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# Trinity Times

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**29.9.17**

**Meeting about parking concerns 31.10.17 at 3pm**

## Partnership and Parking

### Harvest assembly and supporting the local rotary club

Thank you for your support today. The food was collected at midday and taken to help others. This is greatly appreciated.

### The Annual Report from the Governors is being sent to you today. It refers to the academic year 2016-2017

The introduction is written by Reverend Stephen Coe, who was our chair of governors for most of the year until he retired in May. Rev David King took over as chair of governors after that, and many of you met him at our recent parents information afternoons as he attended each one.

The report gives you important information about what our focuses for development were last year, our actions and the impact.

The focus is on the children enjoying their education, making great progress, being safe and knowing they are valued. It is quite detailed. Such is the accountability that we have, that we are required to work in detail on the areas described. On reflection, we had a lot of highlights last year, with lots of new events in the curriculum as well as lots of long standing events that the children really enjoy. The report includes our KS2 SATs results in the summer.

Sincere thanks for all the support that the parents give to the school and to the hard

working stable staff who enable the opportunities. We welcome every opportunity to work with parents for the good of the children in our school. The photos of the children enjoying life at Holy Trinity finish the report aptly. Many thanks.

Next week we will send out a short version of the aims of our school development plan for 17-18.

### Holy Trinity Church will be holding a special 150th anniversary service on Sunday 15th October at 10.30a.m.

This is a very special event for the school and the community. The choir will be singing.

Because of this special event, Year 5, who study the Victorian period, hope to visit the church and explore the Victorian heritage of the church.

Whilst it would be great to invite everyone to the service, we would like the invitation to be focused on the families of the children in year 5 and those of the families of the choir, who are taking part. Leaflets have gone home with those children.

The choir's song will be early in the service and then all the children will leave the service during the talk for special activities in the hall. Afterward there will be a BBQ, traditional church fete games, a quiz, treasure hunt and live music. They are planning to release 150 balloons and hope to have some classic cars on show. There will be no charge for anything. It sounds like a great event.

### Parents' meetings in September 2017

Huge thanks to those who came to the parents' meetings this year. The aims were to inform parents regarding certain very important things about our school (e.g. how we deal with bullying) and for parents to be in their child's classroom, hearing about the curriculum.

The role of the governors was one of the things explained, and there were governors present each day. They had two key questions:

How is your child settling in to their new year group and is there any further information we can share that is helpful.

Overall, feedback was that the children are happy and settling in well, which is great news.

Questions from parents seemed to fall in to four categories: academic progress, supervision, school organisation and general. We will seek to answer those queries over the next two weeks. Feel free to ask more.

### Academic progress

1) How does the school support a child who appears to be off track? The teaching team in each year group meets with the senior leadership every half term to check exactly this.

We use professional judgement, evidence in books, and sometimes small tests to see if children have retained learning. If a child seems to be off track, every child is given some kind of measure to help. This can range from extra focus on articulating learning in the class, to having daily learning on e.g. spelling for 10 minutes, having a small weekly booster group with their teacher, or an assembly group. A lot is worked on. Last year we also spent a lot of time reviewing our teaching of Maths in particular, to make sure that we address gaps in prior learning, including from key stage 1. We also worked hard to increase the range of reading that children had to meet the new standard. 2) Should we

## Golden Book

**Year 3:** Charlotte Pezzuto and Harry Rains for brilliant spelling home learning. Daniel Wieland, Harrison Pearcey and Harry Beech-Gomm for super maths home learning. Amber Murray, Nancy Saunder, Kieran Pate and Lujain Plowman for reading 7 times this week. Leonor Costa and Zofia Makosza for wonderful neat maths homework. Yenula De Alwis and Jayden D'Souza for fantastic spellings homework. Summer-Louise Cowell for excellent work and putting lots of effort into maths and Archie Kerr for always being helpful in class. Caitlyn-Louise Fisk for consistently being polite inside and outside of class.

**Year 4:** Maxwell Foney, Ruou Carroll-Ito, George Fowler and Melanie Lai for excel-

lent effort with spelling homework. Izzy Spencer and Jack Song for phenomenal science work and Marcel Wheeler for being a caring and kind assistant to the midday supervisors when something got knocked over. Gracie Best for fantastic work in maths.

**Year 5:** Alfie Guy, Tiya Patel and Georgia Alger for homework that was really thoughtfully completed. Jed Rice, Jenessah Charway and Janna Imo for their accurate converting measures and their growth mindsets. Alex Inglis for his superb ideas in his narrative and Daniel Novelle for his thoughtful and kind words about his family values in RE.

**Well Done Everyone!**

### Quiet area

We are reinstating the gazebo as being a quiet area during play and lunch times. To support this if anyone has rubiks cubes, top trump cards, or suitable children's magazines that could be donated, please give them to the office staff. Thank you.

**Beddington Park lake closure—work has started on the lake which means that the footpath will also be closed over the bridge which may lead to disruption on your journey to and from school.**

### Thinking Board

#### Reflective question:

Last weeks answers  
 If I shout at you to protect you am I your friend?

Yes you are because you are trying to protect them. Nimesh Y6  
 Mystery Pic was a 'blue bottle fly larva'- no correct guesses.

This weeks questions

1. How can I say things that encourage?
2. If I borrow £1000,000 am I a millionaire?
3. How was the earth designed?
4. Mystery picture.

