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Newsletter 6– Term 6 2017-18

Value focus: Term 6- Thankfulness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

When reflecting on this year at Trinity, I would summarise it as a year of development. We have had new staff join the team as well as some existing staff changing roles and taking on new responsibilities. We have worked hard as a staff team to improve teaching and learning and respond to changes in educational policy and increased financial pressures.

We are all very proud to work at Trinity and serve this school community so the recognition from Ofsted that we remain a 'good school', and that we have taken great strides since our last inspection in June 2014, was especially pleasing.

There have been some very successful events and developments this year and we have lots to celebrate. Whilst we are judged externally on our performance data, I like to look back on the things that have enhanced the curriculum, been enjoyable for the children and involved the wider community. A few highlights for me have been:

- Willow and Ash Nativity
- 'Ocean Commotion'
- Sports Day
- Trips to Hampton Court, Caerleon Castle, Longleat, Bowood, Badminton Estate
- Events and visitors including stone age experience, polar experience, Young Shakespeare performance of Macbeth, science fair and parent science talks
- restaurant experiences
- Royal Wedding picnic
- Entertaining the luncheon club at the Fox & Hounds
- Sporting opportunities and successes

The end of the year also marks a time of 'new beginnings'; Year 6 children moving to secondary school, other children changing schools, Mrs Watts retiring, new children joining the school, new staff joining the team. Plans for September 2018 are already in place and everything we do will continue to reflect our ethos, vision and values.

On behalf of the Trinity team, I hope you have an enjoyable summer. On a personal note, thank you for all the support and encouragement I have had from the school community throughout this year.

C. Hutton

Term dates 2018-19

Term	Starts	Ends	Length
Term 1	Monday 3 September 2018	Friday 26 October 2018	8 weeks
Term 2	Monday 5 November 2018	Friday 21 December 2018	7 weeks
Term 3	Monday 7 January 2019	Friday 15 February 2019	6 weeks
Term 4	Monday 25 February 2019	Friday 5 April 2019	6 weeks
Term 5	Tuesday 23 April 2019	Friday 24 May 2019	4 weeks, 3 days (<i>Bank holiday 6th May</i>)
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2019	Tuesday 23 July 2019	7 weeks, 2 days

INSET Days 2018-19:

1. Monday 3 September 2018
2. Friday 26th October 2018
3. Monday 25th February 2019
4. Monday 22nd July 2019
5. Tuesday 23rd July 2019

The induction arrangements for the new starters in September are as follows:

Week beginning	Days	Session time
Monday 3 rd September 2018	-	-
Monday 10 th September 2018	Monday- Friday	8.55-11.45am
Monday 17 th September 2018	Monday- Friday	8.55am- 1.30pm (including lunch)
Monday 24 th September 2018	Monday- Friday	8.55am- 1.30pm (including lunch)
Monday 1 st October 2018 onwards	Monday- Friday	8.55-3.30pm

Leavers



This is the last day at Trinity for our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been enjoying their last few weeks here, wowing us all with tales of their Trinity journey at the Leavers' Service and surprising everyone by arriving at school today on the back of a trailer pulled by a tractor!

Each one of them leave us with cherished memories. They are fantastic young people ready to take the step to secondary school. They will always be part of the Trinity family and we hope that they keep in touch with us. They are a credit to our school.

Charlie, Rosie, James, Cameron, Sophia, Beattie, Ollie, Tom, Samara, Sofia, Megan, Amelie, Hannah, Lilly, Aldo, Joe, Harry, Olivia, Katie; you will be missed, good luck in the future.

Mrs Watts

This week saw Mrs Watts' last day of teaching at Trinity after 27 years. Following on from her picnic (Friday 13th July) we had a special service at school on Thursday morning to celebrate her time here and wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter of her life. She will leave a huge hole in Trinity but an even larger legacy. Thank you to all the members of the school community who contributed towards the collection. Below is a message Mrs Watts posted on the website following the picnic:



Thank you for all the many good wishes for my future. I had a wonderful retirement picnic last Friday where I met so many ex pupils and discovered what amazing jobs they had or things they were doing. The one thing that they all had in common was how much they had enjoyed their time at Trinity and how instrumental the school was in shaping their lives.

