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Dear Parents and Carers

This newsletter contains reports from some recent events, notification about forthcoming events, updates on staffing and some other useful information. I would urge as many of you as possible to attend the **E-Safety Presentation (8th February 3.30-4.30pm)** and remind you that Trinity pupils can be left with a member of staff who will look after them for the duration of the presentation.

Regards, C. Hutton

Gases in the Air – A Science Demonstration Assembly

Science doesn't have to be boring. In-fact, you'd better pay attention, because Science is all around us. If you're not sure about the difference between helium and hydrogen you could end up with a very explosive birthday party.

On Tuesday 17th January 2017, Key Stage 2 were treated to a little taste of some of the amazing chemicals around us. Well... thankfully we didn't actually taste them or many of us might have ended up with a rather upset stomach in the evening, or worse no stomach at all...



Tim Harrison and his team, from Bristol University, led a fantastic talk demonstrating, live, some of the most interesting and dangerous elements of science. From volatile, explosive balloons to funky, rainbow acids – from the deathly-cold, liquid-form of Nitrogen (that could freeze anything it comes into contact with-in an instant) to the high heats (and science behind) a petrol fire; there was a lot to keep us engaged and entertained for the whole afternoon and hungry for more – all from a safe distance.

We all learnt a lot from the experience and also had a chance to see some of the most exciting parts of science in action. A huge thank you from all of us to Tim and his team at Bristol University.

Link: <http://www.chemlabs.bris.ac.uk/outreach/Gases-in-the-air.html>

Egyptian Drama Workshop



On Tuesday 31st January 2017 Key Stage 2 children were treated to a play about Ancient Egyptians followed by a drama workshop.

In the play the children found out how the mummification process worked, including a live demonstration (see photo)! They discovered how date palm trees can provide food, water, shelter and fire, about aspects of Egyptian Maths and how to decipher hieroglyphs. They also learned about Rameses II and that Horemheb is suspected to have killed Tutankhamun.

In the afternoon children worked in groups to plan and perform a short play to showcase their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians and their creativity. It was a fun day and really helped to bring the topic alive.

E-Safety Presentation

On **Wednesday 8th February 2017** there will be an E-Safety Presentation for Parents and Carers in the hall after school **3.30- 4.30pm**. The presentation will be facilitated by one of the Teaching and Learning Advisers from South Gloucestershire.



This session is designed to give you some information about E-safety and keeping children safe online. We would like all the children at Trinity to become safe and responsible digital citizens. We would also like you to be aware of the benefits of technology, as well as understanding the risks, and help you to support your children away from school.

In order to encourage you to come along a member of staff will be available to look after Trinity pupils whose Parents or Carers are attending the meeting. We cannot, however accommodate pre-school siblings. You are welcome to bring younger children to the hall with you but would ask that you withdraw them if appropriate. Please note Story Club and Art Club will still run as normal.

Parents Evening

The dates for the forthcoming Parents Evening are shown below. You will receive a text and an email (from Teachers 2 Parents) when the online booking system is open. If you have any difficulty with it contact the office either by telephone or in person.

Website

We have appointed Mrs Sally Cambridge to be Clerical Assistant (website), initially for two hours per week. The role is specifically focussed on updating and improving the information available on the school website. We are currently updating the school calendar and aim to ensure that it reflects everything that is going on at school enabling Parents and Carers to use it the primary source of information.

We have added the information about 'Astro Adventure Challenge' which can be found at;

<http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum-information/astro-adventure-challenge/>

Following some feedback from a Parent we have also added a page showing term dates which can be found at;

<http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/2016-17-term-dates/>

Caretaker

Unfortunately Mr Nick Britton has left his role as caretaker. I would like to thank Nick for his hard work, commitment and support over the last few years at Trinity. We have been very lucky to him and he will be missed.

Fortunately we have been able to appoint Mr Ricky Brown to the role this week. Ricky has also taken on a role as Lunchbreak Supervisor on a Thursday and Friday. We would like to welcome him to the team.

Vacancies

Whilst we have been able to fill the caretaker vacancy and part of the Lunchbreak Supervisor role we are still finding it difficult to fill the positions below. Please could all Parents and Carers think about any friends, family or acquaintances who may be looking for some part-time work and ask them to contact us or get them to visit <http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies/> .

We currently have the following vacancies;

- Lunch Break Supervisor, 12.00-1.15pm **Monday to Wednesday**, term time only (Hay 13- 3.75 hours per week @ £7.65 per hour)
- Lunch Break Supervisor 1:1, 12.00-1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only (Hay 13- 6.25 hours per week @ £7.65 per hour)

Dinner money

On **Wednesday 8th February** there will be a special Italian menu at lunch time. This can be ordered and paid for in the usual way.

Reminder- School meals cost £2 a day and should always be paid in advance.

Term 4 is 6 weeks and 4 days long therefore a school meal every day would equate to £68.

Clubs

When picking up children at the end of all after school clubs (other than Pumpkins) please wait in the main playground. The adult in charge will bring the children to the playground at the end of the activities.

Punctuality

Children arriving after 8.55am should enter the building through the main door. They should wait for a member of staff to acknowledge their arrival and sign in using the red book before being let in.

Team Trinity

Equestrian

Some results from the regional Grass Roots show jumping championship held in Bromyard in December 2016:

40 cm

Individual: 3rd Holly Holt

Team: 3rd

50 cm

Individual: 1st Tom Collings

Team: 1st (Tom, Amelie, Tanya, Holly)

60 cm

Individual: 6th Amelie Lucas

Team: 5th (Amelie, Harry, Tanya, Tom)

70 cm

Individual: 1st Tom Collings

Well done to the team and many thanks to the Parents and team manager Mrs Jo Luddington. Jo is looking for a volunteer to take over the grass roots arm of the school team (for entries / team manager during these competitions etc.) as her daughter is no longer able to compete at that level. Jo will still oversee the running of it as a whole.

Please speak to Jo, or contact the office if you are interested in finding out more about what this entails.

Lost Property

As usual we seem to have a cupboard full of items, most of which are Trinity sweatshirts. We will aim to put all items outside at the end of the school day next week (weather permitting).

One item that is not there but has been lost at school is a black coat with a furry hood, either Next or H&M, may be named, approximately three weeks ago.

Dates

Wednesday 8th February 3.30- 4.30pm- E-Safety Presentation- **Please return the slip on the letter sent out earlier this week to indicate your intention to attend and let us about children who may need looking after during the presentation.**

Friday 10th February- End of term

Monday 20th February- Term 4 begins

Monday 20th February 4.00- 6.30pm- Parents Evening (all classes)

Wednesday 22nd 2.30- 6.00pm- Parents Evening (Willow)

Thursday 23rd February 2.30- 6.00pm- Parents Evening (Ash, Elm, Oak & Beech) - **A text and email has been sent today regarding booking appointments online.**

