

Congratulations to our pupils...



**Respect
Ourselves
Aspiration**

Kaddie C(Chestnut), Malyka K-W(Pine), Erika T(Silver Birch)
All Elder Class Pupils, **All** Hawthorn Class Pupils, Kaylin B (Damson)
Marley C-R(Larch), Saskia B(Maple), Connor P-P(Willow)



Staff Values Award

Miss Adams and Mrs Jones for cooking all the tasty hot meals this week for our school

Congratulations for their other achievements to

Jack R(Willow) - Football Course, Nathan T(Willow) - Level 1 Drumming, Aisling P(Chestnut) - swimming

Welcome to our Reception Families



Welcome to our Reception children, parents and carers who have joined our school. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning, settling in, routines etc. We will be holding a meeting for all parents/carers of children in Reception (Ash and Beech classes) on **Wednesday this week**, at 2.45pm – a chance for you to ask any questions that you may have at this stage. Please sign in at

the school office. Thank you to the PTA for providing drinks for our new Reception parents/carers.

Parentpay Concerns

Thank you to the Reception parents/carers for their patience and understanding whilst Parentpay rectify the glitches/technical issues they currently have with the online payment and meal ordering system. If you have any outstanding issues please email the school office staff who are working tirelessly with Parentpay to find a solution as soon as possible. Any money that has been paid by you for children of Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 pupils will be refunded in due course. A manual credit has been actioned for each Reception child to enable you to book 10 meals whilst Parentpay resolve this technical issue. School meals need to be booked online by Sunday for a week ahead eg Sunday 20th September for w/b 28th September. School trips will also be payable via parentpay in the future which will be communicated via letters at the appropriate times.

Inspiring Presentation by Ex-Pupil



My name is Edward Cray, I am 15 years old and currently in year 11 at Warden Park School, but before that I came to Holy Trinity Primary School. Earlier this year, in June, me and 25 other students along with 4 teachers took part in a trip of a lifetime to Ghana, Western Africa. We were going to meet up with a school located in the small community of Ankaase, in the central region of Ghana. Our goals were to make connections with the school, help them out with some projects they needed doing, sample the local culture and see some of the sights. We were camping on the school grounds in tents, which made for some interesting nights. The main work we did was painting: we painted nine classrooms inside and out, several times. We got up to a huge variety of

other things too though, including a tree top canopy walk through the rainforest, a traditional African drumming and dance workshop, and African jewellery lesson. It was an amazing, but different trip to anything I've ever done before. It was hands down the best trip I've ever been on. On Friday (11th September), I came into morning worship to talk to the school about where we went, my experiences in Ghana, and show how different life is for them out there. I really enjoyed talking to them about it and I hope they enjoyed hearing about it too!

Thank you to Edward for talking to the whole school about his amazing African adventure which was inspirational and interesting for us all. Why not try plotting the route that Edward travelled to reach Ankaase?



Mighty Multiples

Please continue to practise times tables (multiplication and division facts) with your children - if possible every day. The children need to know their times tables and related division facts off by heart. Your child's maths teacher will let your child know which table they should be learning. Learning tables can be fun! See our school website for ideas. We will be continuing with our successful Mighty Multiples programme this year; children will be awarded bronze, silver, gold and platinum certificates when they achieve their tables. We look forward to celebrating their successes.



Charity Begins at School



Children and staff at Holy Trinity School will be donning denim on **Jeans for Genes Day 2015** which takes place on **Friday 18th September**. Children are invited to wear denim jeans, longer denim shorts or a denim skirt to school, in return for a donation of £1 (or suitable amount) with their top-half school uniform and school shoes.

We all inherit a range of talents, skills and personality traits through our genes – they're part of what makes us who we are. But 1 in 25 children also inherit a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult, such as Cystic Fibrosis, Sickle Cell Anaemia, Huntington's Disease and Haemophilia. By pulling on a pair of jeans, we will be helping to fund the vital care and support services that transform their lives. For more information please visit

the dedicated website <http://www.jeansforgenesday.org/getinspired/howehelp>

Public Information Event

It was good to see local residents, parents/carers, pupils, representatives from the Diocese and West Sussex County Council at last week's public information event when the plans for the school's expansion were on public display. We understand that a concern of local residents is the ongoing issues regarding parking by parents/carers at the start and end of the school day which can cause congestion and difficulties for all. Please help everyone by following our Parking Promise and not driving where possible and ensuring that parking is kept to a minimum and does not impede the flow of traffic or pedestrians.