I will be sad to leave Trinity as I have spent so many years working here. I have worked with some excellent teachers and lovely children but I know that I am leaving your little darlings in the hands of hard working and dedicated teachers and staff who all put your children at the forefront of everything they do.

All good wishes to Trinity parents, carers and children.

Mrs Watts.

Results

Below is table showing our results for 2017-18. Some of these are teacher assessments* and others are formal test results. Each is expressed as a percentage of the cohort. I have also provided some comparison data for all South Gloucestershire schools and a figure for nationally. Please note that Key Stage 2 data is compared to local and national data for 2017.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 children who did us proud again by performing to the best of their ability in their SATs tests.

(number of children in cohort)	Trinity	South Glos (2018)	National (2018)
EYFS (18)			
*Good Level of Development (GLD)	66.7	77.2	71.5
*Average Points score	34	35.9	34.5
Year 1 (21)			
Phonics	76.2	84.6	82.6
Year 2 (2)			
Phonics re-test	50	61.6	61.2
Year 2 (20)			
*Reading Expected (EXS) +	85	79.4	75.5
*Reading Greater Depth (GDS)	45	31.1	25.7
*Writing Expected (EXS) +	70	73.8	70
*Writing Greater Depth (GDS)	35	19.8	15.9
*Maths Expected (EXS) +	75	80	76.1
*Maths Greater Depth (GDS)	30	26.1	21.8
*Combined (Reading, Writing & Maths) Expected (EXS) +	60	69.7	65.4
*Combined (Reading, Writing & Maths) Greater Depth (GDS)	30	15.9	11.7
Year 6 (19)	Trinity	South Glos (2017)	National (2017)
Reading Expected (EXS) +	89.5	74.1	72.1
Reading Greater Depth (GDS)	57.9	26.9	24.9
*Writing Expected (EXS) +	89.5	77.8	76.7
*Writing Greater Depth (GDS)	42.1	22.1	17.7
Maths Expected (EXS) +	84.2	72.7	75.1
Maths Greater Depth (GDS)	26.3	21.6	22.7
EGSP Expected (EXS) +	73.7	77.5	77.4
EGSP Greater Depth (GDS)	31.6	30.4	31
Combined (Reading, Writing, EGSP & Maths) Expected (EXS) +	78.9	60	61.5
Combined (Reading, Writing, EGSP & Maths) Greater Depth (GDS)	15.8	10.1	8.7

Sports news

Sports Day



On your marks, get, set, go! A brilliant afternoon was had on Friday 6th July at our Sports Day. Well done to all of our athletes for great sportsmanship and giving 100%. Congratulations to Red House who won the cup this year. Trophies were awarded to Amelie and Tom for outstanding contributions to Team Trinity—well done!

Tennis

Wimbledon stars in the making! Laurie, Benji, Flo and Poppy put their tennis skills to the test in a tournament on Monday 18th June. It was an afternoon of non-stop action with each playing 7 games. We came a brilliant 3rd overall and staff were very impressed by the great sportsmanship demonstrated by our team.

Cricket

Our team of Year 5/6 cricketers headed off to Bristol on Friday 15th June to play in a tournament. We played 3 games in our league and another friendly match. We won one match and narrowly lost the other two. Overall, we came 3rd out of 4 schools in our group. Well done everyone!

On 25th June, a team of Year 3/4 cricketers entered a tournament hosted by Frenchay CC. The team were fantastic and narrowly lost the semi-final by a few runs. They showed great sportsmanship and supported each other superbly.

Thank you to Mr Brown who attended both tournaments and umpired our games.

Athletics

Our amazing Y5/6 athletes did us proud at the Y5/6 Quadkids competition at Yate Outdoor Sports Complex on Thursday 14th June. Pupils competed in four disciplines: a 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex throw. We had some impressive results with Trinity really shining in the sprint. We came a fantastic 2nd out of 10 schools competing and made it through to the finals at Bath University on 4th July.

At the finals, the team did amazingly well coming 10th overall. An excellent effort by everyone.

Archery

On Target! KS2 pupils were treated to some archery coaching on Wednesday 13th June. Everyone had a great time and improved their skills. A big thank you to Paul who came in to train us up!

Equestrian news

The grass roots team of Zane and Joe Collings did spectacularly well at Bromyard winning the 40cms and 50cms and qualifying for the grass roots regional champs in December. Joe also gained a 3rd place, podium finish, in the 50cms. Well done boys.

The following day at the junior level competition Holly, Hannah and Tom competed for a qualification at national level, but unfortunately it wasn't the team's day. Hannah found herself on the floor 3 times, Tom took some unlucky poles, Holly managed a few beautiful clear rounds but was just short of the time needed for a place. Despite the demons, Hannah bravely attempted a third round at the 80cms going clear and gaining herself a special award for bravery at the prize giving and the team came 5th.

Well done team for battling with a hot and challenging day.

An enormous round of applause goes to Jess Collings for making the 2 hour journey up to Bromyard and back on BOTH days!! Your commitment is outstanding!

Another competition for the school team on the 9th June at Hartpury International Arena.

Tom and Hannah, sadly the only 2 representatives from Trinity and therefore both riding as individuals, did exceptionally well in the 70cms class coming 3rd for Tom and a very close 4th for Hannah out of a field of 47 competitors. Both narrowly missing a National qualification.

In the 80cms class, the nerves took hold of Hannah after watching a very nasty fall prior to her round and she came away with 4 faults over a challenging course. Tom took a pole down and so also came away with 4 faults.

Well done both for sterling efforts.

As you know 'my' time at Trinity is coming to an end as Hannah leaves for secondary school.

The school riding squad will therefore be looking for a new manager.

Trinity has been represented at the National Schools competition at Addington for 3 years running coming 4th nationally in 2016 ...not bad for a small state Primary School. I have been very lucky to be part of that and watch the children enjoy such an occasion each year.

Please could I have a volunteer to take over and continue to fly the Trinity flag in the equestrian field?

Jo Luddington

Thank you to Mrs Luddington for your drive, effort, determination and commitment to Team Trinity. You have given children the chance to ride and compete as part of a team over the last few years with many successes and great performances along the way.

School Uniform

The school uniform policy is available at <http://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform/> . We would be grateful if you could support this by ensuring that your child comes to school in appropriate clothing and footwear.

Parking and traffic

When driving and parking on the road outside school please ensure that you:

- observe the advisory 20mph speed limit on the road
- observe a 5mph limit in the carpark
- observe road markings such as yellow zig-zags
- consider pedestrians by not parking on the pavement or obstructing crossing points

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 carpark those entitled to use a disabled parking bay may also park in the middle of the carpark. Do take care when crossing to the footpath with your child.

Please **do not** park adjacent to the boiler room as this involves driving across the pedestrian footpath.

And finally....

Read on for news and information from the school governors, Friends Of School and an invitation to a dads and kids camping weekend.

News from the School Governors

Who are we?

Our Governing Body has 12 members plus the Headteacher. We meet six times a year for a Full Governing Body (FGB) meeting. In addition, all Governors sit on at least one sub-committee and most governors are also responsible for monitoring one of the school priority areas.

Our key role, as governors, is to support and challenge the school senior leadership team as they seek to give the children an enthusiasm for learning and to support them to become 'happy, well-mannered, resilient, responsible future global citizens with enquiring minds, who are happy, ambitious and successful.'

Ofsted Inspection March 2018

We were pleased that the school was again rated as 'Good' in our recent Ofsted Inspection and the inspector praised school leaders and governors, for maintaining '*good quality of education in the school since the last inspection*' and commented on our commitment to improving pupils' outcomes. He also identified a few priorities for improvement; these will be addressed in the schools action plan for 2018-19.

Our Focus in 2017-18

Our focus this year has been to:

- Support and encourage Mr Hutton and our new deputy headteacher, Miss Pritchard, as they develop the roles of a senior leadership team, thus distributing leadership within the school
- Increase the ability of governors to support that leadership team to focus on continued improvement in pupil outcomes by more involvement in school subject monitoring, visiting the school regularly to help with learning walks and book and pupil surveys
- Support the school to further reflect its Christian Ethos
- Oversee a full review of Safeguarding procedures
- Conduct a review of Health and Safety guidelines

As part of our responsibilities, it is important that we are aware of the bigger education picture. School finances and those of the Local Authority are being squeezed and there is constant pressure to do more with less, so we continue to review the best options for Trinity.

Attendance

There is a proven link between good attendance and making good progress and, as governors; we regularly review attendance and the school's approach to improve attendance. Broken weeks (long weekends) and children regularly arriving late for school are a particular issue as they affect the ability of the teacher to plan and progress the teaching for the day/week.

Website

The new website is now operational and provides a full calendar, copies of all newsletters and school letters along with class plans for each term. We would ask that you make this your first reference point for any queries before contacting the school office.

Friends of School

As governors, we are very aware of the important contribution that FOS make in raising money for the school and ultimately the children who have enjoyed trips and activities that would not otherwise have been available. We are lucky to have such an active and successful Friends of School and we appreciate all that they do to make Trinity a thriving, happy and successful school.

And Finally

The Governors would like to record their gratitude to Clare Watts for her many years of commitment to Trinity and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We also say 'Goodbye' to Dawn James and Lyn Cawston who complete their governor term of office this year. Dawn has provided many years of invaluable support with school budgeting. Lyn will step down as a governor but continue as our wonderfully efficient school administrator.

I have also decided that after 9 years as a governor, with the last five as Chair of Governors, it is time for me to retire. It has been a great privilege to work alongside the Trinity team and I wish them and the newly elected Chair of Governors, Lisa Bailey, every success for the future.

Janet Wells – Chair of Governors

Friends Of School (FOS)



Trinity Friends of the School

End of Year - July 2018

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I wanted to publish a round-up of what the FOS have achieved this year and what we hope to do next year to fill in some of the gaps.

As you may have noticed, we have had a quieter year events and fundraising-wise. Although the FOS has continued to organise the regular annual events and have also introduced some additional fundraising opportunities such as the Tea Towels and Nativity Photos, we have not attempted to stage any big headline events such as the Parents Party because FOS committee numbers have dwindled somewhat.

At the start of the year the school gave us a fundraising target of £7,000 and this year I am sorry to say, we have fallen short of this target.

Over the course of the year, FOS events have raised the following amounts:

Bags2School	£220	Disco	£524
Quiz Night	£671	Bike Ride	£903
Xmas Events	£736	Dad's cricket	£140
Tea Towels	£372	50/50 Club	£204

Grand Total _____ **£3,766**

HUGE thanks must go to all those Committee members who have gone above and beyond this year and ensured that the FOS has made some progress towards our target and also to everyone who put their hand in their pocket, because let's face it £3,766 is not an insignificant amount!

We will of course keep on keeping on for the benefit of the whole school and all its pupils because we know what a vital difference the FOS funds makes to Trinity life, and overleaf is just a small selection of what the Friends have helped to fund this year:

KS1 & Ks2 educational trips	Leavers Hoodies
8 x Learn Pads	KS1 & KS2 Enrichment Days
Swimming Lessons	First News
Library Books	Playground Equipment

Disappointingly, we also had to make the decision to postpone the Family Fun Day/Run, which was due to take the place of the Summer Fair. **This event will now take place on Sunday, 30th September.** The decision was taken for a number of reasons, but in particular the hot weather, the football and lack of traction with the students made the postponement a no-brainer. Obviously this has also made a significant difference to the FOS bottom line, but I hope that everyone will make the effort if not to help, then at least to participate and help make the day a success in September.

