



Holy Trinity CE Primary School Newsletter 1

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Our Christian Value this half term is Peace – “God will give you peace to help you through your storm” Isaiah 26:3

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we enter the second half of Autumn term, it has been wonderful to reflect on what has been such a positive and productive start to the school year. Our new Reception children have settled in beautifully – full of enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence as they explore their new routines and make new friends. We are so proud of how well they have adapted to school life. Across the school, visitors have remarked on the calm, purposeful atmosphere in classrooms and the clear sense of focus and enjoyment in learning. It has been a pleasure to see pupils collaborating thoughtfully, showing kindness to one another and living out our school values. It has also been a busy half term beyond the classroom, with a wide range of trips, workshops, and enrichment activities bringing our curriculum to life and providing memorable experiences for all year groups.

We were delighted to welcome our School Improvement Partner, Dr Justin Smith, for his termly monitoring visit this month. Dr Smith, who monitors all HET schools, focused on our Quality of Teaching. His report was extremely positive and praised many aspects of school life at Holy Trinity. He noted that *“the quality of teaching throughout Holy Trinity is a strength”* and that in Reception *“pupils receive an excellent introduction to life at the school,”* where *“expectations are high and children are surrounded by many opportunities to learn.”* He described phonics teaching as being *“at a high level”* and was impressed that *“the outdoor learning environment mirrored the expectations within the classroom.”* Further up the school, he recognised that *“pupils are exposed to a broad range of curriculum activity”* and that *“very high quality teaching ensures pupils continue to receive an excellent standard of primary education.”* In Year 6, he praised *“the very high quality behaviour for learning,”* describing it as *“a testament to how pupils develop holistically as they move up through the school.”* He also commended the school’s commitment to reading, stating that *“the Reading Challenge has been embraced passionately,”* and that the use of *“individual pupil passports and additional funding should have a significant impact on pupils’ breadth of reading experience.”* We are extremely proud that Dr Smith’s report reflects the dedication, skill and hard work of our entire team.

What have we been up to?

Reception children had a visit from the Fire Service. Year 1 visited Tilgate Park, Year 2 travelled to Ashdown Forest, Year 3 visited Butser Farm, Year 4 went to the British Wildlife Trust Centre, Year 5 visited Chichester planetarium and Year 6 children had the Hands on History experts, teaching them about life during World War 1.

Reception – fire service visit, snack time and playdough shapes.





Year 1 - Tilgate Park





Yr. 1 Finding Bog baby and Forest school





Year 2 – Ashdown forest





Year 3 – Butser Farm

“We went to Buster Farm to see a Stone Age village. Whilst there we enriched our learning by seeing their settlements, carried out some archaeological excavations where we found lots of bones and pottery fragments. We looked at a range of different Stone Age artefacts including axes, flint, shoes and baskets. We also had fun trying our hand at colouring and carving in chalk and making our own pots out of clay just like people in the Stone Age did. It was a fantastic day and the children impressed out workshop leaders with all their knowledge.”





Year 4 – British Wildlife Centre

“Year 4 went to the British Wildlife Centre on Wednesday 1st October. We found out about endangered species. The highlights of our trip were meeting the owls, hedgehogs and red squirrels”





Year 5 – Chichester Planetarium



Year 6 – WW1 Day ‘Hands on History’





Robin Hood Pre-School

We are delighted to announce that Robin Hood Pre-school is now officially part of Holy Trinity Primary School. It has been wonderful to welcome the preschool children into our school community, and they have already enjoyed Forest School sessions and Autumn walks in our beautiful school grounds. We look forward to many more shared experiences as they continue their learning journey with us.

Prefects & Ambassadors

A large number of Year 6 children applied to become prefects this year. These children come into school at 8.30am every school morning and help teachers across school prepare for the start of the day by setting out resources, sticking Learning Challenges into younger children's books, sharpening pencils etc. These prefects really help teachers; we appreciate all that they contribute to the life of our school and are very proud of them.

We also had a high number of applications from Year 6 to become our Ambassadors for the year. They prepared power points and speeches and linking in with the British Value of democracy, children and staff voted for who they thought would make a good Ambassador for the school. It was a very hard decision, as all of the children spoke very well. We know all of the Ambassadors will make a positive contribution to our school.

Holy Trinity Ambassadors 2025 – 2026 – Marley, Tom, Olly, Henry, Josephine, Holly, Roman, Polly, Ivy, Gracie, Alexander, Matilda, Alex, Maya, Violet.



