

Well, we have all settled down to a new academic year quickly and smoothly. Looking at the Reception children, they look as though they have been in school a lot longer than the half a term that they have actually been in school! We have already started tours for Reception 2019 and prospective parents viewing school have been amazed at how settled and happy our children have looked. Our older children have also settled into their new classes with new teachers extremely well and have set off to work showing very positive attitudes to learning. Prospective parents have all commented on the excellent behaviour they have seen by our children, but also remarked on how happy our children are in school.

Staffing - We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Goodchild, who has worked in our office and as a finance assistant at Holy Trinity for five years. We thank her for all the commitment, loyalty and support she has given to children, staff and parents over the years. We welcome Mrs Proctor to the role of office and finance assistant. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Tighe, who has worked as a Learning Support Assistant in school for the last three years, as she is completing her degree. We welcome Mrs Luff and Mrs Wallis to our Learning Support Assistant team.

Parking – Please can all parents ensure they park safely and considerately, to support good relationships between school and the local community. Several residents have justifiably complained when parents have parked in front of their drive ways, blocking them in. No stopping or parking on the yellow zig zag lines please, as this is dangerous for others walking to school or trying to cross the road. May I also remind parents not to park in the doctor's surgery car park when dropping off or picking up children.

Children after school –Children are welcome to play on the school field after school as long as there isn't a school club using the field, but they must be fully supervised by their parents during this time. I would also ask parents with younger children, who are waiting inside the school foyer whilst a sibling does a school club, to please bring something with them to amuse the younger children. Children should not be running around the foyer, or screaming loudly, as teachers and office staff are still working and cleaners are busy making sure school is ready for the following morning.

Reception “ Out and About! ”





Year 1 – Year 1 children have been very busy practising their phonics in their reading and writing. We are all very proud of their handwriting! The children are really enjoying their key text “Traction Man.”



Year 2 – Year 2 are learning to edit their work and respond to teacher marking. We are so pleased with the cursive and joined handwriting and their understanding of place value; they are learning to identify the number of tens and ones in numbers. The children are learning to use adjectives to make their writing interesting and to include full stops and capital letters accurately.



Year 3 – Year 3 are adapting well to the demands of the junior curriculum. They are learning to split 3 digit numbers into place value columns and working hard at their spellings. The children have enjoyed working together on writing and performing a recount of their core text “The Tin Forest.”



Arthur concentrating on his balance!

Year 4 - The children have enjoyed reading their core text “Oliver and the Seawigs.” They are writing leaflets on how to keep a sea monkey! In maths the children are practising their times tables and learning to add and subtract 10,000, 1,000, and 100 from a given number.



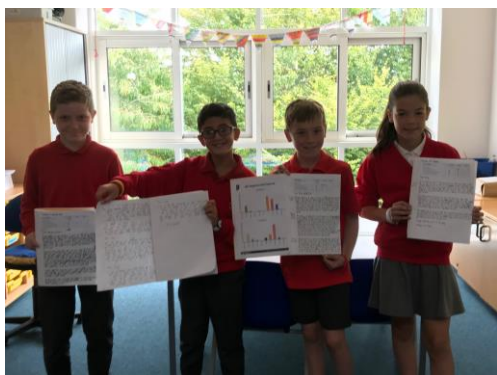
Kaylin and Cara are practising times tables playing “Shoot the Sherriff!”



Year 4 recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Seven Sisters Country Park as part of their Geography studies. The weather was perfect as we walked over the Downs, looking for evidence of erosion and deposition in the river meanders, as well as discovering the site of an Anglo-Saxon village abandoned after a plague epidemic. Then, after lunch, we descended to the river mouth to study old photographs showing how the Seven Sisters cliffs had eroded and how the course of the river had been completely

changed (and a canal built) by Victorian engineers to speed up the unloading of cargo. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who helped out on the day.

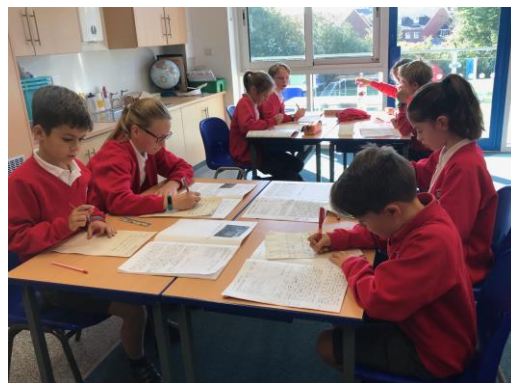
Year 5/6 – The Year 5 / 6 children have been particularly gripped with their core text “Stay Where You Are and Then Leave,” a book set during World War I. The children thoroughly enjoyed their “hands on” workshop earlier in the term and have already produced some excellent writing. They are currently writing Remembrance poems and using water paints to reproduce paintings of poppies.



