



HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

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CONTACTS

Please inform the school office if your contact details/address/emergency contact/email address has changed over the summer break – these are important forms of communication for us to contact you either in an emergency or with important information.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Last week you would have received our Communications policy via email. Please see the attached appendix for your information.

SUMMER READING SPONSORSHIP

A fantastic amount of money has been sent into school from children who took part in our summer read. So far we have **£529!** Thank you to everyone who supported this event. A special mention to Harold Furmston who has raised a staggering £120—well done! If you have sponsorship money at home please send this into the school office. We're using the funds to resource our fantastic Media Merge Room.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting school year. It has been fantastic watching the children settle back into school life with new teachers, new classrooms and new pupils to our school community. We would like to take this opportunity to say just how smart your children are looking – it really does set a very good example for those new to our school community.

A particularly warm welcome to families new to Nursery, reception and other year groups in the school.

MEDIA MERGE

I'm sure that you will all agree that the new Media Merge room looks absolutely fantastic. The transformation is incredible and the children (and the staff) are so excited! We just have a few finishing touches to add and our room will be fully functional. A huge thank you to our PTFA for very generous contributions towards this new space. The money that we receive from the PTFA would not be possible without your fantastic support of their events.



Again, we would also like to thank **Mr Goodayle, from Red Apple Designs** for his time and commitment to the design of the Media Merge room and the ordering of furniture along with Jon Parker and his team from PKR Solutions <https://www.pkr solutions.com/>

COFFEE WITH THE HEAD

Monday 11th September saw the first 'Coffee with the Head' of the school year. Thank you to everyone who came along. Key strategies and initiatives on the journey to outstanding were shared and opportunities for working alongside the school were also communicated. The interactive session was lively and positive and concerns raised were noted and actioned. The next coffee morning with the Head Teacher will be held on **Friday 17th November at 8.45 a.m.**

MATHS NO PROBLEM

Maths No Problem is the only textbook to be approved by the DfE (Department for Education) and we are proud to have adopted Maths No Problem here at Holy Trinity. Singapore has rocketed to the top of the world for the standard and teaching of mathematics. Mrs Morris will be holding **parent workshops on Thursday 28th September** where she will be introducing Maths No Problem to parents and how we teach mathematics across the school. Meetings will be held at 8:45am, 2:45pm and 6pm on this day and we look forward to welcoming many of you.

Follow Maths No Problem: <https://mathsnoproblem.com/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS MORRIS AND MRS COOKSLEY

Wedding bells were certainly chiming over the summer break. Congratulations to Mrs Morris (née Horton) and Mrs Cooksley (née Toms) on their weddings during the summer break. We all hope that you are enjoying married life so far and wish you every happiness for the future.

UPCOMING CHARITY EVENTS

The start of the new academic year sees a flurry of fundraising opportunities:

- Jeans for Genes non-uniform day on **Friday 22nd September** Wear your jeans in exchange for £1.
- Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 29th September** at 10:00 in the school hall – donations of cakes during that week would be most appreciated.
- Harvest collection for the Hive Hope food bank in Northfleet, also Friday 29th September, children can come in non-uniform on **Tuesday 26th September** in exchange for a tin of food.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- Eucharist Service—Fri 15th
- Jeans for Genes—Fri 22nd
- PTFA Movie Club—Wed 27th (KS1) Thurs 28t(KS2)
- Phonics Workshop—Tue 26th
- Mathematics Workshop—Thurs 28th
- Harvest Festival—Fri 29th
- Macmillan Coffee Morning—Fri 29th

October

- o No Pens Wednesday—Wed 4th
- o PTFA AGM - Wed 4th
- Rev. Herbert Pastoral Care – Fri 06th
- End of Term Assessments – Mon 09th
- **Individual photos—Wed 11th (Please note change of date)**
- Black History Week - Mon 16th—Fri 20th
- o Celebration Assembly – Tues 17th
- o Parent Consultations & Learning Gallery – Thurs 19th
- PTFA Quiz Night – 19th
- o End of Term 1 – Fri 20th
- o **Start of Term 2**
- o **INSET – Mon 30th**
- **First Day Term 2—Tues 31st**

PHONICS WORKSHOPS

We will be holding Phonics workshops for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 on **Tuesday 26th September**. Come along and find out how we teach Phonics here at Holy Trinity and how you can help your children at home. Meetings will be held at 8:45am, 2:45pm and 6pm. We look forward to welcoming many of you to

YEAR GROUP BLOGS

Our blogs provide you with a great weekly update of what your children have been learning that week. Blogs will be approved by the end of the weekend for the previous week. Please follow the below link to the blog page of our website. Have a read and leave a comment!

<http://www.holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=2017%2D18+Blogs&pid=98>

PHONES/ ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOL

If you wish your child to bring a phone into school they should bring a letter to me and then the phone **MUST** be kept in the office.