So this brings me onto looking ahead to next year..... Without going into too much detail, because I know everyone is focussing on the summer hols; what we really need to do is boost numbers on the Committee next year. It's a great way of making new/closer friends and to give something back to the school at the same time. So if you have something to give and can spare the time for a couple of meetings a term then we would love to hear from you!

If you are interested then please speak to me (Sarah) or your FOS rep:

Reception – Rachel Allibone (Jonny)

Year 1 – Ricky Brown (Lincoln)

Year 2 – Nickie Coombs (Edward)

Year 3 – Sarah Godwin (Ellie)

Year 4 – Ainslie Lang (Daisy)

Year 5 – Sophie Elcock (William)

Year 6 – Steph Lane (Amelie)

Looking ahead to Events for next year.....

- **FOS AGM** - Weds, 12th September, 3.45pm @ School - **ALL WELCOME**
- **New Parents Drinks** - Wednesday, 12th September from 8pm
- **Family Fun Day/Run** - Sunday, 30th September
- **Quiz Night** - October, date TBC
- **Recipe Book** - hopefully ready in time for Xmas
- **Parents Party** - Summer 2019
- **Circus for 2019/20** - Date TBC

LET'S MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!!!

Sarah Godwin

The FOS do an amazing job of raising funds that enable us to provide your children with things that enhance their education and enjoyment. Without this revenue stream, we would not be able to all of the things we are lucky enough to be able to provide at the moment. Either by helping to organise an event or by supporting events you are helping to make the difference. Please consider coming to AGM and supporting the FOS.

Dads & Kids Camping
Friday 7th September-Sunday 9th September 2018

Dear Trinity Dads

For the benefit of first time dads, at the start of the school year, we arrange a camping trip whereby the dads bring the kids, have a bit of male bonding and give the Mums the weekend off!!

All Trinity dads/kids are welcome, we had more than 80 in total last year.

LOCATION: Wimbleball Lake Camp site west of Taunton – Exmoor National Park
The address is: Wimbleball Lake, Brompton Regis, Dulverton, Somerset TA22 9NU.
<http://www.swlakestrust.org.uk/lakes-and-facilities/the-lakes/wimbleball-lake>

TIMES: Leave from Friday school pick up and head straight down.

COSTS: To pitch your tent and camp, the cost is £5 per person (adult or child) per night. We have been assigned our own field with full washing facilities very nearby.

FOOD: Charlie West is kindly bulk ordering BBQ food for us as we will all eat together (BBQs will be provided). This will cost approximately £17.50 per adult and £7 per child. The food will cater for dinner for Friday and Saturday night and breakfast for Saturday and Sunday morning.

The provisional menu is:

Friday Night Menu: KIDS: 6oz Burgers with Salad DADS: 6OZ Burgers, Pork Sausages, Salad

Saturday Menu: Breakfast: Bacon butties. Dinner: KIDS: Hot Dogs and salad

DADS: Gala Dinner: Sirloin Steak, Sausages with Salad

The nearby pub, The George, will also be booked for lunch on Saturday – cash required.

Activities & other: We will organise activities for everyone on Saturday morning. These are lake based and include paddleboards, kayaking, sailing and canoeing. You are welcome to bring own kayaks. Costs to be confirmed.

There is also an indoor climbing wall and outdoor high ropes which can be booked for late Saturday afternoon/early evening for those interested. An hour session for 12 will cost £135, £11.25 each.

I will be asking for payment nearer the time and as numbers are confirmed.

You will need to bring your own drink, snacks, chairs and crockery/cutlery.

Please can **you reply with a yes or a no** by email to Jenny Pearce at jenandsi@icloud.com by the end of July and with the following details:

Dad Name:

Kids Name(s):

Are you interested in Climbing Wall / High Ropes?

Mobile Number:

Email:

Many thanks

Trinity FOS

