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Newsletter 1– Term 1 2017-18

Value focus: Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. We are very pleased to have 21 new pupils joining us; 18 in Reception and 3 in other year groups. We also welcome Mr Strawson to the staff team. On behalf of the Trinity school community a very warm welcome to all of you.

This week in service we have spoken about values and expectations. The children know that they are expected to demonstrate our core values of **courage, friendship, respect, love** and **kindness** in all aspects of school life. We have reminded them that we have high expectations in terms of behaviour, manners, conduct, attendance, punctuality, dress, attitudes to learning and presentation of work. All adults at school have the same level of expectation and all adults will give rewards and impose sanctions in the same way.

Looking forward to a great year!

Regards, C. Hutton

Staffing update

Mr Strawson is the only new member of staff. We do still have vacancies for lunchbreak supervisor positions. Please call in to the office if you are interested in finding out more.

Class information

Class pages on the school website will be updated with relevant information for 2018-19 by the end of next week. You will be able to find out about what your child is learning in addition to other class specific information. Homework and spelling will also be sent home next week.

Class	Teacher(s)	PE days
Willow	Miss Godwin	Tuesday p.m.- Mr Jenkins Friday a.m.- Miss Godwin
Ash	Mrs Gadsby (Mon-Wed) & Mrs McLaughlin (Wed-Fri) <i>Mrs Gadsby every Wednesday a.m. and the teachers will alternate Wednesday p.m.</i>	Tuesday p.m.- Mr Jenkins Thursday p.m.- Mrs McLaughlin
Elm	Mr Strawson	Thursday p.m.- Mr Jenkins Friday p.m.- Games <i>Swimming in Term 3</i>
Oak	Miss Prichard (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Heath (Thu & Fri)	Thursday p.m.- Mr Jenkins Friday p.m.- Games <i>Swimming in Term 3</i>
Beech	Mr Shiles	Thursday p.m.- Mr Jenkins Friday p.m.- Games <i>Swimming in Term 1</i>

Snacks

Toast (10p) and fruit juice (30p) is available at morning break. Children may bring in a piece of fruit or a cereal bar (no nuts) from home. Items should not be taken out of lunchboxes as snacks. Children in Willow and Ash class also have a piece of fruit provided for afternoon playtime.

Often children like to bring in a treat for their friends when it is their birthday. Whilst this is not necessary or encouraged, if you choose to do this, please could you:

- ensure what you are sending in is individually wrapped,
- provide the correct number of items,
- consider a healthier option,
- not send in any items containing nuts.

Friends of School (FOS) AGM

The AGM is on Wednesday 12th September, 3.45-4.30 in the school hall. Childcare is available for Trinity pupils whose parent or carer is attending. We cannot provide this for younger siblings.

School Council Elections

Elections will be held on Wednesday 12th September in school. Miss Prichard spoke to the children in service this week about the school council. If your child is interested in putting themselves forward they will need to prepare a short speech outlining the reasons why they think they would be a good school councillor. Representatives will be elected from Year 2-6.

Swimming

Each class in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to go swimming for five sessions across one week this year. Beech class will be first to go 24th– 28th September 2018.

Please note that this is different from last year's model and will involve the whole class regardless of their swimming ability. The cost will be subsidised by the FOS and be £5.

Dinner money

The cost of school meals for Key Stage 2 children is **£2.20** a day and **must be paid in advance**.

Term 1 is 7 weeks and 3 days long therefore, a school meal every day would equate to £83.60.

Menu change- On Thursday 4th October 2018, the kitchen will be serving fish fingers and chips (the usual Friday menu).

Schools Funding

Funding for schools is still an issue facing all schools. Below is an extract written by a headteacher in South Gloucestershire who has conducted a survey of all primary school headteachers within our local authority:

South Gloucestershire Education Funding Crisis 2018

The bleak financial landscape in our schools

Year after year, South Gloucestershire Schools are asked to achieve more, with less.

We have always been one of the worst funded Local Authorities in the country and are this year, once again.

The start of the National Fair Funding Formula should have addressed some of this and distributed more, per-pupil, in line with a national, instead of local formula.

However, the reality in South Gloucestershire schools is harsh. A recent survey, sent to all schools within South Gloucestershire, demonstrates the stark financial landscape in our schools, the difficult decisions having to be made and the devastating cuts to staffing and services in our schools. The extent of these cuts effects all South Gloucestershire children.

Whilst we cannot control political decisions that affect how our funding is calculated, there is something we can do. We are required to complete a census return to the local authority periodically. The Autumn census has a direct effect on the level of funding we receive in the following financial year. Basically our funding level is calculated based on the number of children who are **present at school on census day**. Also, it is to our advantage if there is a very high number of children having a school meal.

