



Dear Parents

This week we have been exploring how can we change the world by sharing, when we are just children? This has taken us on a learning journey as we think about how sharing within our families, our school and community brings great change. Thank you for the generous donation of items for the Devizes Food Bank that have accumulated across the classes, for local people in crisis. We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. We are very pleased to be able to support the local network of food banks and The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Harvest service Thank you to all who joined us at St Peter's church for our lovely service of celebration of our harvest, with some beautiful singing and children participating in readings and prayers.



Whole School Ceramic Workshop

This week we have been delighted to welcome two local ceramists into school to work with each class on our whole school pottery project focussing on Remembrance and Hope. All children learned how to handle clay, remove air pockets, roll and flatten to shape, cut and mould their individual poppies, as well as having an opportunity to design and make their own 3D creation. The classrooms were full of creativity; learning new skills, techniques and vocabulary with enquiring minds! After air drying, the poppies will then be biscuit fired in the kiln, and then have a glaze applied to create a beautiful finish. We will share more details with you nearer the time about how we intend to build our poppy installation. A big thank you to Mrs Crabtree and Mrs Hutchings for sharing their expertise and Mrs Nisbeck who helped out in Stonehenge and White Horse Classes, plus Lavington School for lending us the use of their kiln.



Music and performance

Children can find joy in expressing themselves through music and from this can develop an understanding that beauty can be different things to different people. We enjoy listening, making, singing and learning about music together in collective worship and through our music curriculum. We also have over 70 children learning to play a musical instrument, sing and perform, with our fantastic peripatetic teachers who are committed to sharing their musical expertise across recorders, piano, ukulele, guitar and hand bells. A special mention also to our talented Y6 recorder players Briallyn, Millie, Esmée, Keevie, Lily, Betty, and Alice who are accompanying all our singing and musical performances. KS2 school choir is resuming, and more details will be shared on Monday.

Creative curriculum

We are expanding our outdoor education this academic year. **Forest School** gives children the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland environment, helping children to grow in confidence as a result of the freedom, time and space they are given in their learning. This allows them to demonstrate independence at each individual child's rate. The planning of learning mirrors and supports classroom learning with a feedback/feedforward approach that brings depth, breadth and richness to our curriculum offer, as well as enhanced social, mental, emotional health and wellbeing benefits for our school community.



Additionally, we are continuing to develop our **art, design and technology** with further opportunities to work with mixed media, wood, plastics, textiles and clay in the classroom and beyond as enrichment opportunities – Digital leaders, Tech club. From smart boards to tablets, digital cameras to laser cutters, we are keen to bring more hands-on, interactive technology to the classroom. Laser cutting/engraving systems are fast becoming one of the most in-demand tools to add to the classroom. Laser cutters are versatile, easy to use, and safe. Not to mention incredibly fun to use. For KS2 children, learning how to use a design programme to create and make their own products is a great example of pioneering into Y7 as a young STEM (science, technology, engineering and math's) designer.

Therefore, we are really excited by the **PFA fund raising initiatives** and their commitment to support us in our quest for a laser cutter, small portable kiln and forest school equipment that we can use across the creative curriculum with all our children. The PFA and staff are really keen to hear from any parent that think they would be able to support us in any way whether it is knowledge, expertise or help with fund raising. My huge thanks to our brilliant PFA committee and school community who support all our initiatives so that Holy Trinity children have the most wonderful opportunities made available to them.

Calendar available online We have planned some of the regular significant school events in advance for the whole year – including the Christmas Plays, Summer Music Concert, Year 3/4 plays, Parent/Teacher meetings and so on. The school calendar has been published on our website and can be found at <http://holy-trinity.co.uk/calendar/>. There will be many other events as the year progresses so keep an eye on the newsletter and other letters from the school.

Meeting for all parents of Year 5 and 6 children about residential trip to Forest of Dean The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 29th September at 5.00pm**, with the trip taking place from Wednesday 25th May – Friday 27th May 2022. It is always a wonderful experience for the children – they take part in adventure activities such as caving, climbing and canoeing, and have fun building structures in the woods and taking part in orienteering activities.



Wrap around Care We are really pleased that wrap around care is so popular for parents. Children have a wonderful time at the provision, with Mrs Roberts-Phare and her helpers ensuring that amazing, creative activities are always available. Please make sure that as much notice as possible is given to any changes, and as a guide 24hours notice is the minimum expectation.

It was wonderful to welcome EYFS families to stay and play in Stonehenge Class as part of our ongoing transition work today. We also had a large and appreciative audience to our sharing Harvest assembly this afternoon celebrating class and individual achievements through song, performance and creative arts. The Harvest display is magnificent and we are so grateful for the generous donation of items for the Food Bank.

Finally, a quote from Y4 in worship earlier in the week captures our Harvest celebrations - the world is made better when you share your things. It does not have to be a big thing – just lots of little bits of doing your best to share.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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.

Upcoming Events (Calendar of events will be available on the website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk in the coming week)		
Thursday 30 th September	Safeguarding and Data protection briefing for all volunteers	2.15pm
Wednesday 20 th October	Last day of term	3pm
Monday 1 st November	Children back to school	
Monday 15 th November	Parent/Teacher meetings – appointments to be booked online nearer the time.	3.15pm – 5.50pm
Wednesday 17 th November	Parent/Teacher meetings – appointments to be booked online nearer the time.	3.15pm – 5.50pm
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term	1.15pm

PFA News

Christmas Parties, Christmas Fair and Calendars The PFA are hoping to organise Christmas parties for the children in school and run a Christmas fair this year. Also we are looking into setting up a School calendar. If you would like to be involved in these exciting projects please email the PFA or reply to your class WhatsApp group and you will be added to the list of volunteers.

Facebook: Holy Trinity (Great Cheverell) PFA or email:holytrinitypfa@gmail.com

