



Dear Parents/Carers

Term 4 Value - Compassion

We hope you had a good half term! We continue with our value Perseverance and specifically for term 4 we will be including the value of Compassion in our work. Compassion can be defined as 'sympathy or concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others' or more literally means 'to suffer together'. Perhaps you'll include the topic of compassion in your chats at home. There are lots of resources on the internet to help including TED talks which you might find interesting.

Today's newsletter includes an interview with our Chair of Governors conducted by the School Council along with more news from the School Council—who've produced their own newsletter published in here too.

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 1st March. As a community we're not dressing up but we will have a second hand book sale which is being organised by Sue Sleigh and the PTA. Please bring in any good quality and age appropriate books which you're happy to pass on (and would be happy to receive back!) and pop them under the covered area near to the Year 5 classroom. Books will be for sale during the school day for 50p. We often don't receive enough books for our older readers so these will be especially appreciated. Thank you.



Don't forget the Class 1 Bake Sale today including Allergy Friendly table!



The House with the most points this week across the whole school is **Earth!** Well done **Earth** and enjoy your extra play time today!

Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded 'Star of the Week' for week ending 23rd February 2018:

- Reception— Lexie for super progress with her reading and writing.
- Class 1— Sophia for showing perseverance and independence in her maths and phonics.
- Class 2P — Tommy for completing his precision monitoring and an excellent attitude in school.
- Class 2W — Hafsa for settling in so well. You should be very proud of yourself!
- Class 3— Ellis for his enthusiasm in our maths tasks this week.
- Class 4— Harry for contributing well in Maths lessons this week.
- Class 5— Emily for working hard to achieve her targets.
- Class 6— Ellen for having a fantastic week in school after half term.

Holy Trinity CE Primary School take safeguarding very seriously. If you have a concern, please do not hesitate to report to our designated staff;

Mrs P. O'Brien, Mrs J. Griffith, Miss S. Harding, Mrs V. Woods.

Meet the Governor

This week, our Chair of Governors, Aileen Boaler, met with the School Council. School Council members asked Mrs Boaler lots of good questions:

Noah asked: How did you become a Governor?

I have got four children and they've all come through Holy Trinity school. I got to know about the school by volunteer reading and PTA work. I heard about the Governors and wanted to find out more. I found out that there are different types of Governors:

- I. Parent Governors (voted in by other parents)
- II. Staff Governors (voted in by other staff members)
- III. Diocesan (Church) Governors (recommended through the Diocese)
- IV. Foundation Governors (voted in by PCC/Church members)
- V. Local Authority Governors (recommended through RBWM and the school)

I'm a church governor so the church asked me to be a Governor 5 years ago. Usually you sign up to being a Governor for 4 years.

Edward asked: What do you do as Chair of Governors?

It's a bit like being a Team Leader. We have different kinds of meetings as Governors then we all come together and I make sure all the other Governors are doing their job too. So we meet as a School and Standards committee to discuss the curriculum and assessment. We find out about all the wonderful things that are happening in school and make plans to make it even better. There is also a Finance committee that looks at how much money we have and how we are spending it.

The Chair of Governors meets with the Headteacher and looks after all the Governors to make sure they all do their role.

Demi asked: Is this your main job? What days do you work?

I'm lucky that my main job is looking after my children. Sometimes I come in to school for an hour to meet with the Headteacher or other Governors but this week I've been in every day! I'm new to the role so I'm learning at the moment which means I'm spending more time in school.

Sadie asked: How many Governors are there?

There are 13 Governors at the moment:

2 Diocesan Governors

5 Foundation Governors

2 parent Governors

1 Local Authority Governor

2 staff Governors

And 1 Associate Member

Grace asked: Do all schools have Governors?

No different schools run in different ways. Church schools like ours have Church Governors whereas schools that are not Church schools don't have to have Church members on the Governing Board. If the school is an academy, they don't have to have Governors but they do have a board of executives that run the school more like a business.

Zara asked: What do you enjoy the most about your role?

I love coming in to school and seeing all the children and how they enjoy all the things we're putting in place. It's great to see how well things are working. Like talking to you all today.



Meet the Governor cont...

Bowen asked: What's the most important part of your job?

I think making sure that we do everything we've promised to do – we set ourselves goals and plan how to achieve them. Also making sure that we're doing all the things that we must be doing legally and that the government require of us.

Oliver asked: Do you sometimes feel the pressure?