Electronic devices are not allowed in school.

Scripture of the Month (Colossians 4:6) "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person".

POLITE REMINDER

We are requesting parents should only take family holidays during the school holidays. If parents take their children on holiday during term time, this will be recorded as unauthorised. You will be issued with a penalty notice from KCC if your child has 5 days or more unauthorised absence in any one term.

Penalty Notices

The penalty is £60 rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If you do not pay the fine you may be prosecuted and the fine is up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence of up to 3 months.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We all love birthdays and the children often want



to bring in sweets to share with their classmates at the end of the school day.

This is a lovely way to share happiness.

Please ensure cakes and other goodies are cut and wrapped to be shared out.

SAFEGUARDING

Now that all the children have settled in and are coming in to school themselves we ask that all children are left at the top of the steps or at the side ramp. Adults who stand on the steps unfortunately cause a hazard and put the children at risk of accident.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Thank you to all those parents who continue to park considerately. May we remind you that it is a traffic offence to park outside the school and is extremely dangerous to all our pupils and parents. Following several serious incidents last year, a number of parents have recommended a phone app called 'Gravesham24' where photos of illegally/dangerously parked vehicles can be photographed and reported. Thank you for your continued co-operation in this matter.

However our PCSO, Mr Sam Berry, is very concerned about the small number of parents who continue to ignore the parking restrictions. Please note traffic wardens will be issuing parking fines to drivers breaking the law.

If your child arrives or is collected by taxi, please ensure you instruct them to park away from the school gates.

COOL MILK AT SCHOOL

If you would like your child to have a carton of milk during the morning break, you can collect a form to complete from the school office. This should be sent to the address at the bottom of the form and you will receive a letter informing you of the cost. If your child is under five years old the milk is free but you must still complete a form. Please make sure you put your child's class and teacher on the form correctly otherwise your child may not receive the milk they are entitled to.

PTFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date of the PTFA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th October at 3:30pm** in school.

At the meeting, a new committee for this academic year (2017/2018) will be elected including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sadly, Bonna Barden has resigned as Chair of our fantastic PTFA and we thank her for her dedication and commitment to this very important role. However, we do need a chair (or two co-chairs) to coordinate our PTFA and we would urge you to think that if you would be interested to contact Bonna for more information.

If you would like to get more involved or are happy to take on a role on the committee, please contact the PTFA before the meeting. Sadly if no one comes forward to fill the committee positions the PTFA will be unable to continue this year.

THEME MEAL

On **Thursday, 5th October** we are offering all children the opportunity of

staying for our theme meal which will be a culinary delight. Past meals have been Chinese, Italian and American—this year will not disappoint.

If your child normally has a packed lunch or goes home for dinner and you would like him/her to have school dinner on this occasion please complete the slip on the reverse of this page and send it to school along with **£2.40** in an envelope clearly marked 'Italian Themed Dinner' **by Thursday, 26th September** at the latest. Please only complete the slip if your child does not normally have school dinners.

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will be taking place during the school day on **Wednesday 19th October** between 8am and 6pm. There will be a separate letter and reply slip for you to indicate your preferred appointment time sent home during the coming weeks.

Return to school by Thursday, 26th September.

Theme Meal Slip

I would like my child(ren)

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In classes to have a school dinner on Thursday,

5th October and enclose £2.40 per Key Stage 2 child.

My child is entitled to Free School Meals

(tick)

Signed

WINTER PE KITS

As the temperature falls and the chill permeates the air we're informing all parents that black jogging bottoms and jumpers are allowed. Trainers of all colours are also allowed on Wonderful Wednesdays and Terrific Thursdays.



COMMUNICATIONS POLICY APPENDIX

Who Can Help?

Issue	Relevant Staff
Absence and Attendance	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Academic progress	Class Teacher
Behaviour Concerns	Class Teacher Assistant Head Teacher
Breakfast Club	Mrs. J. Foreman flo@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Bullying	Class Teacher Assistant Head Teacher
Child Protection/Safeguarding	Mrs. J. Foreman flo@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk Mrs. K. O'Connor kylieo'connor@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk Mr. M. Dockrell marcdockrell@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk Mrs. D. Gibbs-Naguar headteacher@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Dinners	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Early Child Development	Mrs S Randhawa sukhminderrandhawa@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Early Departures/Medical appointments	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Enrollment	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Family Concerns	Class Teacher Mrs. J. Foreman flo@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk

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Free School Meals	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Friendship issues	Class Teacher
Hall Hire/Lettings	Ms. Carly Toms carlytoms@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Holidays (<i>term time</i>)	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Homework	Class Teacher
Interpreting	Mrs. F. Akinde francesakinde@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Medicines and Medical Conditions	School Office 01474534746 8865202.admin@holytrinity-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
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