

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 16 - 19th January 2024

Attendance

Attendance is extremely important and children must attend school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is absent, you must inform school via telephone or Parentapp by 9.15am to explain the reason why and the expected date of return. When your child returns to school you must provide them with a letter explaining their absence.



Class	N	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Cedar	Oak
Attendance % w/c 08/01/24	94.3	97.6	86.5	93.8	100	93.3	99.1	94.6	89.3	100
Piece this week	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Total pieces	4	7	1	8	5	6	4	8	0	5

Overall attendance is 95.4%

Congratulations to Oak Class and Year 3 for achieving 100% attendance. They will be rewarded with an own clothes day on Friday 26th January 2024.

Gaelic Football

Years 5 & 6 were introduced to the traditional Irish sport of Gaelic football this week. They were taught the basic rules of the sport and were also taught new catching and passing techniques including a 'fist pass'. Thank you to Coach Colin for all the hints and tips. There are still 5 more sessions to go which will take place every Wednesday afternoon.

KS1 Matball Competition

Congratulations to the children from Years 1 and 2 who took part in a Key Stage 1 Matball Competition on Thursday and have reached the city finals. The children performed extremely well and were a credit to themselves. Well done children!

Class Information for week commencing Monday 22nd January 2024



- **Monday** – P.E for Cedar, Oak, N, R, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y5, MGL for Y2 & Y6
- **Tuesday** – P.E. for Y1 & Y3, Cookery for Cedar, Oak & R, Forest School for Y4
- **Wednesday** – Swimming for Y5, Gaelic football for Y5 & Y6
- **Thursday** – P.E. for N, R, Y3 & Y5, Clarinets for Y4
- **Friday** – Spanish for Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6, P.E. for Y2 & Y6

Let's Pause for a Moment

Every week, we will send home a reflection for families to consider and reflect upon during the coming week. Life is so fast paced that sometimes we don't allow ourselves the time to pause, to sit, to rest, to remember or to celebrate. We are all wonderful people made in God's own image and we should be proud of the achievements we have earned. If you have a moment this week, spend time with those most dear to you and tell them how proud you are of them – we all need a pick me up from time to time. Thank you.

FSM

Please apply online for Free School Meals and get an instant decision. Remember, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you receive a qualifying benefit, make sure you apply, so the school gets the extra funding. For any Parents/Carers who are unsure whether they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please use the link below:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

We ask all parents that qualify for Free School Meals to make the application as it provides vital funding for school. Thank you.

Fr. David's New Year Welcome

Way back in 1976, I was taken to see Mollie Sugden, who was often on TV at that time, on stage in Blackpool. I remember it was 31st January, and at the end of the show, Mollie wished us all "a very, very belated Happy New Year". So, I hope it's not too late for me to wish you and your families good health and every blessing in 2024. Some of us may have begun the New Year in good spirits; others may have some concerns or anxieties about what lies ahead. Even if no-one else knows how you're feeling about your life right now, you can be sure that Jesus does. And what's more, He cares. He wants to help you make the best of your opportunities this year, for your own sake and for the good of your loved ones. And He can show you how to put your trust in God and not let any worries get out of proportion. St Paul, who wrote a large part of the New Testament, was probably the best ever interpreter of what Jesus said and meant. And he put it like this: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Have no anxiety about anything, but let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4 : 4; 6-7)

Bikeability

Those children in Years 5 & 6 who have not passed their Bikeability road safety certificate will have received a letter today stating the day and time that their course will take place on. If your child has a bike and/or safety helmet, then please bring them in – if not don't worry as every child will be provided with a bike and helmet who requires them. Good luck to all the children who are taking part in this exciting life skill.



Registration Certificate Report

Attendance Ladder

All children received their registration certificate report yesterday (Thursday 18th January 2024). This report is to keep you informed of your child's attendance and punctuality throughout the Autumn Term.



Weekly Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

*Thank you for our school and parish communities.
Please help me say 'Yes' to you,
and enrich the communities to which I belong.*

Amen



*God bless
Mrs H Raley - Williams
Headteacher*

*"Walking in the footsteps of Jesus:
we care, we share, we love, we learn."*

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www.holytrinitycatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

Please visit our twitter page:

[@HolyTrinityGar](https://twitter.com/HolyTrinityGar)

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 25 th January - Friday 2 nd February 2024	Bikeability for Y5 & Y6
Thursday 25 th January 2023	Young Voices singing at ASDA (Hunts Cross)
Monday 29 th January 2024	Year 6 Festival of Reading Session
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	EYFS Bat Talk
Friday 2 nd February 2024	Years 5 & 6 Festival of Reading Session
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Y5 Assembly for family members at 2.30pm
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Young Voices Concert
Friday 9 th February 2024	Y4 Farm to Fork
Friday 9 th February 2024	ZOOLAB for whole school
Monday 19 th February 2024	FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Y4 Viking Experience
Thursday 7 th March 2024	Y4 Farm to Fork
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Y6 Assembly for family members at 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Bishop Tom Williams visit to school
Thursday 28 th March 2024	World Book Day
Monday 15 th April 2024	Y1 & Y2 visit to Cathedral
Thursday 18 th April 2024	Nursery Assembly for family members at 9.15am
Thursday 25 th April 2024	FINISH FOR EASTER HOLIDAY AT 2PM
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME
Friday 17 th May 2024	Farm to Fork for Y4
Monday 20 th May 2024	Y4 Farm Visit
Tuesday 21 st May 2024	Y6 SATs
Thursday 23 rd May 2024	KS2 May Procession in Church 10.30am
Friday 24 th May 2024	Storybarn on the road for N – Y2
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Storybarn on the road for Y3 – Y6
Friday 21 st June 2024	Y4 Farm to Fork
Friday 5 th July 2024	FINISH FOR HALF TERM AT NORMAL TIME
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS AT NORMAL TIME
Thursday 11 th July 2024	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Y6 Ladywell Retreat
Friday 19 th July 2024	Y6 Leavers' Mass in Church
	Y4 Farm to Fork
	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR SUMMER AT 2PM

World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March 2024. Children may come into school dressed as their favourite character/ superhero or wearing pyjamas. The day will be centred around our love of reading, the importance of reading for pleasure and other fun activities.



Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School 2023-2024 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Term 1a: Monday 4th September – Friday 27th October 2023 – 40 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY– Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023

Term 1b: Monday 6th November – Thursday 21st December 2023 – 34 DAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 22nd December 2023 – Monday 8th January 2024

SPRING TERM 2024

Term 2a: Tuesday 9th January – Friday 9th February 2024 - 24 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Term 2b: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March 2024 – 29 DAYS

EASTER HOLIDAY– Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term 3a: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May 2024 – 29 DAYS as **Monday 6th May is Bank Holiday**

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Term 3b: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July – 34 DAYS as 1 INSET Day (Friday 21st June)

INSETS

Friday 1st September 2023, Monday 8th January 2024, Friday 21st June 2024 and Monday 22nd July 2024

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School 2024-2025 Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Term 1a: Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 25th October 2024 – 39 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY– Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Term 1b: Monday 4th November – Thursday 19th December 2024 – 34 DAYS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Friday 20th December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Term 2a: Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February 2025 - 29 DAYS

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025

Term 2b: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April 2025 – 30 DAYS

EASTER HOLIDAY– Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term 3a: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May 2025 – 23 DAYS as **Monday 5th May is Bank Holiday**

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Term 3b: Monday 2nd June – Friday 18th July 2025 – 35 DAYS

INSETS

Monday 2nd September 2024 and Monday 6th January 2025

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

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