Dylan, Yaseen, Harry and Erin are proud of their writing!



Lucy and Lucy, concentrating hard on their paintings of poppies.



Sophie, Alex, Daniel and Sophie re – drafting their poems.

Year 6 had a very memorable residential this year! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and apparently (according to the tales of our children) the 3G swing is even higher than it was last year! We are hearing many of the motivational camp fire songs sung around school with great gusto!



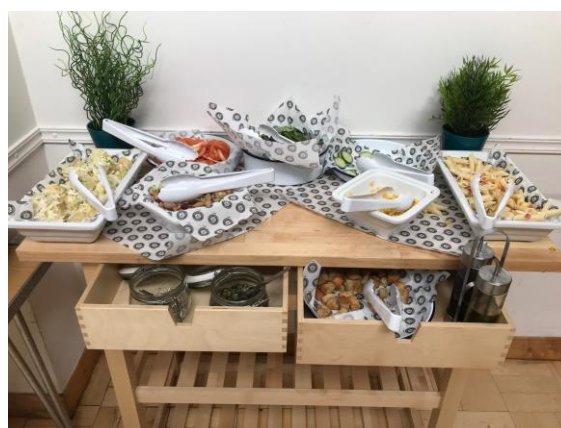
Year 6 enjoying their time on the beach!

We would also like to congratulate our Year 3 / 4 children who took part in a cross country festival this week.



Congratulations to Megan, Kit, Raffy, Zeph, Noah, Holly, Samantha and Fiona

We are delighted with our new catering company Harrisons, who have been providing our hot school lunches since September. Our children have been very positive about the lunches being cooked by our kitchen staff; the brightly coloured salad cart is particularly sought after, along with the lime jellies, Banoffee desserts and the choices of fresh fruit!



Harvest Service – Thank you so much to the many parents who were able to join us for our Harvest Services. The children sang, read their poems and prayers and acted out stories beautifully during both Services. I would like to thank parents for their generosity in supporting local families through food donations as well as monetary donations towards Father Nicholas' charity. Please see Father Michael's message below:

"MANY THANKS to all who contributed to our Harvest appeal. All of the goods you provide enable our local charity **Family Support Work** to help those families within our community who struggle to survive. The charity is always open to gifts of food, biscuits, tea, coffee, pasta etc. together with household items like soap powder/liquid, etc. and donated items can be left in the blue box in the tower of Holy Trinity Church. We would also like to thank those who generously gave money at our Harvest celebrations to Tariro, the Zimbabwean children and young people's charity we have also been supporting."



Morning Drop Off – There are an increasing number of children being dropped off at school very early. May I remind parents that Reception and Key Stage 1 children should be accompanied until their teacher opens the door at 8.45am. No child should be in the grounds at 8.20am. School doors open at 8.45am and until that time parents are responsible for their children, unless they are a Year 5/6 Prefect.

Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

07:09:18

Chestnut –Benji, Damson – Darcey, Elder – Harriet, Hawthorn –Leo, Juniper –Jaxon, Lime – Rosie Mae, Maple –Oliver, Oak –Emma, Pine –Arlo, Silver Birch –Mohamad, Willow – Evie



14:09:18

Chestnut – Rohan, Damson –Violet, Elder - Xavier, Hawthorn –Riley, Juniper –Lucas, Lime -Emily, Maple –Theo, Oak –Ava, Pine –Henry, Silver Birch - Harrison, Willow – Archie



Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

21:09:18

Chestnut – Jenna, Damson – James, Elder –Jacob, Hawthorn –Sophie, Lime –Joshua, Maple –Joseph, Oak –Samantha, Pine –Liv, Silver Birch - Naomi



05:10:18

Chestnut – Eva & Lyla, Damson –Ayana, Elder -Katie, Hawthorn –Indigo, Juniper –, Lime - Mia, Maple –Sunshine, Oak –, Pine –Madison, Silver Birch – Freya, Willow –Maile



Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

12:10:18

Chestnut –Jenna, Damson –David, Elder – Emma, Hawthorn –Max, Juniper –Arthur, Lime – Finn, Maple –Kayden, Oak –Nate, Pine – Molly, Silver Birch – Harleigh, Willow – Lotte



19:10:18

Chestnut –Bobby, Damson –Tilly, Elder,- Joshua, Hawthorn –Amber, Juniper – Mia, Lime - Cameron, Maple – Liam, Oak – Cameron, Pine –Dulcie, Silver Birch -Sofia, Willow –Sam



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 Friday 23rd November, Monday 25th June, Monday 3rd June,
Friday 5th July**

Monday 12th November – Anti Bullying Week

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Day

Wednesday 21st November – Open Afternoon 2.00pm – 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

Wednesday 19th December – End of Term 3.15pm