Ambassadors helping to display the Harvest donations.

We also have appointed school councillors, rainbow reps and neuro diversity and wellbeing champions.

The Den

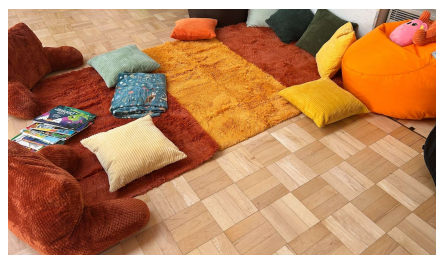
We are pleased to share that 'The Den', our new after-school club, has launched successfully this half term! The children have settled in brilliantly and are thoroughly enjoying the wide range of exciting activities on offer each afternoon. From creative crafts and games to outdoor play and relaxation time, there's something for everyone. Each session finishes with a delicious home-cooked dinner, which has been a real highlight for the children.



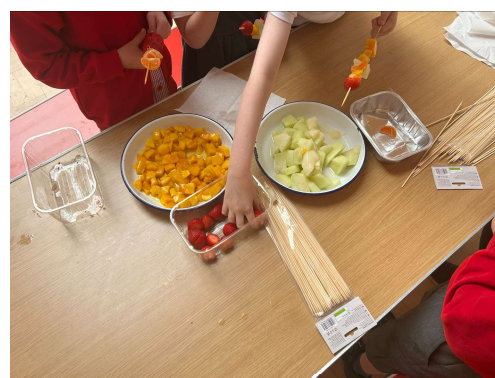
Woodland walks



Delicious food!



Enjoying Lego!



Making fruit kebabs and decorating biscuits

The Local Community

As always, we are proud to be part of our local community and enjoy taking part in a range of local events. Our children recently wrote a piece of creative writing about an eerie, isolated setting for the Cuckfield Bookfest, and we are busy painting and making props for our float in the Mayoral Procession. Year 5 pupils enjoyed visiting the local care home, where they worked with residents on sustainability-themed activities, and some of our KS2 children took part in the 'Calming the Chaos' event at

King's Church. We're also looking forward to creating our entries for the annual Guy Competition!

Cuckfield Bookfest

Congratulations to the following children:



Rudi - Commended – yr2
 Emma – Commended – yr. 3
 Flo – First – yr. 3
 Chloe – Commended – yr. 4
 Harlan – Commended – yr4
 Sienna – Second – yr5
 Eliza – Commended – yr6
 Minnie – Commended -yr6
 Holly – First – yr6



Calming The chaos visit

Year 5 Care Home Visit



Mayor's Procession - we came 2nd!

We would like to thank our fantastic PTA members, who generously give up their time, to support fundraising & events, which all our children benefit from. The trailer used for the Mayor's procession was from AG Gardens and Trees-thank you to Anthony Geer. The float was decorated and organised by Alex Geer (Mum to Atlas and Amos) and Madeline Perry (Mum to Aveline and Dylan).



Sport

This half term we have seen children able to attend offsite sporting activities as part of our involvement with Mid Sussex active and the Hurst Education Trust. Thanks to the use of the minibuses at Hurst, we have been able to transport children to and from the event.

Events the children have participated in are:

Football Festival –Yr. 3 and 4

Boys and girls Rugby Festivals –Yr. 5 & 6

Boys Football Competition –Yr. 5 & 6

Open Afternoons and Parent Evenings

We welcome parents to our “Open Afternoons” **Years R,2,4 & 6** parents can look at their child’s work on **Monday 10th November from 2.30pm**. **Years 1,3 & 5** parents can share their child’s work on **Wednesday 12th November from 2.30pm**. Our children are always very proud to show off their work to their parents. Children must stay in school until the end of the school day at 3.15pm on these afternoons. We would really appreciate parents filling in a feedback form after looking at their child’s work. Please may I remind parents that teachers will be unable to discuss your child’s work or progress with you during these afternoons, as they will be busy teaching the other children in the class.

Parent Consultations – These are in person meetings in the school hall and are taking place on **Monday 24th November & Wednesday 26th November**. A school cloud invitation will be sent to parents to sign up for these ‘in person’ meetings. This is an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress or any concerns you may have with your child’s teacher/ teachers.

As we look ahead to the second half of the term, we are already preparing for the many seasonal highlights to come – including our nativities, Christingle services and other festive activities. More details will follow after the break.

We would like to thank all our children, staff and families for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break and some time to rest and recharge, ready for an exciting and busy second half of the term.