

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓ we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy new year to you all. I hope you all managed to enjoy your Christmas holiday, even though your plans may have been changed due to COVID.

A Prayer for the New Year

And the one who was seated on the throne said 'See, I am making all things new.' (Revelation 21.5)

God of new beginnings,
of hope and deliverance,
dawn us with fresh opportunities,
equip us for new tasks,
fill us with eager longing,
thrill us with fresh starts,
that with the past behind us
we may look to all that lies ahead
with faith in Jesus,
hope in you
and love for all.
Amen.

COVID Update

As I said in my Parentmail on Tuesday, we do already have a number of children and staff off with COVID (caught during the holidays and not from school). Please continue to be vigilant, and keep your child off if they have any COVID symptoms (or the new Omicron symptoms), and get them tested.

Please continue to wear your masks on the school grounds, unless you are exempt, so that we can do all that we can to protect each other.

If you need any guidance, or help regarding COVID, please do email me.

A note from HOTS

As we welcome the new year and a new term, we say a fond farewell to a familiar face on the HOTS committee. **Lisa Maclean** is our former chair of HOTS who helped to grow our funds considerably from the Summer Fair, discos, quizzes, Christmas Carols, and more. Lisa was also instrumental in developing our wonderful Wild Garden - a brilliant outdoor space in the playground that opened last year. She has really made a big difference for children at the Holy Trinity. Her husband, Jesús Cabello, will also be familiar as one of our quizmasters at our sell-out quizzes.

We'd love to thank Jesús and give an especially big HOTS Thank You to Lisa for all of her hard work and effort. We wish Lisa, Jesús, Arthur and Cecilia all the best on their next adventure in Brasil!

Parent Prayer meeting are running a short course on how to read the Bible for adults

If like me you have tried to read the bible but given up, just don't know where to start, or you know what it is but have never understood why it is so important to Christians, then you are really welcome to join a small group of us who are doing a 4-week course (spread over 8 weeks) looking at this very subject. The sessions will be run on the following Fridays from 9-10am:

14th January
28th January
11th February
25th February

We will be meeting on Zoom to learn and encourage one another in our faith whatever your starting point. Details for the meeting are ID 852 5126 2196 password vVW06vK. If you have any questions get in touch with Sarah Williams at timso.williams@gmail.com

Free English-Speaking Lessons

We will be holding a conversation class mainly aimed at learners who would attend an ESOL (**English for Speakers of Other Languages**) class.

Start date 14th January 2022

When: Fridays at Holy Trinity Primary School

Time: 8:45-11 o'clock

It is for anyone who would like to practice their English and it will be a 4-week course.

The aim of this class is for you to be able to:

- Introduce yourself in English with the correct word order
- Hold a simple conversation
- Practice handwriting
- Practice telling the time
- Speak about your country of origin and your likes and dislikes
- Speak about your hobby
- Practice speaking about symptoms (for example telling the GP that you have fever or feeling unwell)

This class will be led by Ifrah Sheikh who is a qualified ESOL Teacher (ESOL Tutor) and Sarah Williams who will be a teaching assistant.

No need to book, just come along.

Term dates 2021-2022

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023
(INSET Tuesday 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
11 th February		Break up for half term	
21 st February		2 nd half of term begins	
1 st April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 th April		Summer term begins	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards