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Newsletter 3– Term 2 2017-18

Value focus: Term 2- Trust

18th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term, we have been enjoying the fun things associated with Christmas whilst also making sure we remember the real Christmas story; Willow and Ash class performed a new nativity play telling the story of 'Ned the Christmas Donkey'. The children acted, spoke, danced and sang with a real sense of enjoyment. Well done to Mrs Gadsby, Miss Godwin and all the team; the Choir performed at the pre- Carol Service event really showcasing their talents; many of our Year 6 children read beautifully at St. Mary's Church where Hannah also sang a wonderful solo- 'Once in Royal David's City'; all the children went to church for a Christmas service led by Reverend Thomson.

I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards, C. Hutton

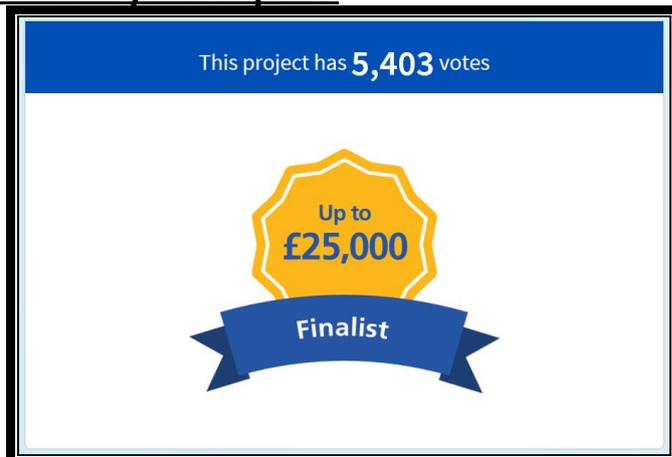
Towards the end of this letter you will find:

- Dates for diaries from the start of Term 3
- information about changes to the start and end of the day procedures
- an FOS newsletter

Other points to note in Term 3:

- Our value focus will be 'Forgiveness'
- Willow and Ash's topic will be 'Castles'
- Elm, Oak and Beech's topic will be 'The Tudors'

Aviva Community Fund update



Good news. We made it into the 'Top 8' with a massive 5,403 votes which we think was third highest in our category. The next step in the process is that a panel of judges consider each of the 'Top 8' projects before awarding two projects the funds. We have done everything we can, including providing some additional persuasive information as to why we should be a recipient, now we have to wait until 18th January 2018 for the announcement of the winners.

Thank you so much to all of you who voted, got others to vote and generally kept nagging at family, friends and work colleagues to vote. For a school of 146 pupils and around 100 families to top 5,000 votes is a great achievement.

Well done to Mr Shiles for co-ordinating the project bid and an enormous "thank you" to Steph Lane who has worked tirelessly in the background providing a link between the school, Aviva and the Charities Commission and ensuring that we have complied with all the 'red tape' that came with the application and submission process.

Fingers crossed!

Staffing update

New addition- We have recently appointed Mrs. Nicky Butler to a Lunchbreak Supervisor role (Thursday & Friday).

From the start of term in January 2018 the teaching assistant timetable will alter. Some of the team will be partially or wholly changing the classes they work with regularly, and there will be more intervention groups running during the afternoon session.

Dinner money

Reminder- School meals cost for Key Stage 2 children is £2.10 a day and should always be paid in advance. Term 3 is 5 weeks and 3 days long therefore a school meal every day would equate to £58.80.

The menu includes two roasts days (Tuesday & Thursday) and the traditional fish fingers, chips and beans on a Friday. A copy can be found on the website <http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/meals/>

Parking

School car-park and drop-off point

Thank you for observing the changes we have put in place for the drop-off point. It really does help to alleviate the tailbacks that can so quickly end up outside of the entrance gate. It may seem unnecessary to stop so far past the building but it only takes another 4-5 vehicles to arrive before the car park entrance becomes blocked. When you do find yourself several vehicles from the front and not immediately adjacent to the walkway please do not allow your children to exit the vehicle. Please wait until the vehicles in front have moved on so you can pull further forward.

Dropping-off

Please can parents and carers dropping children off in the morning ensure they adhere to the following;

- pull as far forward as possible before stopping*
- let your children out quickly*
- do not stop for longer than is necessary*
- do not leave the driver's door of your vehicle open.*

Blue badge holders- as there is only one dedicated bay in the car-park those entitled to park in a disabled parking bay may use the car-park if the space is occupied. Do take care when crossing to the footpath with your child.