Yes sometimes, but there are lots of us so we share the problems and talk to each other and the advisors in the Local Authority. It can be tricky but asking for advice is really helpful.

Max asked: Is it hard work?

Yes, it can be – if there are difficult situations. You're asking the Governors to do things for free, to volunteer their time and they've got to fit things in their busy life. It's also hard when there's not much money – school budgets are reducing but they still need to deliver all the great things.

Chloe asked: Can being a Governor be boring?

There are always things you're not as keen on but most of the time it's exciting as we're hopefully making a difference.

Manika asked: How much do you get paid to be Chair of Governors?

I don't get paid anything! All governors volunteer their time to help the school. They do it to give something back to the school. You feel good rather than get paid.

Year 2 Admission Numbers

Due to a continued demand for school places, the Governing Board agreed to increase the admissions number for the Year 2 cohort from 50 to 54 at their last board meeting. This year group is now full.

Governors will be keeping a close eye on applications and if there is more in-area demand, may consider a further increase to 60 (2 classes of 30) in due course.

If you have any questions please contact the school office in the first instance, who can put you in contact with our Admissions Committee.

Bags 2 School

Thank you for all your donations for Bags 2 School.

You raised over £130 for the PTA.

News just in—you can now include towels, bed linen and curtains in future bags (even though it says not to on the bags themselves). As we are paid by weight, including these items in future is good news!



Year 3 Netball

We took an all year 3 team to a years 3 & 4 netball tournament at The Marist on Wednesday after school. We played in the Hi 5 section of the tournament, with some of our team having never played netball before. They played brilliantly and with great enthusiasm. We played 5 games, losing two and drawing the other 3. Overall we came third. Well done to Freddie R, Grace, Lina, Maahir, Sadie, Sophia and Sophie B.



Thank of the Week

Where do thoughts come from? **Year 6**

Check out www.thunks.co.uk for more thanks to chat about at home.

Items sent home via pupil post:

London Wetlands Centre School Trip—Reception and Year 1



HT School Council Newsletter

Fantastic Fundraising!

We have raised over £1,690 for School in a Bag. That means we can send at least 84 bags to



children in disaster affected areas of the world. Luke will be coming back to talk to us about where the bags will go and how we can track them.

A huge thank you to everyone for all the efforts that have been put into arranging the fundraising, collecting the money, donating the money and counting it all!

Recognition goes to Year 6 who raised £511—amazing!

What a fantastic effort for a great cause. Well done everyone!

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Investors in Pupils

As a school we are working towards achieving the award 'Investors in Pupils'. This involves making sure that all pupils are involved in the school and are empowered to be involved in decision making. It also involves the pupils finding out about the roles of adults and how the school runs; the budget and how it's spent, the leadership of the school including the



Governors. Look out for more information in the school newsletter.

Remember to ask your families to donate their Green Redeem points towards fundraising for our Spiritual Garden.



If you have any ideas to make our school even better then speak to your class rep.

Nothing is impossible!

PTA Update

Don't forget Year 1 Bake Sale today after school! All money will go directly towards something for that class so don't forget your coins!

- Greenredeem - please sign up for this - it's free of charge and a great way for the school to fundraise for the Spritual Garden. You just enter your details, your home address and the school and the rest is done for you!
<https://www.greenredeem.co.uk/>
- Easyfundraising - as for Greenredeem it's easy and if you use it when buying online the retailers give money back to the school.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>
- GDPR - you may be aware of upcoming General Data Protection Regulation to which the school and the PTA must adhere. Look out for sign up sheets in your classrooms for you to allow us to continue to communicate with you! We will be holding a meeting on the 23rd April at 8pm to discuss this with your class reps and any parents who would like to understand or contribute more on this!

