



Welcome back to the new academic year!

It is lovely to see everyone at the start of term. I hope you've had a good summer.

Welcome to our new children and their families. We hope to have really positive relationships with you as your children grow and learn as they make their way through the school. We have made a really positive start to the term!

We have some lovely news to share; Mrs Williams (Year 1) is pregnant with her 3rd child. Congratulations to their family. We will be letting parents know the arrangements for cover as soon as they are finalised.

New vicar.

We will be welcoming Rev Teresa Wynne, our new vicar, officially to the parish on Monday 6th November. We are looking forward to working with her and developing further links with the church.

Gates

We have got our new gates installed but are still having a few minor issues with getting people through outside of the school pick up times. Mr Latham is making sure he's around as much as possible to help make sure everyone can get in. The new fencing is also installed so that makes the school even more secure and we can also use the wildlife area at the back of the field again.

Reminder: we no longer allow anyone without a permit to park on the premises. For breakfast and after school clubs you will need to park and use the pedestrian gates.

Collective Worship

Our Friday assembly time has now changed to 9.05am following requests from parents/carers. **Please make sure you are in school for 9am.**

22.9.17	Year 2
29.9.17	Macmillan Coffee Morning
6.10.17	Year 5
13.10.17	Year 3
20.10.17	Year 6
3.11.17	Year 1
10.11.17	Year 4
17.11.17	Reception
8.12.17	Piano Assembly (TBC)

Reminders

Please remember to check your child's uniform. We have a number of children who need indoor shoes and have yet to bring PE kits. Please ensure they have the correct uniform by Monday at the latest. Should you have any queries regarding this please ask at the office or the class staff.

Dates

Diary dates are attached including the dates of the start of term meetings with teachers. Please check the dates for your child's class. These are as final as possible and we hope not to change them however it is possible they could be subject to change depending upon circumstances. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case.

Class newsletters will go out next week with the new homework arrangements.

The Homework Policy is also attached for your information.

Special Mentions for this week:

Year 1	Pixie Lou
Year 2	Robin
Year 3	David
Year 4	Amy
Year 5	Sonny
Year 6	Tommy

Well done to everyone!

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2017.

Date	Event	Time	Who is involved
1 st Sept	INSET school closed	All day	Staff
4 th Sept	Start of term	Normal time	Years 1 -6
6 th Sept	Start of term	9.30am	Reception
13 th Sept	Year 5 swimming starts	2pm	Year 5
18 th Sept	Year 3 Parent/carers meetings	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
19 th Sept	Year 2 Parent/carers meetings	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
19 th Sept	St Albans Roman Festival	All day	Year 4 and staff
20 th Sept	Year 1 Parent/carers meetings	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
21 st Sept	Year 6 Parent/carers meetings	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
22 nd Sept	Year 5 Parent/carers meetings	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
26 th Sept	Parent/carers meeting Y4 including Cuffley information	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
28 th Sept	Church Harvest (TBC)	9am	Everyone
29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9am	Everyone
October	Black History Month	Activities through the month	Everyone
3 rd Oct	Prayer day 'People of God' Humanae project	All day	Everyone
6 th Oct	Theatre Production 'The Hobbit'	pm	Everyone
7 th Oct	PTA Car Boot Sale		
9 th Oct	Year 6 residential	All week	Year 6
17 th Oct	Young Shakespeare Workshop	All day	Year 5/6
18 th Oct	Parent/carer Consultations	4-7pm	All parents and carers (Year 5 and 6 with pupils)
19 th Oct	Photographer in (individual)	am	Pupils
19 th Oct	Parent/carer Consultations	4-7pm	All parents and carers (Year 5 and 6 with pupils)
23 rd - 27 th Oct	Half term	All week	School closed
1 st Nov	Wyllyots Theatre trip Year 5 and 6	pm	Year 5 and 6
7 th /8 th Nov	Y2 Parent Consultation	4-7pm	Year 2 parents
7 th Nov	Crucial Crew	Pm	Year 6
9 th Nov	Church Remembrance (TBC)	9am	Everyone
13 th -17 th Nov	Anti-bullying week 'All Different. All Equal'	Week	Everyone
5 th Dec	Prayer Day – Christmas 'People of God'	All day	Everyone
7 th Dec	Christmas Nativity Rec/KS1	1.30pm/6.30pm	Rec/KS1 and families
8 th Dec	Disco (PTA)		
12 th Dec	Church Practice	am	KS2
13 th Dec	Christmas Activities (Cards etc.)	am	Everyone
13 th Dec	Non-uniform day	All day	Everyone
13 th Dec	Christmas lunch	lunchtime	Everyone
13 th Dec	Pantomime	pm	Everyone
13 th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert KS2	6.30pm	KS2 and families
19 th Dec	Church Christmas (TBC)	9am	Everyone
19 th Dec	End of term	1.20pm/1.30pm	Everyone
3rd Jan	INSET – school closed	All day	Staff
4 th Jan	Start of term	Normal school time	Everyone

