



**Volume 2 Issue 1**  
Happy New Year!

# Trinity Times

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**PFOS**

There will be a PFOS meeting next Friday, 12th January at 9a.m.

## New year, new opportunities...

### Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a good Christmas and enjoyed some rest and family time, with the inevitable charades, monopoly and Boxing day walk in the fresh air!

### Year 3 Christmas Carol service

#### 18th of December

Thank you to all who came to see and hear the wonderful performance of the nativity story on the 18th of December.

The children acted out the story beautifully and sang their songs really superbly. There were some lovely new elements to the story (a learner shepherd boy, a dancing camel, a reassuring angel) and it was a lovely way to celebrate just before term ended. Well done year 3!

### Christmas gift day and school lunch 19th of December

There was certainly much excitement on the 19th of December with PFOS running Gift Day and the majority of school enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner in an extended lunch hour!

Not only were Christmas jumpers suitably on show, each class took

part in a 'recycling challenge' where they had to decorate a T shirt for their teacher to model and compete in assembly! The designs were truly outstanding and after far-fetched modelling moves by the staff, the competition was won by Beech class with Miss Caluya leading the Eco way. The design was particularly creative with an advent calendar constructed with recycled 'baby' sized socks on the back of the T shirt! Very clever!

This was followed by SuRGe leading assembly, reminding us of the real meaning of Christmas, so all was well!

### 4th January 2018

We began the term together this year in assembly, thinking about the fact that the year will bring some planned events and some unplanned events and how we approach the year. We looked at the bible being a guide to those who choose to follow it, and compared it to one of those superb design making kits with lots of very intricate pieces, which when put together following the instructions correctly, become an amazing array of vehicles, etc... Each of us are made as a special 'kit' and we can follow the makers instructions.

In our Tuesday assemblies this year we will be looking at what we are aiming to achieve in our whole curriculum. We call it our aspirational curriculum.

Fundamental to the school journey at key stage 2 is aiming to make English and Maths skills as strong as possible. With strength in these two subjects, they open up many opportunities for future careers and jobs. We will also be looking at the fact that we learn about other key skills and subjects so that we can begin to see and understand not only the world around us, but begin to see where each person's interests and skills are, which may prompt ideas about how best to use those skills in the future.

In our Tuesday assemblies we will be looking at how some careers have started, seeking to encourage and inspire the children with possibilities for enjoying learning and making the most of their own skills.

### Newsletters

Early next week each year group will have published their spring term's newsletter on the new website. You will notice that each year group uses the phrase '*stunning starter*' and '*excellent ending*'. These are to engage interest and celebrate learning each term. We hope you find this information useful.

School uniform We try very hard to make sure that as lost property accumulates that it is returned to the correct owner. This is only possible if the uni-

## Golden Book

Year 3: Arek Korytkowski, Kennady Ashman and Summer-Louse Cowell for fantastic reading over the Christmas holidays. Ghizal Azizyar, Harry Beech-Gomm, Max Brain, Ruby Guainere, Mayon Kalubowila,

Erin Matheson, Amber Murray, Keiran Pate, Petar Petrov, Isla Quar-rington, Nancy Saunder and Jaidon Nelson for excellent reading during the holidays.

Year 4: Estella Clark, Emma Pradais, Chloe Moorcock, Anishka

Vijaya, Oscar Verlander, Lexi Brady and Alexander Hawkins for their reading over Christmas and recording it in their reading diaries every day.

**Well Done Everyone!**

### Thinking Board

Reflective question: What is the Best book you have Read?

Last term questions and answers:

RQ--What do you love about Christmas?

I love spending time with my family, and Jesus being born - Eleanor Year 4

What is the most important lesson to learn as a child? - Don't let the little things get you down- Stephanie Y6

What do you love doing that makes you feel happiest? - Hugging my mum and working with Mr Jones - Izzy Y4

Mystery Photo - Nizzar Year 6, was the first to guess it was a pencil.

Next weeks questions

Can you feel happy and sad at the same time?

What is the most wonderful thing to have ever happened to you?

## Other news...

form is named. At the end of term there was a whole black bin bag of new, unnamed uniform in lost property. This was washed and is now available for sale on a Wednesday before or after school. **PLEASE NAME school uniform.**

### Use of social media -School dinner issue—update

You will recall that there had been an issue regarding school meals which was aired on Facebook before it was discussed with anyone at school. I am pleased to update you that a meeting took place before Christmas, where the issues of concern were discussed in the right forum with the right people. This gave an opportunity for each person to have their views heard and understood, which was very helpful indeed. Outcomes were agreed.

On our website you will find a link to School Meals. This also leads to a link to Caterlink, where parents may complete a survey to give feedback to the company and also includes other contact details. **If parents have any other questions or concerns about any other issues, please come to talk to us directly. I will write more about this in future weeks.**

**NB** the school meals menu is published on our website. Please make sure that your child knows what is on the menu and can make a suitable choice every day.

In school, staff also make sure that the children know what the choice is. Children need to listen carefully. If they find that they do not like the food they have chosen for the day, there is always extra bread and salad available so a child need not be hungry. We have addressed this in school in each class. Please reinforce this message at home.

### Becoming an Academy

**We would like to invite you to attend a meeting where we would like to consider the possibility of converting to an academy. At the meeting we will explain what this could mean for the school and it will enable parents to ask any questions that they would like to, or make any points that they would like to be taken in to consideration. The meeting will be on the 22nd January at 7pm. at the school.**

### Want to be a Rock Star? - Reminder

Last term, as part of a drive to improve knowledge of times tables, we introduced a new IT programme called Times Tables Rock Stars. Each child can have their own 'Rock Star name' and can work through various stages of stardom... until at last...they become the ultimate Rock Star! EVERY child in Spruce and Elm have engaged with this, which is superb. Overall, 96% of Year 4 are using the programme, 90% of Year 6, but only 58% of Year 3 and 56% of Year 5! Come on Year 3 and 5...get your guitars out and play your way to fame (and great times tables knowledge)!

### Reading Reward—reminder

Please encourage your child to be involved in the reading reward scheme now that we have a new term beginning. Remember that for those who complete it there will be a reward at the end of each half term. If children struggle to complete the challenge at home they can be supported to do so in school, but must complete their reading record to show that they are reading. It is 'cool' to read widely!



Inset days for 17-18  
Friday 25th May 2018  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED GLASSES WHICH COULD HELP VISION AID OVERSEAS

Holy Trinity Church are collecting unwanted glasses, so please bring them in to school where we will collect them up for the church—there is a box in our reception area.

Thank you—we now have about a dozen pairs of glasses so far!

### Dates for your diary:

**22nd January—Academy meeting**  
**24th and 31st January 6pm—8pm**

**Sutton Uplift—two workshops on wellbeing—for parents and carers. Please see the leaflets.**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 2pm- 3pm.**

**We are hosting an e-safety workshop for parents, run by the NSPCC. More information will be available next week.**

**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

### Reminders

**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.

**Infectious illness:** Please make sure that you inform the office if your child has an infectious illness such as chicken pox, measles, slapped cheek.

**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 named 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.

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