Thursday 4th October 2018 is the next census day. We have negotiated a menu change (see above) to encourage more children to select school meals on that day.

Parent Survey

In July 2018, we sent out Parent Surveys to gather your views on a range of topics. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete one. We had 37 respondents in total which represents about a third of the families within school.

The large proportion of respondents selected either 'Strongly agree' or 'Agree' to most questions, which is very encouraging, whilst the additional information provided on some surveys has been very useful in helping us identify our priorities for the year ahead.

Trinity CE Primary School - End of Year Survey for Parents (July 2018) *37 responses							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Percentage to agree / strongly agree	Percentage to disagree / strongly disagree
1. My child is happy at this school	27	9			1	97%	0%
2. My child feels safe at this school	25	12			1	100%	0%
3. My child makes good progress at this school	21	16			1	100%	0%
4. My child is well looked after at this school	24	12			1	97%	0%
5. My child is taught well at this school	23	14				100%	0%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	12	16	5		4	76%	14%
7. This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	22	13	3			95%	8%
8. This school deals effectively with bullying	12	16		1	9	76%	3%
9. This school is well led and managed	25	12			1	100%	0%
10. This school responds well to any concerns I raise	21	14	1		2	95%	3%
11. I received valuable information from the school about my child's progress	15	18	4		1	89%	11%
12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?	YES = 36		NO = 1				
13. This school has a distinctly Christian character	11	25			1	97%	0%
14. This school promotes Christian values	16	21				100%	0%
15. The school website provides all stakeholders, users and visitors with up to date, relevant and accessible information	8	22	2		6	81%	5%
16. School engages in enrichment events (locally) and competitions (external)	14	19			4	89%	0%
17. Pupils have positive views about playtimes	17	18	1		1	95%	3%
18. Pupils and parents have positive views about extra-curricular / after-school club provision	15	15	3	1	4	81%	11%

Please help us to get 100% attendance and school meal uptake. Thank you.

2018-19 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*.

Term 1 Dates (Tuesday 4th September – Friday 26th October)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 3rd September	3-3:30pm	All	INSET DAY
Wednesday 12th September	-	All	School Council Elections
Wednesday 12th September	3:45-4:30pm	All	Friends of School (FOS) AGM
Monday 24th- Friday 28th September	1-3:30pm	Beech Class	Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre
Sunday 30th September	1-5pm	All	FOS Fun Run and Family Day
Thursday 18th October	9-10:30am	All	Individual Photos
Tuesday 23rd October	9-10:30am	All	Harvest Festival
Friday 26th October	All Day	All	INSET DAY

Term 2 Dates (Monday 5th November – Friday 21st December)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Friday 9th November	10:30-11:30am	All	Remembrance Service
Monday 19th November	2:30-6pm	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st November	4-6:30pm	All	Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd November	1-3:30pm	Elm / Oak / Beech	KS2 Young Shakespeare Company
Monday 26th November	9:30-1:30pm	Years 5 & 6	Life skills trip (Create Skills Centre, Bristol)
Wednesday 28th November	9:15-9:45am	All	Beech Class Service
Monday 10th December	2:30-3:30pm	All	Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11th December	2:30-3:30pm	Willow / Ash	Nativity
Wednesday 12th December	2:30-3:30pm	Willow / Ash	Nativity
Monday 17th December	1-3:30pm	Willow / Ash	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 18th December	1-3:30pm	Elm / Oak / Beech	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 19th December	12-1pm	All	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December	1:30-3:30	All	Sing-a-long and Pantomime

Term 3 Dates (Monday 7th January – Friday 15th February)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 4th- Friday 10th February	1:30-3:30pm	Oak	Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre
Monday 11th- Friday 15th February	1-3:30pm	Elm	Swimming at Yate Leisure Centre

Term 4 Dates (Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 25 th February	All day	All	INSET DAY
Monday 12 th March	4-6.30pm	All	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 th March	2:30-6pm	All	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th February	9:15-9:45am	All	Oak Class Service
Friday 5 th April	1-3:30pm	All	Easter Egg Hunt

Term 5 Dates (Monday 22nd April – Friday 24th May)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 9 th April	All day	-	INSET day – school closed
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th May	All day		SATs week

Term 6 Dates (Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th June	-	Year 1 children	Phonics Screening
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th June <i>TBC</i>	All day	Years 5 & 6	Residential trip; Isle of Wight (Activity Island)
Wednesday 26 th - Thursday 27 th June <i>TBC</i>	-	Years 3 & 4	Activity days
Friday 5 th July	1:30-3:30pm	All	Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July	1:30-3:30pm	All	Sports Day (Reserve date)
<i>TBC</i>	-		School Production at Sheldon
Friday 12 th July	-	All	Reports issued
Monday 22 nd July	All day	All	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	All day	All	INSET DAY