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HOLY TRINITY CE SCHOOL
Term Dates 2017 – 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017 - Wednesday 30th August – Tuesday 19th December 2017

School starts on Monday 4th September

(Half term – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October)

Occasional days (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 30th August

Thursday 31st August

INSET Days (school closed to pupils) – Friday 1st September

SPRING TERM 2018 - Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

(Half term – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February)

INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 3rd January

Friday 9th February

SUMMER TERM 2018 – Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 27th July 2018

(Half term – Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June)

May Bank Holiday – 7th May

Secondary Transfer Day (Year 6 pupils): Thursday 12th July

INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

Friday 22nd June

Monday 23rd July

Occasional days (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th July

Thursday 26th July

Friday 27th July

These dates include 5 INSET Days and 6 Occasional Days.

Homework Policy 2017.

This was written following consultation with pupils, parents, staff and governors. Please see your child's class newsletter for specific details of the expectation in each class.

Homework in EYFS:

In the EYFS we encourage parental involvement to establish a firm partnership between the school and home.

Reading: Books are sent home for the children to share and enjoy with their parents and carers. Parents and carers are asked to comment in the Reading Record book.

Phonics: Phonics books are given out in Reception and parents and carers are asked to help their child practise the sounds.

Maths and Handwriting will be sent home from the 2nd half of the Autumn term onwards.

Additionally, parents and carers can use the links on the school website and from school newsletters to take part in activities with their children.

Homework Programme for Key Stage 1:

Reading: daily with an adult. Please ask your child questions about the characters, setting and plot to check their understanding. It is really important to discuss the story and focus on the understanding of the book as well as being able read through the words. Please comment in Reading Record book.

Spelling: Spellings will be set on a Tuesday and assessed daily through our phonics programme. Spellings should be tested through using the word in a sentence rather than dictating a list. We want our children to learn to use the words in their writing. Please look out for your child's spellings in their book bag.

Maths: Mathletics (online). Each child will be given a Mathletics login to access a range of challenging activities. 3 x 10 minute sessions per week, which will focus on mental calculation, including times tables. Guidance will be provided on a range of fun and practical ways that parents and carers can support their child with maths at home.

Please note:

By the end of Key Stage 1, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Project linked to topics: This will take the form of 6 projects which you can work on with your child across the year. This may include drawing, making models, research, writing tasks. The projects will be due in to the teacher for feedback after 3 weeks and then handed in on the date the teacher sets. A homework

schedule is provided by the teacher at the beginning of each half term. Hand in dates will be detailed on the schedule.

Homework Programme for Key Stage 2:

Reading: daily with an adult. Listen to your child read and ask them questions about their book. It is really important to discuss the story and focus on the understanding of the book as well as being able read through the words. Encourage your child to read across a wide range of genres, including newspapers, journals and encyclopaedia. Encourage your children to comment in their Reading Record book.

Spelling: Spellings will be set on a Tuesday and assessed on the following Monday. Spellings should be tested through using the word in a sentence rather than dictating a list. We want our children to learn to use the words in their writing. Please look out for your child's spellings in their bags/book bag.

Maths: Mathletics (online). Each child will be given a Mathletics login to access a range of challenging activities. 3 x 10 minute sessions per week, which will focus on mental calculation, including times tables. Guidance will also be provided on a range of fun and practical ways that parents and carers can support their child with maths at home.

Please note:

By the end of Year 3, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, and 8 times tables.

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x 12.

Project work linked to topics: This will take the form of 6 projects which you can work on with your child. This may include drawing, making models, research, writing tasks. The projects will be due in to the teacher for feedback after 3 weeks and then handed in on the date the teacher sets. A homework schedule is provided by the teacher at the beginning of each half term. Hand in dates will be detailed on the schedule.

Year 6.

Homework will be slightly different due to SATs preparation and to ensure pupils are 'secondary ready'. Information will be provided at the start of the year and detailed on the schedule.