## Other news...

teach Spanish instead of French? We could. We have done both in the past and are required to teach one modern foreign language. We needed to opt for French since we have non specialist staff in this subject by necessity. 3) Are the children given mock tests in Year 6? Yes—three times in Year 6. Children need to be able to have a familiarity with what the tests look like in order to do their best.

### Supervision

Could more teachers be on duty at lunch? There are 8 midday supervisors on duty, a teacher in the Time out room from 12.30pm– 1pm, Mrs Sammut is available all lunch time and a member of the leadership team on duty in the playground from 1.15pm –1.30pm. There are also a range of clubs that run during the lunch hour, designed to meet a range of needs. The rests of the staff eat their lunch, have a break and prepare for the afternoon.

### School organisation

Should classes be mixed every year to reduce cliques and bullying? This is a good question and there are valid arguments for and against this. We mix when we feel that the children would benefit overall. When classes are mixed annually it can result in good friendships suffering; and new friendships forming. We encourage children to be mindful of including all children in their class and year group. We also proactively work on this with children when there are friendship problems.

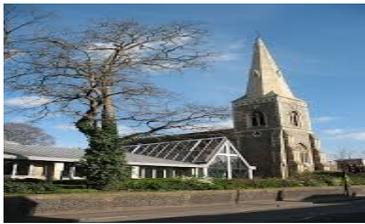
Could school events be published further in advance? We try very hard to be helpful with this, and really do appreciate the efforts that people make to attend events e.g. we published the September meetings in July. We are sorry that about a third of parents could not attend the afternoons meetings, but due to budget issues it was more cost effective to hold the meetings in the afternoons. We will keep on seeking to improve advance notice of dates and when we launch our new website this term we hope this will help. We will keep working on this. We do understand that as much notice as possible is very helpful—to all working parents especially.

### Parking Concerns

Parking issues have once again become a concern. When there are problems, residents tend to come in to school to complain to the school staff. The issue is of concern to school staff, but we are unable to solve it. It takes everyone to act reasonably and responsibly. To try to find a long term solution, there will be a meeting with the police, Sutton council, the residents and a staff member from Wallington Boys Grammar and Beddington Infants. I would also like concerned parents to be involved. If any parents would like to be part of this group to discuss possible solutions to the problems of parking, in particular in Stannet Way, please let the school office know. The meeting is on the 31st October from 3pm—4.15pm.

**PFOS**—Dates for your diary: October cake sale -19th October after school; Christmas disco is NOW 30th November; Christmas Gift day is the same day as Christmas dinner day -Tuesday 19th December. Thank you PFOS!

**St. Patrick's Church** in Park Hill Road, Wallington, invites you to come and join our **St Patrick's Community Festival Choir** for our two Carol Services on Sunday December 17th 2017 at 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm.



**Please note that our last day of term is Wednesday, 20th December at 1pm and not 21st as previously informed**

### Inset days for 17-18

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Friday 25th May 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### Class assemblies this term:

**Spruce: 6th October**

**Chestnut 13th October**

**Elm 10th November**

**Holly 17th November**

**Oak 1st December**

**Pine 15th December**

Class assemblies are from 10.50a.m.—11.10a.m. and parents are welcome.

**Year 5 will lead a Remembrance service on Friday the 10th November in Holy Trinity church at 10a.m. (This will involve only Year 5 and their families)**

**Year 3 will lead the Christmas service in Holy Trinity church on Monday the 18th of December at 2p.m.**

**In Church** - You are welcome to attend the services in Holy Trinity, St Patrick's or Springfield church on a Sunday morning—all of which start at 10.30a.m. and St Patrick's also have a family service at 4pm

**St Patrick's church are holding a Fun Day** at their church tomorrow Saturday 30th September from 11.30a.m. to 2.30pm. Leaflets have been sent with the children.

### **Reminders**

**Parents of new children.** Last academic year we addressed an issue where children using the word 'gay' randomly and without context. You have a letter to explain this to you today.

**Lateness in the morning and at pick-up** Every minute of the day is carefully planned to maximise learning opportunities. Please make sure that children arrive at school on time. There are children who are also persistently late being picked up. Parents will now be sent a warning letter if their child is collected after 3.45pm. After three warning letters, reminding of the system, a fine of £5 will be charged to parents on ParentPay. This will offset staff supervision costs.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please name all of your children's belongings and come in and look for items your child has lost before or after school—located in the corridor outside Elm class

**Illness:** Please remember that if children are ill with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after ceasing to have these symptoms. We are also reminding children about the importance of hand washing. Thank you for your co-operation.

**IMPORTANT:** medicines must not be sent into school with children under any circumstances. If your child needs to take medicine during the day, please bring it to the office with a completed medicine form. This form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the office.

**NUTS**—please note that nuts should not be sent in to school under any circumstances since we have children who are very sensitive to them and can have severe allergic reactions.  
**Healthy snacks**—please can children bring only fruit for snacks at play time. Thank you.

### Newsletters

The newsletter comes out every Friday and will go on the school website for you to look at. All copies of letters also go on the website.

**Tissues and glue** Please can all children bring their own glue stick to school and a box of tissues. Many thanks for your help. It would be a big help to the stock and budget, benefitting everyone. Thank you.

**Swimming**—Oak class are still in need of helpers to walk to Westcroft on Tuesdays at 2pm. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you

**NB Dogs must not be brought on to the school site**