



Dear Parents

White Horse class have been thinking and working hard telling their stories and writing their book blurbs this week, using their skills to entice and persuade their audience with the creation of their front and back book covers! Well done to **Noah, Theo, Orlaith, Maud, Robert and Audrey** showing aspiration in your learning, editing skills and joy in new writing techniques.



With nine **enrichment clubs** on offer across the school day, it has also been great to see mixed age groups working together on cross curricular projects, supported by experts across the whole school community. From art club to sports skills, crochet to chess and a far reaching programme of music that includes choir, hand bells, recorders and ukulele. My huge thanks to staff and visiting colleagues who support our enrichment provision to bring a wealth of expertise and diversity for our children, helping them to develop important life skills and enriching pupils' cultural capital.

We are excited to share news of expansion to the **Forest School** provision. Launching in term 2 for Stonehenge and White Horse classes, this is a child-centred inspirational learning process, which offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions over the year. It is a long-term programme that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking, developing confidence, creativity and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting, helping children develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually. Our Forest School provision will complement our creative curriculum whilst also allowing children to play, explore and discover through:



#### **Social skills**

Activities such as sharing tools and participating in play, help teach the children to work together as a group, which strengthens their bonds and social ties.

#### **Communication**

The sensory experiences provided by the Forest School helps prompt language development. Improving communication skills has a positive effect on a child's self-esteem and is a crucial part of their development.



#### **Motivation and concentration**

High levels of interest lead to high levels of attention. Spending time in the woodland is exciting for a child. It tends to fascinate them which develops a strong will to participate and concentrate over long periods of time.

#### **Physical skills**

The increase in outdoor activity is bound to have a positive physical impact. Not only does the development of physical stamina improve but also gross and fine motor skills.

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

Children develop an interest in the great outdoors and respect for the environment. Encouraging children to develop a relationship with the natural world will help in protecting the environment for generations to come.



### New perspectives

Forest School isn't just beneficial to children it is also beneficial to teachers. Observing their class in a different setting allows them to gain a new perspective and understanding of their class. Mrs Goddard will be leading the Forest School provision supported by class staff teams.

### Ripple effects

When children really engage with Forest Schools they will take their experiences home to share with friends and family. This will often encourage families to visit their local woodlands more frequently.



Parents of Stonehenge and White Horse classes are invited to join us for a parents briefing on **Thursday 14th October at 2.30pm**. Forest School information will be sent out to parents who are unable to attend the briefing. For our risk assessment and safeguarding we do need to have parental permissions.

### Remembrance and Hope

We've been busy designing and making 150 ceramic poppies for our Remembrance and Hope installation project. Big thanks to our Lavington Art & DT colleagues that have helped us turn an idea into reality. Our creations have been biscuit fired and are now ready for glazing.



### Beautiful World

This week we were delighted to welcome Rev Harold Stephens to join us and explore the teaching of St Francis of Assisi for collective worship on Tuesday. We learned that he set a great example of how to care for our beautiful world and did not mind challenging courageously society to try to make it better for everyone. Rev Harold joined us from France via Teams, showing us just how brilliantly we can adapt to new learning, embrace technology to find new and improved ways of working!

### Holy Trinity Primary Photograph competition

We are delighted to share the exciting PFA **Photography competition** with you and hope all children will take part and submit their entry before **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** for a chance to win a digital camera! The context is **Our Natural World** and we encourage everyone to get snapping over next few weeks to capture their interpretation of a spectacular piece of nature. We are aiming to exhibit all entries with the winning photos being used in our School Calendar 2022, created by the PFA as part of their fund raising activities for the purchase of the mini kiln and lazer cutter. *More details on the poster at the end of the newsletter.*



### Holy Trinity Primary Christmas Fayre

Exciting plans are being put together by the PFA committee for a magical Christmas Fayre. They are very keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help out with the loan/hire of a large marquee/tent approx. 5mx8m. [holytrinitypfa@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitypfa@gmail.com)



**Wool** Crochet club and White Horse class would love to receive any spare wool you might have at home for their crafting projects. Please bring it to the school office.

**Covid19** We maintain rigorous routines of ventilation, hygiene, handwashing, twice weekly lateral flow tests for staff and supporting children who are isolating at home with a blended learning offer on Moodle and pastoral support for families. Please do not send children into school with any of the symptoms. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, **continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**. If the child has a positive test result but does not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) or by calling 119.

**Road Closure** The Westbury road (between Low Road and West Lavington crossroads) will be closed for 5 days from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. Diversions will be in place but be aware that the journey to school may take longer than usual from this direction.