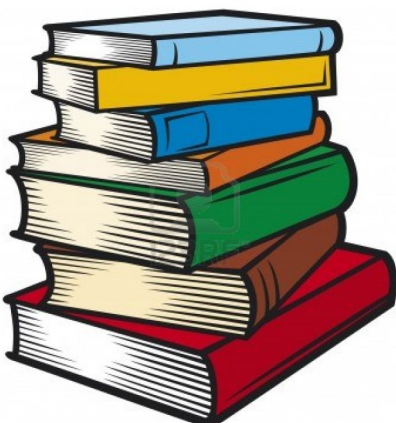
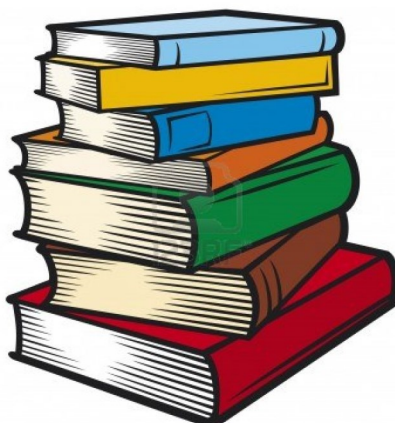
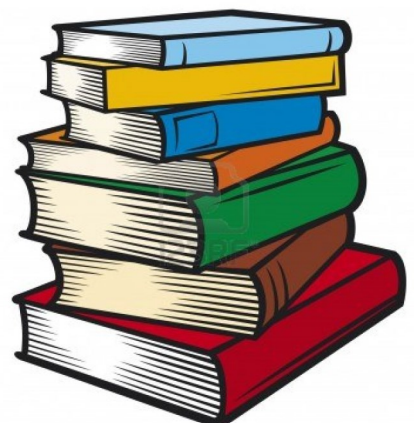
Future Events

World Book Day donations for next Thursday - **please leave your good quality books under the covers by the double doors into the school in the playground. Books need to be appropriate for the ages of the children in the school. Thanks to Sue Sleigh for agreeing to organise this once again for our children.**

- 9th March - Reception Bake Sale
- 23rd March - Year 4 Bake Sale
- 12th March - PTA Meeting 8-8.50 at school. We welcome mums,dads, carers etc and anyone wanting to give something back to the school. We will go through upcoming events and would appreciate your input and ideas for these.
- 28th March - Easter Egg Hunt (during the day at school). We need volunteers to help run this so please let Andi know if you can help?

Thank you as always for all your help and support.

Andi, Belle,Michelle, Karen, Jo and Mark (PTA Committee).

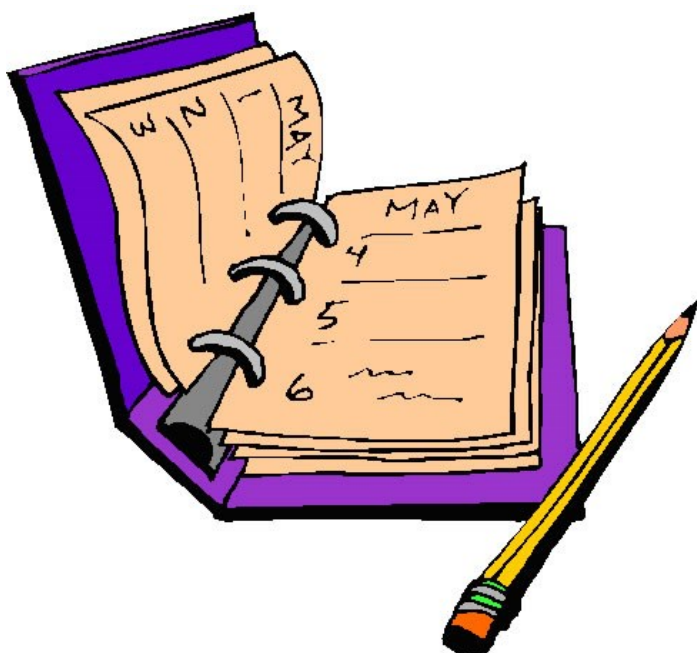


Future dates —all dates are correct as at today's date but are subject to change. More information will be given ahead of all events. Please keep an eye on the website as this is where any last minute changes will be advertised.

Spring 2018

Fri 23rd Feb—Year 1 Bake Sale
Thurs 1st March—2W Class Assembly—9.15am
Thurs 1st March—World Book Day PTA Book Sale—School Hall
Fri 2nd March—2P Class Assembly—9.15am
Mon 5th March—Thurs 8th March—Y5 Bikeability
Tues 6th March—Trip to the London Wetlands Centre—Reception and Year 1
Tues 6th March—Y5 & Y6 Netball at Charters—3.30—5pm
Fri 9th March—Year 1 Class Assembly—9.15am
Fri 9th March—Reception Class Bake Sale
Mon 12th March—PTA Meeting 8pm
Tues 13th March—Parent Consultation Meetings
Thurs 15th March—Parent Consultation Meetings
Fri 16th March—Prayer Group—9am All Welcome. Meet in School Reception.
Fri 16th March—Reception Class Assembly
Tues 20th March—Easter Service Rec, 2P, Y3 and Y5 9.30am Holy Trinity Church
Wed 21st March—Easter Service Y1, 2W, Y4 and Y6 9.30am Holy Trinity Church
Fri 23rd March—Y4 Bake Sale
Weds 28th March—PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Mon 23rd April—PTA Meeting—GDPR Compliance
Tues 1st May—School Council Trip to Buckingham Palace

Please see significant dates for the **Summer term** on the website.