Thank you also to Edwards and Ward, our caterers, who provided a spread of enticing tasters for those who attended the event.

If anyone would like to register their comments about the building plans and how this will benefit the children and the school please email the school office office@holytrinity-cuckfield.w-sussex.sch.uk

Supervision After School



Please can all parents/carers be vigilant after school in collecting and supervising their children. Last week some children were spotted by staff playing football and Four Square on the playground unsupervised by any adults. We would like to remind you that there should not be any unsupervised play taking place on the school grounds after school as this could lead to a serious incident or accident. Please help us to avoid any unwanted accidents or incidents.

Whole School Photographs Ready

The whole school photographs arrived in school during the Summer holidays. If you have pre-ordered a copy please come and collect your photo on **Monday or Tuesday this week from 3.00pm**. If you are not available during these times then please contact the office by email.

Polite Reminders.....

- Please remember school uniform should all be named
- **Swimming year 4 – payment and permission via Parentpay due by Tuesday 15th September (volunteers please)**
- **Volunteer walkers please to accompany the children to/from the Church for the Harvest Festival**
- Please *do not* put nuts or nut products in packed lunches
- Please read and keep for your information your Home School Agreement
- Please sign return and follow our Parking promise to make arriving and leaving school a safe and considerate time for children, parents/carers, our neighbours and the Doctor's Surgery.

PTA Meeting for Parents/Carers is on **24th September**, 7.45 for 8.00pm. Venue tbc

Governor News

All Learners Together

As part of the training and continuing professional development of all staff – schools are allocated five closure days per year (to be decided at the discretion of each individual school). Many of you may be aware of the continuing changes in education as we are directed by the current government and Ofsted: there is a key focus on the new curriculum and the development of assessment in all schools, with levels no longer being a measure. All schools are currently awaiting the performance descriptors to be released to help us to understand fully the expectations for all pupils within their year group – ‘age-related expectations’. We will keep you updated as this information is shared with us as a school and we develop and embed our practice following advice from the local authority.

INSET DAYS 2015-2016: Monday 7th September; Friday 23rd October; Monday 22nd February; Thursday 24th March; Friday 22nd July

Ms J C Munn
14.09.2015

Please logon when shopping online to help raise funds for the school: <http://www.spendandraise.com/holytrinitycuckfield>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2015-2016 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

(New entries and information will be added in RED)

- 14th September Summer born reception start
- 16th September 2.45pm Reception parents/carers meeting with class teachers re settling in presentation
- 16th September Warden Park Open Evening 6-8.30pm
- 21st September After School Clubs Start
- 25th September Harvest Festival at Church 9.30am KS2 and 10.45am R and KS1 (volunteer walkers please – let teachers or the office know)
- 13th Oct 2.30pm reading and maths meeting for Reception parents in hall
- 16th Oct 2-4pm Parent/carer open afternoon – looking at work and learning passports with pupils
- 19th Oct SEND information and networking meeting for parents and carers
- 19th Oct 3.30-6.45pm Parent/carer consultations in hall – NO CLUB IN HALL
- 21st Oct 3.30-5.40pm Parent/carer consultations in hall
- 23rd Oct INSET**
- HALF-TERM 26th-30th October**
- 6th Nov 11.00am KS2 Eucharistic Service at the Church (volunteer walkers please)
- 7th Nov Cuckfield Bonfire (parents/carer volunteers please – details to follow)
- 8th Dec 10.00am pre-school and grandparents Nativity; 2pm 1st performance to parents/carers
- 9th Dec 2pm 2nd performance to parents/carers – no Infant Parent Worship
- 14th Dec Carols Around the Tree – all welcome in school hall
- 17th Dec Christmas Shopping Day for pupils – tbc PTA
- 18th Dec 9.30am Christingle Service KS2 at the Church; 11.00am R and KS1 Christingle Service at the Church (volunteer walkers please)
- 18th Dec LAST DAY OF TERM
- Holidays 21st Dec – 1st Jan**
- 4th Jan First Day of term pupils and staff
- 15th - 19th Feb Half-term**
- 22nd Feb INSET**
- Holidays 25th March – 8th April**
- 24th March INSET**
- Bank Holiday 2nd May**
- Holidays 30th May – 3rd June**
- 22nd July INSET**
- Holidays 23rd July**