



### Staffing

We are currently re advertising for two Key Stage 2 teachers for September, one, as we need an extra teacher due to school expansion and a second teacher to replace Miss Patel, who left Holy Trinity CE Primary at Christmas. We are advertising early and nationally, to hopefully secure a strong field of candidates, although as I am sure you are aware, teacher recruitment is a significant challenge for schools throughout the country. Holy Trinity CE Primary School is advertising for a full time Learning Support Assistant too, who would also be supervising the lunchtime break.

### Art Club

As you may be aware we have two parent volunteers who run a very popular Art Club on Friday afternoons after school. In September they are hoping to expand the club by offering it to both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils, but they need more volunteers to be able to do this. Places will also be allocated on a termly basis, to ensure more children have the opportunity to participate in the club. If you are able to support this club on a Friday afternoon by volunteering to help at the club, please contact the school office so we can pass on your details to the Art Club parents.

### Non Uniform Day and Chocolate Tombola

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March was a non-uniform day at school in exchange for a donation of a chocolate Easter Egg. Our school office now has more Easter Eggs and chocolate than the supermarkets! On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** we will then hold a chocolate tombola from 2.30pm in the afternoon; children will be able to visit the Tombola to buy a raffle ticket and hopefully win a chocolate Easter Egg or chocolate. All tickets will be £1.00. If there are any left over Easter eggs or chocolate then we will allow children to buy a second ticket or for parents to purchase tickets for non school siblings.

### Easter Hat / Eggs for Extravaganza Competition

You should have received information about both competitions, the Easter Hat Competition for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and the Eggs for Extravaganza Competition for children in Years 3 – 6. Please make sure all entries are named when they are brought into school. Judging will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and prizes will be presented on Friday during our Celebration Worship.

### Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter Services at Holy Trinity Church on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be attending church from 9.30am – 10.30am, leaving school after registration. We would be grateful of any parental offers of walking to and from church with a class. Key Stage 2 children will have their Easter Service from 10.30am – 11.30am. Again we would welcome any parents willing to walk to and from church with a class. If you are able to help, please speak to your child's teacher.

### Grounds Team

The Grounds Team are holding an Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** straight after school in the school grounds.

### Year 6 Children

Warden Park have asked us to inform parents that any Year 6 pupils who have a place at Warden Park for September 2017 will have their induction day on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** and the New Parents' Evening will be held on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Parent Consultations

I do hope you found the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher beneficial. Both parents and teachers want the same goal, in that we would like all our children to make the maximum progress they can make. Working together is a very important part of this process. The 2014 curriculum is a very challenging curriculum and I know many parents have been surprised about the expectations of this curriculum. If you have any questions that you would like to ask about the curriculum, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

### PTA

Thank you to the PTA, who kindly organised and provided volunteers to have a Mothering Gift Day. The children were all very excited to choose their gifts and spent time deliberating over their choices! I am sure these gifts were very much enjoyed on Mothering Sunday.

### Red Nose Day

We all enjoyed dressing up in red for Red Nose Day! Our Charity Reps would like to organise a Bring and Buy Sale in the Summer term and send the proceeds to this charity, as we felt that we had asked parents for a lot this term. Thank you to children who did bring in money on this day; we will add it to the Bring and Buy sale money to donate.



**Children carefully choosing their gifts**



**Red Nose Day – dressing up in red!**

## **Year 5 / 6**

The Year 6 children were very excited to be mummifying fish this week, just as the Ancient Egyptians did to important people. I think it is fair to say that it fascinated the children, especially seeing and taking out the innards of the fish! In maths the children have collected data and practised interpreting pie charts and finding the mean of a data collection. Science has focused on writing up their investigations, including creating graphs to show their results. Emotion poems have been created, as well as continuing to read and enjoy their core text, "The Mystery of the London Eye."



**Willow class enjoying the mummification of fish!**



**The London Eye Mystery is gripping Year 5/6!**

## **Year 1**

This week our Year 1 children have been painting their own picture of the sea, then writing their own poem about the sea to match their picture. They have also written imaginative stories about what would happen if they landed in their painting. In maths the children have been finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. The children have enjoyed gymnastics and tag rugby in their PE lessons. In science they have sorted materials by their properties. There was great excitement when Damson Class visited Pizza Express this week and even more when they returned with their very own pizza!