Term Dates

2017/2018 Academic Year

Term 3

Term Starts 03.01.2018

Term Ends 09.02.2018

February Holiday

12.02.2018 to 16.02.2018

Term 4

Inset Day 19.02.2018

Term Starts for Pupils 20.02.2018

Term Ends 29.03.2018 **2PM**

Spring Holiday

30.03.2018 to 13.04.2018

Term 5

Term Starts: 16.04.2018

Term Ends: 25.05.2018

May Holiday

28.05.2018 to 01.06.2018

Term 6

Term Starts: 04.06.2018

Term Ends for Pupils: 20.07.2018

Inset Day: 23.07.2018

Inset Day: 24.07.2018 **2PM**

Please do not book holidays or family days during term time. Thank you.

WINDSOR CASTLE



Family Saturdays in March

WORLD BOOK DAY

3 and 10 March

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Family Saturdays this month focus on World Book Day. Listen to special stories in the State Apartments and come dressed as your favourite book character to claim a memento.

On Saturday, 3 March, our storyteller will be Olivia Armstrong. On Saturday, 10 March, we will be joined by John White.

Storytelling sessions will take place at 11:30, 13:30 and 14:30.

There's a Dragon on the Castle

On Saturday, 3 March, there will also be a special storytelling session at 12:30 brought to us by the Royal Borough's Library Service. Discover the best dragon books to get your reading roaring ahead!

No booking required. Storytelling run on a drop-in basis.





SPRING FAMILY RACEDAY

Sunday 25th March 2018

ASCOT RACECOURSE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**Team up with friends and family for an exciting day out at Ascot Racecourse
whilst raising money for your school.**

In support of local schools, Ascot Racecourse is offering a fundraising ticket offer for its Family Raceday on Sunday 25th March 2018.

Queen Anne Enclosure tickets can be booked at the advanced booking price of £25
and for each ticket sold £5 will go directly to your school.

Accompanied children are admitted free.



The Spring Family Raceday features an afternoon of highly competitive racing alongside a range of demonstrations and activities for all ages. With children under 18 admitted free of charge and something for all ages, it's a fun family day out.

Falconry Display • Gun Dog Display • Ferret Racing • Quack Pack • Bygone Country Skills
Arts and Crafts • Face Painting • Pony Rides • Petting Zoo • Jugglers • Balloon Modellers

Come and meet: Peter Rabbit • Ascot Greencoat Bear • Scotty the Ascot Mascot

*Adult Queen Anne Enclosure tickets: £25
(including £5 donation to your school).*

*Accompanied children go free
to all Ascot Racedays.*

*All raceday activities and performances
are free of charge.*

COLTS & FILLIES CLUB



Younger racegoers may wish to join the Colts and Fillies Club, our free club for all children aged 17 & under (www.coltsandfillies.co.uk for further information and joining details)

Benefits Include:

Membership Pack (a metal membership badge, a pen and welcome booklet)

Colts and Fillies cap to collect on your first visit to the races

Dedicated family days each year with entertainment for the whole family

The opportunity to be a racehorse owner with our Club Horse for 2018, Miss Inga Sock

Raceday activities exclusively for Colts & Fillies members

A chance to meet and have your picture taken with Scotty, the club mascot

Dedicated Colts & Fillies viewing area around the Parade Ring, reserved for members

Newsletters with all the latest news, events, competitions and visits

Trips on non racedays to equine attractions, trainer's yards and stud farms

Competitions for prizes, days out and special events



ONLINE BOOKING

To book please go to ascot.co.uk and select to book tickets for The Spring Family Raceday on 25th March 2018. Above the ticket choices is a box labelled 'Enter your promotional code' enter the following code HTSCHOOL and then continue to follow the booking instructions*.

Please remember to add your code as this will ensure that your school benefits from your booking.

Alternatively you can book directly with the sales office by calling **0344 346 3000** and quoting your school's code.

*Booking fee applies – Online orders £1 per booking, telephone orders £3 per booking with standard delivery.

Further information - Jayne McWilliam on 0344 3463621 or jayne.mcwilliam@ascot.co.uk