**Calendar available online** The school calendar has been published on our website and can be found at <http://holy-trinity.co.uk/calendar/>. There will be many events as the year progresses so keep an eye on the newsletter and other letters from the school.

Best wishes

Anna Woodman

We welcome and value your opinion. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the Head teacher or Chair of Governors.

<b>Upcoming Events (Calendar of events will be available on the website at <a href="http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk">www.holy-trinity.co.uk</a> in the coming week)</b>		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term	3pm
Monday 1st November	Children back to school Deadline for PFA Photograph competition entries 'Our Natural World'	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	PFA Photography Exhibition	Afternoon
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Teacher meetings – appointments to be booked online nearer the time.	3.15pm – 5.50pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Teacher meetings – appointments to be booked online nearer the time.	3.15pm – 5.50pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PFA Magical Christmas Fayre	Afternoon
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term	1.15pm



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022**

We are very pleased to be able to commence the First Holy Communion Programme for this year, beginning in November.

The First Holy Communion classes will be run at St Joseph's Primary School, Devizes, every Tuesday and the catechists will be Yvonne Wilkins (Headteacher at St Joseph's) and Elizabeth Dale (RE Lead)

If you would like your child(ren) to be considered for First Holy Communion this year, please contact the Parish Office on 01380 723572 or at [devizes.ourlady@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:devizes.ourlady@clifftondiocese.com)

The deadline for applications is **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

## Competition!

Celebrating our natural world through the medium of photography



The PFA are inviting all children at Holy Trinity to send us a photo of a spectacular piece of nature

Theme: **Our Natural World**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** = A digital camera!

**12 rosettes** = will be awarded for the 12 photographs selected to be printed in a calendar. We will select photographs from all classes: Stonehenge, White Horse, Sarum, Silbury and Avebury, so everybody has a chance to get their photo in the calendar! The calendar will be available to buy at Christmas.

In Wiltshire, we are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by the wonders of nature; views, trees, animals, flowers – we would love to see the world through your children's eyes, so please send us a photo from your child's perspective.

### Instructions

- Any type of camera can be used with adult permission
- **Important:** The child must be the photographer, with no adult help.
- Only one **LANDSCAPE** photograph to be submitted per child (must be landscape to fit in the calendar)
- Deadline for entries: **1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 (1<sup>st</sup> day back after half term)**
- Email high resolution photo, child's name and year group to [holytrinitypfa@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitypfa@gmail.com)
- ALL photograph entries will be printed and displayed in an exhibition in the pavilion on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** after sharing assembly.
- All parents, carers, friends and children are very welcome to come and view the exhibition. There will be a donation box on the door – we are raising funds to buy a pottery kiln, 3D laser printer and forest school equipment for the children to use at Holy Trinity school.

Good luck! We can't wait to see what incredible images your children produce!

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy  
PFA Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Message from PFA

Christmas Cards - Please help the PFA raise money for the school by ordering your children's Christmas card designs. All proceeds raised from the designs goes to the school. The deadline to hand in the order forms is next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October so this is the last weekend for children to create their design! Remember to fill in the form attached to the Artwork Form and complete your order online. It's not just cards – you can also order wrapping paper, notebooks, gift tags, labels and mugs all featuring your child's design! Completed work can be handed in at the school gates.

Meeting - The PFA is hosting a get together to discuss organising the upcoming Photography Exhibition. If any of you would like to be involved and could offer your time or your experience of digital printing, staging an exhibition, hanging prints, knowledge of local printers and photography in general then please come along and join us at The Bell in Great Cheverell on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

If anyone would like to join the PFA committee, please get in touch

Target for this academic year = to raise £3,500

This year we are fundraising to provide the school with their very own pottery kiln, a 3D laser printer and forest school equipment – all for the children to enjoy

Upcoming Dates & Events

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8pm  
*Photography Meeting at The Bell, Gt Cheverell*

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct  
*Deadline for Xmas card designs*

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
*Deadline for photography competition entries*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm  
*Photography exhibition in Pavilion*

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - evening  
*"Fabby Friday" parents social*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 3pm  
*Christmas Fair in Pavilion*

Volunteer Opportunities

Is anyone available to help set up the photography exhibition at 2pm on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov?

We are also looking for helpers at the Xmas Fair. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Donations please

We are looking for some incredible raffle prizes for the Xmas fair so if any of you have businesses that could donate a prize please let us know. We would be very grateful.

Please donate your 2<sup>nd</sup> hand jumpers by placing them in the textile bin in the staff car park. We will then hold a xmas jumper sale at the fair. Thank you!



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