

HOLY TRINITY NEWSLETTER

Learning and caring together, building a firm foundation for the future

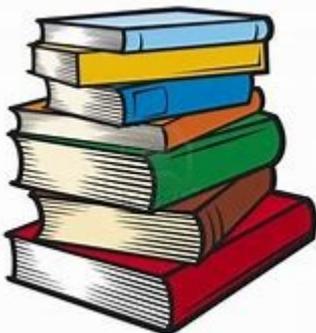
CONTACTS

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

TAKE A LEAF OUT OF MY BOOK.

Some of you may have noticed our new 'leaf' bookcase, near the school office area.

To extend our love of books, the children are invited to exchange a finished book from home, for a book from the shelf.



We excitedly anticipate that this will provide a wide variety of books for the children to share.

WELCOME & FAREWELL

Welcome **Ms Worrell**, who will be joining our teaching team from the start of Term 5. Ms Worrell looks forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and we wish her every success during her time with us.

Sadly we bid farewell to some members of staff, who have dedicated so much to the school and more importantly, the children.

Mrs Lynne De Gruchy, Business Manager has left Holy Trinity after 9 years of service. She played a vital role in overseeing the schools finances and the management of the school site. Holy Trinity thank Mrs De Gruchy for her dedication and tenacity and wish her the very best for the future.

Mrs Jenny Foreman, Family Liaison Officer is retiring at the end of April. Mrs Foreman has touched the lives of many families and pupils during her 14 years of service. She has attended a variety of residential trips, supported numerous school events and actively supports our Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA). Many children have the pleasure of being greeted by a warm smile from Mrs Foreman, each morning at our Breakfast Club.



I am sure that all members of the school community, will join us in thanking Mrs Foreman for her immeasurable contribution to the school and the families she liaised with. We wish Mrs Foreman the very best in her retirement and spending precious time with her new grandchildren.

If you would like to contribute to Mrs Foreman's leaving collection, please do so at the school office by **Friday 20th April**.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons

With swimming an important part of the National Curriculum for Key Stage 2 and an extremely valuable life skill; we can confirm that swimming lessons will commence in Term 5 for Years 3 and 4.

Monday: Falcons & Skylarks

16 & 30 April/14 & 21 May/11, 18 & 25 June/2, 9, 16 & 23 July

Friday: Swifts & Kestrels

20 & 27 April/4, 11, 18 & 25 May/8, 15, 22 & 29 June/6, 13 & 20 July

Please note there will be no swimming on Monday 23rd April & 4th June



Payments can be made at the School Office.

STAR WRITER OF THE MONTH

Amulet - By Isla (Barn Owls)

Amulet, amulet shimmer brass and gold. Amulet, amulet, what is your story? Let it be told. Monstrous faces, hieroglyphs and indecipherable patterns. What is your story? Let it be told. Your gold shines like the sun in the sky. What's hidden behind, I am yet to find. Turn your handles trace your engravings. Whales, fish, unicorns, dragons, what is your story? Let it be told. Secrets locked up inside, mischievous secrets, life stories, what is concealed? Pitch black, gloved hand clasps you tight, held hostage. What is your story? Let it be told.

Once you were a wild spirit, free to roam and run. Trickster, prank player, mischief was your game. Then, too much magic, people killed. Sucked into an amulet, hidden by the gods. Years passed, hidden in the human world. Now found again but by who? You cannot see, for you need to break free. Some whisper some sign to this person. Mistaken for a pocket watch, an old fashioned computer, maybe. Whatever your story, let it be told.



2000 years old, a possessed circle of gold. What is your story? Let it be told. You will relentlessly try, if need be, make this imbecile break you free. Rattle, shake, adventure awaits. Anger powers you on, don't hesitate. Blow the roof off, if you need to. Life without friends, life without family. HALT. Mind says carry on, gut says no. What shall you choose, what happens if you do so? Decisions, decisions.

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>



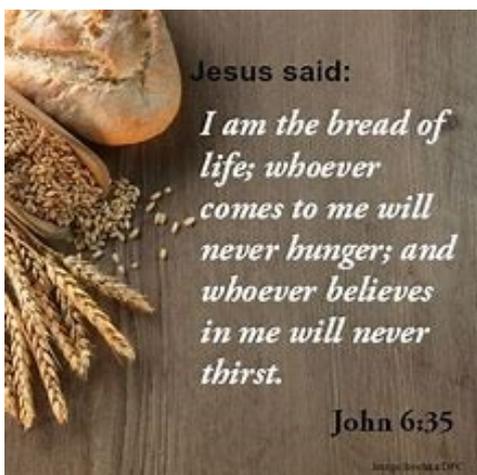
EASTER BONNET PARADE



A wonderful and joyous parade was had by all, on the last day of term.

Children were invited to decorate Easter Bonnets and contribute 50p. The parade successfully raised £47, which will be used to improve the sensory garden.

Bonnet winners of each class received a chocolate egg.





PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Thanks to all parents who continue to park considerately. May we remind you, it is a traffic offence to park outside the school and is extremely dangerous to **ALL** our school users.

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.

Our PCSO, Mr Sam Berry, is very concerned about the small number of parents who continue to ignore the parking restrictions. Please note, parking fines are being issued to drivers using digital imagery.

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

Staff Training & Professional Development

At Holy Trinity, the development of all staff is extremely important to us. We invest a great deal of time, expertise and resources in ensuring that our staff have the most up-to-date and high quality training available, in order to fully support all learners. As a school we are committed to providing excellent learning opportunities for all members of our community.

We have been fortunate to have received training from Mr Murdoch and Mr Ming (Head Teacher and Assistant Head Teacher) from Hunton CEP School, Maidstone in 'Every Picture Tells a Story'.



Each class undertakes a visual literacy lesson on a Monday. The benefits of this type of teaching are already visible in the superb pieces of writing that are being produced by the children. Their keen attitude to participate in the lesson and integrate their ideas on the given task is extremely encouraging.

