

The last few weeks of term seemed to fly by ever faster, but were incredibly busy with different events and saying goodbye to our Year 6 children.

Year 5/6 Production - Year 5 & 6 took part in an amazingly polished and incredible Production called “Fleeced,” which told the adventures of Jason and the Argonauts whilst searching for the Golden Fleece. The singing and dancing were phenomenal and the children acted their roles confidently and with evident enjoyment. The people behind the scenes were also efficient at making sure the correct music was ready at the right times and that props were on stage! All of our Year 5 & 6 children worked incredibly hard and showed their ability to work as a team during the practising and performing of this Production and I think it’s fair to say parents and grandparents were very impressed by the end result. Thank you to all the Year 6 staff team, who also worked hard at ensuring the children had this wonderful opportunity of taking part in a play; special thanks go to Mrs Langhorn, who took a major role in supporting the acting and Mrs Punt, who choreographed the dances and supported the dancers! Many thanks also to Mrs Hosking and Mrs Briamonte, who did the make up on both nights and also to Mrs Morgan and Emily Church, who made our props.

Camping Evening - We then had the excitement of our first “Camping Night” which we thought would attract about 30 parents and children. It ended up with over 100 parents and children enjoying the evening together, barbecuing, roasting marshmallows, singing, looking at the stars through a telescope, chatting and enjoying each other’s company and sleeping overnight in tents! Everyone really enjoyed the night and I would like to thank all parents and children who were able to come to this – what a great night we all had! A huge, huge thank you to Ms Brewerton and Mr Halsey, who both worked incredibly hard running this event, organising it brilliantly and really making sure it was so successful. Your hard work especially behind the scenes was much appreciated. Thank you also to governors and parents who helped sign families in, barbequed the food, lead the singing, monitored the safety of children around the fire pit and many other tasks on the night. The children’s behaviour was impeccable throughout this event. All the feedback has been so positive both from children and their parents and we are considering running this again next year!



Cups Worship - Congratulations to our winners of cups and awards this year. We present cups for academic sporting, acting and musical achievement. A cup is awarded to one child in each Year group for their attitudes to learning, their behaviour and effort, as well as for 4 children throughout school whose behaviour reflect our values in Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect and Teamwork. We also have cups for three Year 6 children, who staff believe have demonstrated these values consistently throughout their time at Holy Trinity. It is an extremely difficult decision to select the winners for our cups, as there are so many deserving children in school.



Congratulations this year to Jack (Reception), Josie (Year 1), Cameron (Year 2), Dulcie (Year 3), Maile (Year 4) Frankie (Year 5) and Bea (Year 6) for the Year group awards; Values Cups this year went to Daisy (Year 6) for Perseverance, Freddie (Year 5) for Aspiration, Ellie (Year 3) for Respect, Lucas (Year 2) for Teamwork; Holy Trinity Year 6 Headteacher & Assistant Headteachers' Cups for Behaviour, Attitudes and Values were awarded to Grace V, Will B and Christian. The Musical Awards for Singing went to Ava (Year 5) and Performing to Francesca S (Year 5) For sporting success, the football shield was awarded to Dylan (Year 5), the cricket cup to Harry F (Year 5), the cross country cup to Grace D (Year 6), the netball cup to Jennifer (Year 6), the girl's football shield to Sophie R (Year 5) the Athletics Cup to George A (Year 6) and the Marathon All Rounder Sporting Shield to Oscar K (Year 6).

Finally the last day of term arrived and the children were very excited to see two inflatable slides on our school field! This is a treat for all our children, which was much enjoyed by everyone! Thank you parents for supporting our three dress down days this year, as this money paid for the use of the inflatables and the photo booth for our Year 6 Leavers. Our winning House Donaldson, also enjoyed their House treat of being allowed on the slides in the last hour of the day and ice lollies as their reward for working so hard this term! As you can see in the photos below all the children thoroughly enjoyed their session on the slides!





Staffing –We said goodbye to Mrs Dann, who is leaving us after nine years to take up her new post at another local school. She will be very much missed by children, staff and parents and we thank her for the enormous contribution she has made to the success of our school over a number of years. I would especially like to thank Mrs Dann for being such a wonderful Inclusion Manager over the last two years and an important part of our Senior Leadership Team, supporting school improvement. We all wish you well in your new post!



We also said goodbye to Mr Whinder and Mrs Kilduff, who are both leaving us to take up new posts as teachers. We wish them good luck. We also said goodbye to Mrs Eckroyd and Mrs Whinder, who kindly stepped into the breach in the Summer Term, to teach Maple Class. Thank you for looking after our children so well, they have enjoyed having you both as their teachers this term. We will be welcoming Mrs Howard to our teaching team. She will be working in Maple Class in Year 4 with Mrs Smitherman. We are also very pleased that Mrs Norman will be returning to Holy Trinity following her maternity leave.

