Trinity News – Autumn 19

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Message from the Headteacher

We are looking forward to our Macmillan coffee session this afternoon. Hopefully you will be able to join us from 3pm and enjoy a cake while raising some money. Children will be able to take part at the end of school. Our Year 6 children are very organised, and have been planning the session with Mrs Murdoch.
Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer sessions this week. We have Year 4 at 2.30pm today and Year 5 on Monday at 2.45pm. I appreciate not everyone can attend but hopefully they are useful, and the handouts will be given to everyone.

We are delighted that Year 1 and 2 will be having their first story times this week. It is such a lovely session for parents and children that we wanted to move it further through the school. We look forward to seeing you later!

If you have yet to sign up for parent/carer consultations, please do so soon as slots are getting filled up. The dates are Tuesday 15th October 4-7pm and Thursday 7th November 4-7pm. If you would like to see myself or Miss Plant, please let us know as we are available on both evenings.

***Twitter** – please join us on Twitter! Our profile is under #HolyTrinity1952. It is a secure group so you will need to request to join. If your hashtag is one we are unlikely to recognise, please let the office know and I will add you to the group.*

As usual, if you have any queries or concerns please come and see a member of staff about them. We work most effectively for your children when we are in close partnership with our parents and carers, so please come and ask any questions. Our office staff can book an appointment with teaching staff.

Sarah Chaloner

Attendance

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children come to school on time and each day. There may be rare occasions when a child does have to miss school, for example if they are very unwell. Other absences should be kept to a minimum. 100% is what all parents should be aiming for.

Understanding school attendance levels.

98 – 100% **Attendance is excellent.**

96 – 97% *Attendance is good.*

94 – 95% *Requires improvement. Pupils are at risk of underachievement.*

90 - 93% *Poor. Pupils are at significant risk of underachievement.*

Below 90% *This is a serious cause for concern and underachievement.*

To put this in context:

90% attendance means that:

- *Half school day of every week is missed;*
- *Four weeks (20 days) missed over the year;*
- *Half a year missed over the time a child is in primary school.*

Impact of absence upon pupils and the life of the school.

It is often thought that children taking time off has little impact upon their learning and development. The impact upon learning is significant but also socially they miss out on being with their friends and children do change their friendships quickly if others have a lot of time off school. Therefore, not only do children find it more difficult to catch up with their learning but they may also find that other children have changed friendship groups around and they feel they have no one to play with. As a school we always try and make sure this does not cause significant problems for our pupils but there is often an effect. When children have genuinely been absent for illness or other acceptable reason this is unavoidable but when there are not legitimate reasons then this is completely unacceptable.

That is why as a school we actively promote the need for parents to ensure their children are at school regularly and on time for the best possible chances for the child to grow and learn socially and academically.

***Lateness:** All children coming through the main entrance must sign in on the machine, and ensure lunches are ordered if they are having a school lunch.*

Pick-up times

Please remember that school finishes at 3.30pm for every class, excluding Reception who finish at 3.15pm. If you are not able to collect on time, please make alternative arrangements. The Energy Kidz club runs from the end of school to 6pm. We extended the school day We have had a number of children who are regularly not being collected on time, we will have to start charging parents for child care costs if this continues.

Main Gates

Please remember parents and carers are not allowed to park on site unless they have a permit. I would also be grateful if you can avoid using the gates as a turning area as this causes congestion. Please park and drive responsibly on Longlands Close.

Reminder of dates for this term

30th Sept	Parent/carers meeting Year 5	2.45pm	Class parents/carers
OCT	Black History Month		
9th Oct	Black History Story telling event (Assembly and workshops)	All day	Year 3 /4
11th Oct	Young Shakespeare Company	All day	Year 5/6
15th Oct	Van Colls individual photos	am	Whole school
15th Oct	Parent/carer Consultation evening 1	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Whole school (Year 5 and 6 with pupils)
16th Oct	The Book Bus	All day(?)	Whole school
16th Oct	Flu vaccine 1	All day	Whole school
21st-25th Oct	Residential Kingswood	All week	Year 6 – SP/TD/JL/NB
28th Oct – 1st Nov	Half term	All week	School closed
5th Nov	Prayer Day - Remembrance	All day	Whole school
6th Nov	NSPCC assembly	am	Whole school
7th Nov	Parent/carer Consultation evening 2	4-7pm	All parents and carers (Year 5 and 6 with pupils)
12th Nov	Wyllyots Theatre trip Year 5 and 6	pm	Year 5 and 6
13th Nov	NSPCC Workshops	am	Year 5 and 6
20th Nov	Height/Weight check	All day	Year 6
26th Nov	Flu vaccine 2	All day	Whole school
28th Nov	Eucharist	am	
29th Nov	Occasional day	School closed all day	Everyone
3rd Dec	Victorian Christmas Trip	All day	Year 5
11th Dec	Christmas Nativity Rec/KS1	1.30pm/6.30pm	Rec/KS1 and families
12th Dec	Christmas Activities (Cards etc)	am	Everyone
12th Dec	Christmas lunch	lunchtime	Everyone
12th Dec	Christmas Jumper day	All day	Everyone

12th Dec	Pantomime	pm	Everyone
18th Dec	Church Practice – KS2	am	KS2
18th Dec	Christmas Carol Concert KS2	6.30pm	KS2 and families
19th Dec	Church Christmas	9am	Everyone
20th Dec	Final Collective worship	9am	Whole school
20th Dec	End of term – non-uniform day	1.20pm/1.30pm	Everyone

Collective Worship - Autumn Term 2019

Please remember worship starts at 9.05am. If you are late you may not be able to join us as it disrupts the children's performance and the audience 's view. The children invite you to share their worship with you, please make sure you are on time.

Date	**Friday 9.05am**
4th Oct	Year 2
11th Oct	Young Shakespeare
18th Oct	Year 1
25th Oct	Year 5
1st Nov	Half term
8th Nov	Year 6
15th Nov	Year 3
22nd Nov	Year 4
29th Nov	Occasional day School closed
13th Dec	Piano/Music & Special Mentions and Hot chocolate

Church – confirmed dates

Thursday	3rd Oct	Harvest – Foodbank donations please
Monday	11th Nov	Remembrance
Thursday	28th Nov	Eucharist (KS2)
Thursday	19th Dec	Christmas