

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another half term comes to an end it is hard to believe we are now half-way through this academic year – it has certainly flown by. Our assembly was very colourful this morning with Year 3 taking on Victorian personas for their dress-up day and Reception dressed as their favourite people that help us – interesting to see Victorian gentlemen seated next to modern day doctors and police officers! Year 1 left excitedly for their day at Painshill Park, we really hope the weather stays clear for them and they return with lots of stories of their adventures to share.

### **SIAMS**

All Church of England schools undergo regular inspections called SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools), this is similar in nature to an Ofsted inspection but its purpose is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child. Last week we received our five day notice and the inspector spent the day in school on Wednesday. She was incredibly impressed with the children; their participation in worship, their work in RE lessons and their ability to articulate the school's ethos and their thoughts about faith. We look forward to sharing the report with you in two weeks when it is sent to us.

### **Parent Survey**

In the next half term we will be conducting our annual survey of the experience of parents and pupils at Holy Trinity so please look out for this. The more parents that complete the survey, the better a representation we get of the views of you as a whole. The governors use the responses to this survey to identify the topics for discussion at the parents' forum which will be held this year on Thursday 7th June in the evening. The results of discussions at the forum and of the survey are used by the school staff and governors to set priorities and objectives for the school. Your views are very important to us.

### **Years 3 and 4 Football Tournament**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of February ten of our talented pupils represented the school in the Year 3 and 4 Football Festival at Dundonald Primary. Despite the freezing cold temperatures, each individual showed positivity, enthusiasm and a great team spirit. In total they played 4 games; drew two at 1-1 and unfortunately lost two but these were very close and tense matches. Ellis Davies scored both goals, one being taken from the half way line which curled into the top corner of the net. It was incredible! Henry played goalie in one match and made several fabulous saves, diving from side to side and was supported by Tom, Harry & Rafael who played fantastically in defence. Everyone played exceptionally well – Spencer, Charles, Ruby, Krystal & George got stuck in and did lots of sprinting up and down the pitch, making great passes which created lots of goal opportunities. To top off the day, the children walked away with the REFspect award due to them all respecting the rules, officials, opponents, teammates and themselves. The team voted Harry for best Sportsmanship so well done to you all who took part- you have certainly made the school very proud!

### **Healthy School Logo**

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, Mrs Witting and the Healthy School Ambassadors have been running a competition to design a Health & Well-Being logo which will be displayed around school to highlight the importance of looking after our health & wellbeing. Excitingly the winners were announced in this morning's assembly, they are:

First Place: Claudia, Year 5

Runners Up: Lana, Year 6 and Victoria, Year 3

Congratulations to all three winners, your designs were very creative and really encompassed the idea of being healthy and well. We look forward to see Claudia's logo around school.

## HOTs Quiz Night

Please don't forget it is the HOTs annual Quiz Night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and tickets are currently on sale.

### Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
9 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
20 <sup>th</sup> February	8.30 – 3.30	Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	8.30 – 3.30	Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.00am	4H Class Assembly <b>*please note change of date</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.00am	Parent Prayer group
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.30pm	HOTS Quiz Night
26 <sup>th</sup> February		Assessment week begins
1 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00am	IF Class Assembly (Foxes) <b>*please note change of date</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> March	1.45-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher Meetings NB School ends at 1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm	School term ends
16 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer Term starts
20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4 PGL visit to Windmill Hill
May		Year 2 SATS
3 <sup>rd</sup> May		School Closed for Local Election
14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS week begins and Assessment week begins for other years
18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
24 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00 – 9.00pm	Secondary School Information Evening
25 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
4 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET day
5 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
7 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm	Parent Forum
15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 School Journey to France
13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET day

Thank you for all your support this half term in Mrs Rickards' absence, it has been proof again of what we already know – the Holy Trinity community is an incredible thing to be a part of. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break, filled with precious family fun and making memories.

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