We are also currently recruiting for two term time, part time posts for Learning Support Assistants / MMS posts. Details are on the West Sussex School Jobs Website and on our school website. We are also advertising a term time part time post for a Finance Assistant.

School Uniform – Our school uniform remains the same, except parents are now able to purchase PE shirts for their child in the house colour and with the name of their house on it. Going forward this will be very useful on Sports Day and when our children play inter school / house matches.

Please may I remind Year 5 & 6 parents that the expectation is that our children should wear black school shoes for the whole of the school year, as a minority of children started to wear trainers in the Summer term. Our uniform policy is very clear and the expectation is that all parents support school in this throughout the year, as in the Home School Agreement. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Clubs – Sign Up for school clubs for the Autumn Term is now open. You can find a clubs letter on our website that contains a link to Sign Up Genius to request a place for your child.

http://www.holytrinity-cuckfield.w-sussex.sch.uk/website/clubs_activities/303899

Please be advised that clubs run by external providers are not administered by school, so links on Sign Up Genius will take you directly to the suppliers. Please remember if your child is in a club and unable to attend one week, you must contact the supplier directly to advise them.

We would also like to start a Board Games Club at Holy Trinity for our children during a lunch time for 30 minutes a week. We would really welcome parent volunteers in running that club. If you are able to help, please pop into the office. Day of the week to suit any volunteers willing to help!

We will be sending out letters again to parents of Year 3 & 4 children, so you can advise us if you wish your child to wait for you at their classroom, or if you wish them to meet you in a pre-arranged place in the school grounds. Please also advise us in good time, if you are running late to collect your child, as office staff need time to pass on the message to your child and their teacher in the classroom.

Speaking to your child's teacher - May I please remind parents that teachers are unable to discuss your child or any concerns you may have, at the start of the school day when the doors open for children to come into school. It is essential your child's teacher is able to supervise the children in their class at that time. If you have an urgent matter to discuss with your child's teacher in the morning, please go to the school office at 8.30am and the office staff will alert your child's teacher. Alternatively, if you prefer you could ask office staff to pass a message on to your child's teacher and they will be happy to telephone you at break or lunchtime. Teachers are always very happy to meet with parents after school, to discuss any concerns they may have.

Key Stage 2 Pencil Cases – as per last year we would really appreciate Key Stage 2 parents supplying their children with a small pencil case (to fit in their tray), containing a glue stick, highlighters, two blue berol handwriting pens, staedtler pencils, a sharpener and pencil crayons, as well as a 30cm ruler to use in school. Thank you for your support.

Curriculum Meetings – These will take place after school during the first and second week of term in the **school hall** for Years 1- 6.

Catering Company – As parents will be aware, we have now changed our lunch provider to Harrisons. We are looking forward to tasting the new lunches. I hope you and your child enjoyed looking through the menu provided by Harrisons. Feedback was very positive by parents on the sampling afternoon in July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018 – 2019 - correct at time of issue (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

Autumn TERM 2018 (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

INSET DAYS 2018 – 2019 Monday 3rd September, Friday 23rd November, Monday 25th June, Monday 3rd June, Friday 5th July

Tuesday 4th September – 3.30pm – Year 5/6 Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 5th September – 3.30pm - Year 3 Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 6th September – 3.30pm - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

Friday 7th September – 3.30pm - Year 4 Curriculum Meeting

Monday 10th September – 3.30pm - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting

Friday 21st September – Jeans for Genes Day

Wednesday 26th September – 2.30pm – Reception Phonics meeting for parents in the school hall

Wednesday 3rd October – No Pens Day

Monday 8th October Harvest Services at Holy Trinity Church - 9.30am Key Stage 2, 10.30am – Years 1 & 2

Monday 15th October – Individual & sibling photographs

Monday 16th October – individual photographs

Friday 19th October – Dress Down Day for Inflatables

Monday 12th November – Anti Bullying Week

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day

Wednesday 21st November – Open Afternoon 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Monday 26th November & Wednesday 28th November – Parent Consultations

Monday 3rd December – Carols around the tree

Friday 7th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Performance for Grandparents & Parents with babies / toddlers

Tuesday 11th December – House Treat

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th – Nativity Performances 9.30am & 2.00pm

Monday 17th December – Interim Reports to go out

Tuesday 18th December – Party Day

Wednesday 19th December – Christingle Services – Reception & Years 1 & 2 9.30am & Key Stage 2- 10.30am

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas lunch