**Euan in Chestnut balancing on the beam**



**Damson Class enjoying making their own pizza!**

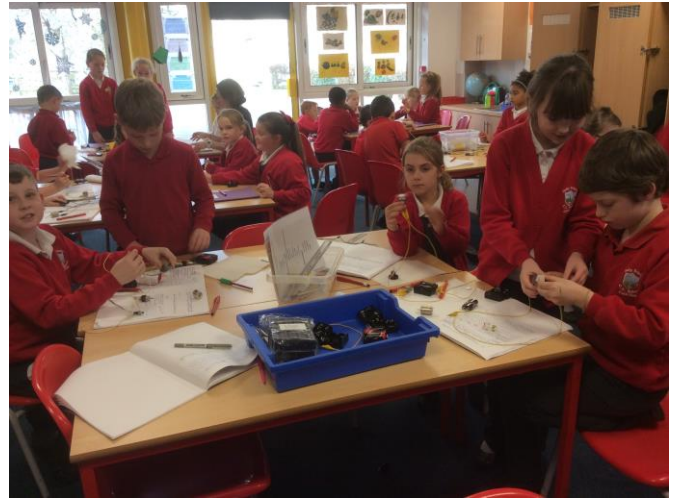


### Year 3 / 4

Year 3 / 4 have thoroughly enjoyed investigating circuits in science lessons, adding motors as well as light bulbs to their series circuits. They have been learning about Roman numerals time in maths, solving problems using reasoning, as well as explaining their answers. The children have also looked at the differences between formal and informal letters and also thought about a character's feelings and emotions, using drama as a stimulus. In PE outdoor adventure and swimming have been enjoyed. Spelling, punctuation and grammar have also been an important focus of the week.



**Oak Class writing questions to ask the "old lady" from their core text "The Ice Palace."**



**Maple Class investigating electrical circuits**

### Reception

This week the children have enjoyed using the outdoor environment in the sunshine! They have been exploring what happens if you drop stones from different heights and if a stone is heavier or lighter what happens then. They have also been on a walk in our beautiful woods and grounds looking for signs of Spring. The children are gaining confidence in writing and many are now able to write letters and sound out the spelling of words using their phonics knowledge. In maths addition and subtraction have been the focus. The children are very proud reading their special books in phonics sessions. Fine motor skills have been encouraged through cutting and pinching and snipping playdough.



**Reception children enjoying being creative**



**Just look at our Aliens!**

### Year 2

Our Year 2 children have enjoyed using the sensory garden this week, finding lots of different insects and bugs and seeing how habitats change over the year. They have also sketched flowering bulbs such as daffodils. In English lessons spelling patterns and writing letters have been the main focus. The children have looked at how addition can be done with either number being used first, then using the inverse operation subtraction to check answers, but recognizing they must start with the largest number. The children have drawn numberlines to practice their addition and subtraction skills..



Elder Class looking at animal habitats and how they change during the year.



Hawthorn have worked hard on their writing.

### **Congratulations to our Leaves of Achievement:**

**24:03:17** Ash –Riley ,Beech -Lucas, Chestnut –Grace, Damson -Freddie, Elder –Theo, Hawthorn – Joseph, Larch- Benji, Maple-Oscar, Oak –Molly, Pine-Leah, Silver Birch –Zoe, Willow –Ollie



**31:03:17**

Ash –Amber ,Beech -Millie, Chestnut –Grace, Damson -Scarlett, Elder –Louie, Hawthorn –Ellie, Larch-Kaia, Maple-Mia B, Oak –Joshua, Pine-Iona, Silver Birch - Christian, Willow –Jennifer



### **Congratulations to:**

#### **Bronze Mighty Multiples**

Damson– Holly, Bella and Alice

Maple –, Larch - Ryan

#### **Silver Mighty Multiples**

Maple – Tammy Grace, Fenella, Ralph,

#### **Gold Mighty Multiples**

Larch - Liam , Amelie, Maple Leila,

#### **Platinum Mighty Multiples**

Maple – Mia, Naomi

Pen Licence – Maple – Ryan M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016 – 2017 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

**INSET DAYS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**SPRING TERM 2017** (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Chestnut class trip to Pizza Express. Volunteers needed

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - House Treat

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Reception, Year 1 & 2 Easter Hat / Bonnet Competition & Key Stage 2 " Eggs for Extravaganza" Competition

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Chocolate Tombola

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Egg Hunt

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