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*"..shine as lights in the world;" Philippians 2.15*

## TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15.12.23

### Message from Mr Hutton

Schools are always very busy places in the lead up to Christmas. December has seen the school transformed ready for the Christmas Fair quickly followed by the Willow and Ash Class telling of the Christmas Story through the 'Wriggly Nativity' (photo below). The two performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences. The pupils spoke, acted, danced and sang with enthusiasm to put on a high quality show. Well done to them all and a huge thank you to the staff team for putting it together.

This week we have had services at St. Mary's Church, a Carol Service, an orchestra event and parties- which for Willow and Ash Class included a visit from Father Christmas.

I hope that the break from school enables you all to spend some quality family time together and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

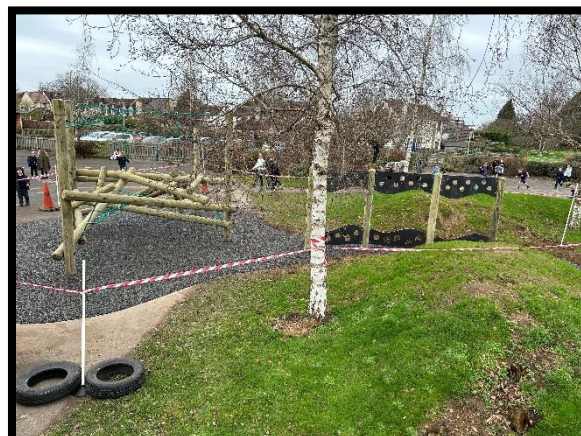
*C. Hutton*



### Playground Progress

We are pleased to announce that our brand new playground equipment has been installed. Work started on Tuesday and was completed today with the rubber mulch flooring being laid. As this needs time to 'cure' we will officially open the traverse wall and clamber stack at the start of next term.

We are really happy with the installation and look forward to the current and future pupils of Trinity enjoying their playtimes as they discover new and exciting ways to engage with the equipment.





## Sports



On Tuesday 28th November, our Year 5/6 boys football team played a first round cup match against Woodlands Primary School at Yate Academy. Team Trinity played really well, showing an excellent team performance which resulted in an 11-0 win! Well done boys!

The boys then played and won their second round match on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December against Beacon Rise Primary School. Tough opponents, but an amazing win on penalties, following a dramatic equaliser from a free-kick (see right) to make it 4 – 4, secures Team Trinity a place in the next round!



## Carol Singing at the Farm Shop

Thank you to all of the children who came along last Friday to represent Trinity by singing carols at the local Farm Shop Christmas Fair. You were fantastic and you really helped get everyone into the Christmas Spirit.



## Trinity Christmas Tree

Last Wednesday our Reception class fulfilled our long standing tradition of being the children to decorate our school Christmas tree. What a super job you all did, it looks beautiful and so Christmassy.



## Carol Service

On Tuesday morning, our KS1 and KS2 children went up to St Marys Church for their Christmas services. We are grateful to Matthew Butler who joined in both services and led the Carol Service in the evening. Willow and Ash's service was led by Mrs Gadsby and our Year 6 pupils did a great job of telling the Christmas Story through their readings. Special thanks to the brave five who did all the readings at the Carol Service, and to the families that attended.





### Cotswold Alliance Orchestra

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December some KS2 pupils took part in the Cotswold Alliance Orchestra Concert at Chipping Sodbury School. We had three keyboard players, one ukulele player and a drummer. They played several Christmas favourites alongside pupils from other schools. Well done to all of our musicians and we are grateful to the staff of Old Sodbury CE Primary and Chipping School for facilitating it.



### Christmas Fair

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Trinity CE Primary School was transformed into a Winter Wonderland. A few elves, with the help of the amazing FOS team, worked very hard after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and early in the morning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December to create an exciting and enticing place for the local community to come along and get into the Christmas spirit.

There were craft stalls, an Elves Workshop, games, a raffle, singing and some wonderful refreshments. Below are some photos from the day.

The school are very grateful to the FOS team for their hard work on this event (months of planning) and for anyone in the school community who were able to attend. Read on to find out the grand total raised.



### Contacting School if Your Child is Absent

Please ring the school (01454 218 462) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – we have an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name, class and reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

**Medication in School** Staff are able to administer prescribed medication only. Parents can come into school to give medication eg. Calpol or Ibuprofen if required.



