas Market
19th Nov until 23rd Dec

Christmas Trees
from 26th Nov

Christmas Tree Maze
26th Nov until 4th Dec

Christmas Wreaths,
Gifts and Planters

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further details
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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CAMPS

Have Fun | Get Active | Meet Friends

GOSFIELD SCHOOL
Wed 14th – Fri 16th Dec
Wed 21st – Fri 23rd Dec

EARLS COLNE REC
Wed 21st – Thu 22nd Dec

From £25 Per Day
Full Week Discounts
Ages 5 – 12 years
9:30am – 3:30pm
Wrap – Around Club



Join us at our Christmas Camps
for non-stop activities for 5 – 12-
year-olds. Get involved with
Archery, Dodgeball, Tennis, Nerf,
Football, Forest School, Lego and
so much more!



To Book: www.multicoachuk.co.uk

Or Contact Us: 07769033144



Our entry into this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's Church features contributions of Christmas wishes from every Holy Trinity pupil! It has been coordinated by Mrs Lewis and will be on view over the course of this weekend. Please do pop along to see it if you can!

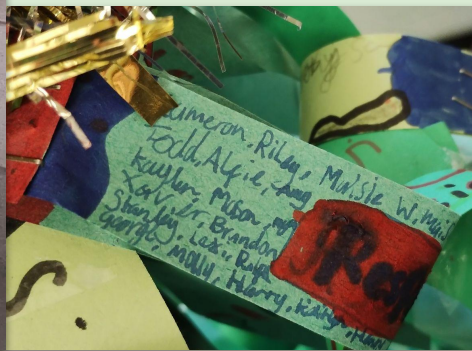


Fri 25 Nov, 10am - 4pm
Sat 26 Nov, 10am - 4pm
Sun 27 Nov, 12 noon - 4pm

Come & vote for your favourite!

St Andrew's Church, Halstead
Free admission

Tea, coffee, mulled wine,
cakes & mince pies



THERAPY DOG

This week we had a visit from Daisy, our new therapy dog from Essex Therapy Dogs. Daisy will be visiting us at school, to allow children to experience some of the wonderful mental wellbeing benefits of spending time with animals.



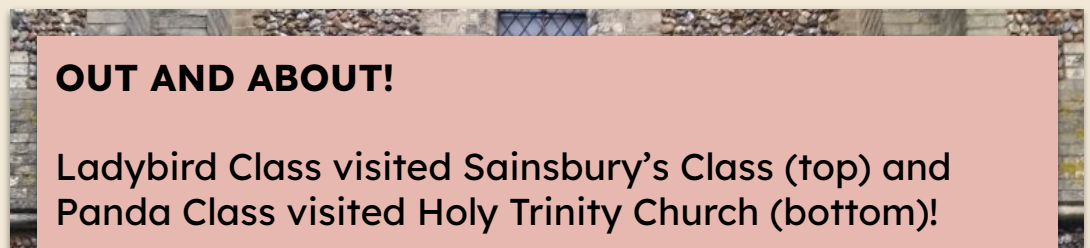
SCHOOL COUNCIL COMPETITIONS!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - DESIGN A JUMPER TO MAKE SOMEONE SMILE!

Could you design a Christmas jumper that would make someone smile? Why not have a go this Christmas? The winning entry will be printed onto a actual Christmas jumper for the winner to present to the person of their choice as a kind Christmas gesture!!

Make it bright, make it colourful, make it a feast for eyes! Templates will be sent home this week, and the deadline for entries is Friday 9th December.



Well done to all the children for being the polite and well behaved Holy Trinity pupils we expect!

WORLD CUP 2022 - CREATE A COUNTRY POSTER!








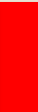

The school council are holding a competition, open to all pupils, to create an information poster about one of the 32 countries taking part in this year's World Cup.

The A4-sized poster should be a mixture of words and pictures, and the School Council are eager that the content, whether handwritten or typed, should not just be copied and/or pasted from the internet. They will be rewarding creativity, originality, and evidence that the words are the pupil's own!

The deadline for entries is Friday 9th December.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

91.6%	WHOLE SCHOOL	
88.5%	LADYBIRD CLASS	
84.6%	ALPACA CLASS	
90.0%	PANDA CLASS	
93.1%	HAMMERHEAD CLASS	
93.8%	ARMADILLO CLASS	
96.8%	COBRA CLASS	
93.4%	AXOLOTL CLASS	
96.0%	SCHOOL TARGET	

HALL HIRE

Our school hall is available to hire for parties etc. Lovely location, plenty of parking and lots of outside space too! Hire charges are £18 per hour plus a one-off amount of £20 per booking for Caretaking. (We also request a refundable £100 deposit to cover damage to buildings, equipment etc). Please ask at the office for a booking form if you are interested in hiring our hall!

CHILDLINE 0800 1111
 MIND 0300 123 3393
 SAMARITANS 116 123
 CITIZENS ADVICE 0800 144 8848
 NHS DIRECT 111
 Text 'SHOUT' to 85258
 CALM 0800 58 58 58



It's **OK** to
ask for
Help!

AMAZON SMILE - THANK YOU!

smile.amazon.co.uk

Last quarter you raised **£47.17** for the PTFA by shopping via Amazon Smile - making a total of **£504.25** since we started raising money this way.

We have **79** people who have signed up and are supporting us by visiting 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.

SCHOOL CLOTHING ROUND-UP

WINTER CLOTHES

Despite the effects of climate change it is late-November and it is cold and wet a lot of the time. Please ensure that your child has a coat at school every day.

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

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

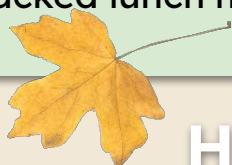
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

TUITION

Our expanded after-school tuition provision is under way. We have chosen pupils to boost their attainment and confidence, and the places are reviewed termly. Being offered a place does not necessarily mean that your child is not already working at the appropriate level, rather that the tuition will ensure their 'flight path' of expected progress is maintained.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DEADLINE

Christmas Dinner is on 14th December, but in order to make sure we can order enough food in time it must be booked by **WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER** at the latest. If a Christmas dinner is not booked a packed lunch must be brought to school on the 14th.



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