Meeting to discuss parking issues

Unfortunately the meeting that was proposed earlier this term to discuss parking issues and possible solutions did not take place as nobody came forward to attend. This is a little frustrating as I feel that, in order to explore possible solutions, it must be a joint effort between the school, parents and carers, the local authority and the Acton Turville community. I will set another date in the New Year when I hope we can all get together to work on a plan that ultimately will benefit everyone.

I have been notified, via the Parish Council, that the yellow zig-zag markings outside of the school on Littleton Drew Lane have been inspected by the operation team. The work to remove to two sets of old markings are scheduled for April 2018. Once this is complete new markings will be painted.

2017-18 Dates for diaries

All dates below are correct at time of issue but are subject to change. When dates change, or new dates are added, these will be included in the following newsletter. To make them stand-out we will use *italics* and light grey shading. Below are the dates of the INSET days 2017-18 including the date for the fifth INSET which was previously TBC. All the term dates and INSET days can be found on the school website at <http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/2017-18-term-dates/>

INSET Days 2017-18;

1. ~~Friday 1st September 2017~~
2. ~~Monday 4th September 2017~~
3. Tuesday 2nd January 2018
4. Monday 9th April 2018
5. Friday 22nd June 2018

Term 3 Dates (Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Tuesday 2 nd January	All day	-	INSET day – school closed
<i>Wednesday 3rd January</i>	<i>End of day</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Homework sent home</i>
Friday 12 th January	9:15-9:45	All	Oak class service
Tuesday 16 th January	12-1:15pm	All	Restaurant Experience
Friday 19 th January	TBC	All	FOS Disco
Friday 26 th January	All day	Ash (Year 2)	Year 2 Scooter Training

Term 4 Dates (Monday 19th February – Friday 23th March)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 26 th February	2:30-6pm	All	Parents Evening
Thursday 1 st March	4-6:30pm	All	Parents Evening
Friday 15 th March	9:15-9:45	All	Elm class service
Wednesday 21 st March	9:15-9:45	All	Willow class service
Friday 23 rd March	1:30-3pm	All	Easter Egg Hunt

Term 5 Dates (Tuesday 10th April – Friday 25th May)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 9 th April	All day	-	INSET day – school closed
Monday 14 th May – Friday 18 th May	All day		SATs week

Term 6 Dates (Monday 4th June – Friday 20th July)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 11 th June – Friday 15 th June	-	Year 1 children	Phonics Screening
Wednesday 20 th June	9:15-9:45	All	Ash class service
Friday 22 nd June	All day	-	INSET day – school closed
Monday 25 th June – Friday 29 th June	All day	Years 5 & 6	Residential trip; Kingswood, Staffordshire
Wednesday 27 th June	-	Years 3 & 4	School sleepover
Friday 6 th July	1:30-3:30	All	Sports Day
Tuesday 10 th July	1:30-3:30	All	Sports Day (Reserve date)
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th July	-		School Production at Sheldon
Friday 13 th July	-	All	Reports issued
Friday 20 th July	-	All	Last day of term



Information about changes to the start and end of the day procedures (from Jan. 2018)

From January 3rd 2018 we will be implementing some changes at the start and end of the day following a review of our safeguarding procedures and site security.

These will mainly affect users of Pumpkins Breakfast Club (drop-off) and After-school Club (pick-up) but will also involve some small changes at the start and end of the normal school day.

Pumpkins Breakfast Club drop-off

Please observe the following 8.00-8.30am;

- Parents and carers may park in the drop-off area in front of the school building
- Do not use a car park space
- Ring the Pumpkins bell in the lobby
- A member of Pumpkins staff will let you in
- Escort your child to the Group Room with all of their belongings
- We politely request that you do not visit the classrooms or cloakrooms
- Exit via the front door

We are happy for parents and carers to park in the drop-off area 8.00-8.30am only as this does not affect the flow of traffic on site. At all other times this is not to be used for parking.

Pumpkins After-school Club (pick-up)

Please observe the following 3.30-6.00pm;

- Park on the road if picking up 3.30-5.00pm
- Parents and carers may use the car park after 5.00pm when more spaces are available
- Ring the Pumpkins bell in the lobby
- A member of Pumpkins staff will let you in
- Collect your child from the Group Room
- We politely request that you do not visit the classrooms or cloakrooms
- Exit via the front door

Start of the day

- Playground gates will be opened at 8.45am
- A member of staff will be on duty in the playground from 8.45am
- Children should not arrive at school, be dropped off or be left at school before 8.45am
- Playground doors will remain shut until 8.55am and be locked promptly after the children have gone in
- Gates will be closed as soon as the playground is cleared and preferably by 9.00am
- Children arriving late need to wait in the lobby to be let in by a member of staff