### **A big thank you from the Friends of the School (FOS)**

What a fabulous start to the school year we have had, raising nearly £3,000 so far! In terms 1 and 2, we organised the following fundraising initiatives and, as ever, are hugely grateful for your ongoing enthusiasm and support. Thank you!! If you're a number cruncher, then you may be interested in how the activities have broken down:

Cake Sales (Beech & Elm)	261
Mufti	97
Rags2Riches clothing donations	150
Book at Bedtime Refreshments	50
Uniform Sales	51
Nativity & Raffle	576
Christmas Fair	1718
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,903</b>

Highlights so far have been the hugely successful Christmas fair, as well as the annual fundraising around the KS1 nativity play. Special thanks to Gaja, Jenna, Harriet and team for the epic effort they put into transforming our school into a festive wonderland, full of treats and fun activities for the kids. And big thanks also, to our wonderful FOS team and helpers, who worked so hard coordinating nativity fundraising activities, like hamper raffles, teas, cakes, photos and more.

### **Dates for your diary**

2024 is set for more fundraising fun! Aside from the usual cake bake sales, key dates to note for your diary, include:

- Friday 2nd February - Kids Disco
- Friday 1st March (tbc) - Quiz Night & Auction
- Sat 18th May - Bolt at Badminton
- Mon 24th June (tbc) - Castle Combe sponsored cycle ride

All of the FOS money raised goes toward supporting the school with various initiatives, like the new playground equipment currently being installed, which has been part-funded by monies raised last year. Let's see if we can continue the great work so far and smash our £10,000 target for this school year!

Thank you again. Have a wonderful and restful Christmas and see you in the new year.

Penny, FOS Chair.



## Pupil Premium Eligibility

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding (and able to get free school meals) if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

There is more information on our school website: <https://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/key-information/funding/pupil-premium>

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

Please see the links below for further information:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#apply>  
[https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2F](https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F)

## Breakfast and After School Provision

- **07:45-09:00 & 15:30-18:00** daily; Breakfast Club **£6** and Afterschool Club **£12 per session**
- All sessions must be **paid for and booked in advance**;
- We also accept payment using childcare vouchers or via the government tax-free childcare scheme: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

**If you have made any arrangements for your child to be collected by someone other than the usual, please could you let the office know asap.**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Croissants with a variety of sweet or savoury fillings.	Bagels with avocado & cream cheese a side salad medley and cooked meats.	A sumptuous cheeseboard with crackers and baguettes, with fruits and dips.	A selection of sandwiches and fillings served with a salad of choice.	Hot Buttered crumpets with a selection of delicious toppings
Yogurts	Jelly Pots	Cake slices	Flapjacks	Jelly Pots
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

## New September 2024 Intake

We are offering tours of our school on the following dates to any prospective parents and carers who have a child starting school in September 2024. Please call the office on 01454 218 462 to book in a visit on;

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 9:30am

If your child's birth date is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

South Gloucestershire residents visit: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpww&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

Wiltshire residents visit: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

### School Office

Office hours: 08:30- 15:45

#### **School politely request that you:**

- Inform the school office (by telephone preferably) if your child is being picked up by someone other than their parent, carer or usual adult. It is essential that school staff know to whom we may release your child safely;
- Keep your contact information up to date, including phone numbers, address and other contacts;
- Ensure we have all relevant medical and dietary information;
- Make all payments via ARBOR parent portal. This includes wrap-around care, **school meals\***, trips and other activities. If you require support with making payments, or anything else to with ARBOR, contact the office with your query.

*\*When accounts get into arrears office staff are spending unnecessary time making calls and sending emails to request payment. **School meals should always be paid for in advance** and, where an account does get into arrears, we will be asking you to provide a packed lunch for your child until the situation is resolved. If you are facing challenges with paying for meals, please contact the office and we will work with you to resolve matters and provide support as required.*

## 2023-24 Diary Dates

Ash Class Trip to STEAM Museum	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Westonbirt KS2 Cross Country Event	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
Sports Day	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May (Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May reserve day)
Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Isle of Wight	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Term Dates

Term 2 Ends	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>
Term 3 Begins	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2024*
<b>*School meals menu: Week Three</b> <a href="https://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/parents-and-carers/meals">https://www.trinityceprimaryschool.co.uk/parents-and-carers/meals</a>	
Term 3 Ends	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Term 4 Begins	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Term 4 Ends	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Term 5 Begins	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term 5 Ends	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Term 6 Begins	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Term 6 Ends	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 **INSET DAYS 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> July**