End of the day

- Playground gates will be opened at 3.25pm
- Parents and carers should wait in the playground in clear sight of the adults dismissing the children
- We politely request that you clear the playground quickly at the end of the day to enable Pumpkins and other after-school clubs to use the space
- Gates will be closed as soon as the playground is cleared; on non-club days by 3.45pm and on club days by 4.45pm

After-school clubs (other than Pumpkins)

- Pick up will be from the main playground
- The adult running the club will escort the children out to be dismissed
- We politely request that you do not enter the building

Communicating with staff

Messages for school staff- if not sensitive- can be relayed via the member of staff on duty in the playground in the morning or through the office. If you are not dropping off, or do not have the opportunity to speak to the office or member of staff on duty, then a letter, note, answerphone message or email to trinityprimary.school@gmail.org.uk, 'For Attention Of' (FAO _____) are the most effective ways to communicate. For an appointment with a member of staff please request this via a letter, note,

answerphone message or email or by speaking to the office. It is often helpful for staff to know why a meeting is being sought so we request that you indicate what you wish to discuss.

Access to the building

Any adult entering the building must;

- Sign in at the office
- Collect a Visitors badge
- Wait to be let in by a member of staff

Parents and carers should not enter the building via the playground doors at any time.



Trinity Friends of the School

[End of Xmas Term 2017](#)

Firstly a big thank you for all your support this term. With a change of the guard within the FOS it has been a busy start to the new academic year and a steep learning curve, but I hope that together we can work to reach our fundraising target for 2017/18. Also huge thanks have to go to Ainslie Lang for steering the FOS ship for the last two years – Ainslie has done a wonderful job and we can only hope to try and build on the great work the Friends have done during her time at the top.

Secondly, I wanted to re-introduce the Friends of School for those of you who don't know much about what we do or who we are....

The FOS consists of mainly crazy parents who volunteer to support the school by helping to organise events and fund raising activities. We aim to support the school ethos: **'Living, Learning, Growing Together'** and do this both by providing much needed additional funds for extra education activities & resources; and also by fostering a sense of community throughout the school. We organise fun events for the whole school throughout the year and also lend a helping hand to the school wherever else we can.

At the start of every academic year the school come to us with a wish list of items that they would like the FOS to fund and every year we do our best to try and come up with the goods. This year we are hoping to raise approx. **£7,000** for everything from Laptops to Library Books and from Theatre Trips to Things for the playground; but we can't do this without your help and if lending a hand isn't your thing then just participating in events is also equally as important!

So who exactly are the FOS for 2017/18?... apart from an all-round great group of people 😊

- Chair - Sarah Godwin (Ellie Yr 2 & Lottie Yr 1)
- Vice - Jodie Mayhead (Henry Recep, Harry Yr 2, Flo Yr 4 & Lilly Yr 6)
- Treasurer - Rachel Allibone (Charlie Yr 6 & George Yr 3)
- Secretary - Deborah Chapman-Kelly (Beattie Yr 6)

Along with 13 other committee members and 30 or so occasional helpers; although new volunteers are always very welcome and it is a great way of getting to know people better and strengthening our school community.

We have also tried to improve communication this year through the introduction of WhatsApp groups for all Years and there are FOS reps for each year group responsible for posting messages/updates as well as providing a familiar FOS point of contact. This year the reps are:

Reception – Olivia Hamilton (Xander)

Year 1 – Nickie Coombs (Edward)

Year 4 – Sophie Elcock (William)

Year 2 – Sarah Godwin (Ellie)

Year 5 – Steph Lane (Amelie)

Year 3 – Ainslie Lang (Daisy)

Year 6 – Jodie Mayhead (Lilly)

We also post regular updates on the shiny new school website, which is a hive of information - although our communication is still a work in progress and we would welcome any feedback/ideas you may have.

Thank you for supporting recent events



The Quiz night was as popular and entertaining as always, superbly organised by Ainslie Lang and masterfully compered by Ben Holt. The whole evening raised a fantastic £670 and was won by a motley crew of teachers ably led by Mr Hutton and his amazing knowledge of 80's music... who knew!?



Our festive events this year centred on the KS1 Nativity Play. We provided the usual post performance teas (thank you to all the providers of cake, especially Jane Harrington), held a Christmas Raffle (thank you to all those who donated prizes, especially Ben & James' Grandma for the beautiful cake), sold Nativity Photos and for the first time in about 10 years, produced and sold Trinity Tea Towels. All in we raised approx. £1030 which is a brilliant effort – thank you everyone!

Upcoming events.....



> School Disco! Friday, 19th January

> Eco Sale & Bags2School Collection

> Kids Bingo Night

> Class Cake Sales

> Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you again for a great start to the year and with your help we can continue to support the Trinity family for the benefit of all the children in the school. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sarah Godwin