



# Holy Trinity CE Primary School Northwood

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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to begin by thanking you all, parents/carers, pupils and staff, for everything that you do. Everyone has had to face further difficult and challenging circumstances – an unexpected start to 2021 – and yet our whole school community has continued to flourish and learn together.

Together our efforts give us hope and strength as we follow a faithful God who patiently and faithfully never gives up on us. Whilst we have been unable to physically come together at this time, we have greatly enjoyed uniting as one Holy Trinity family through collective worship, assemblies and prayer. We would like to take the opportunity of extending a special thanks to the Clergy of Holy Trinity and Emmanuel Churches for their support.

As you will be aware, we are currently unable to provide confirmation of exact details of when all pupils will return to school and resume face-to-face learning. We await the announcement of the Government's 'road-map' to ending the current national lockdown and further DfE guidance. Please be reassured, we will update you at the earliest opportunity of arrangements once confirmed.

Long term planning is difficult and challenging. However, although school will continue to only be open to critical worker / vulnerable families until 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest, we wished to highlight a few forthcoming calendar events.

- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:** The Christian forty-day season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, during half term this year. It begins the day after Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and six and a half weeks before Easter Day. The last week of Lent begins with Palm Sunday which celebrates the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem and people lay palms at his feet. Traditionally, Lent is a time for 'spring-cleaning' our lives and our homes.

As a family, do consider participating in the fun Lent Eco-Challenge mentioned by Tony, our Curate at Holy Trinity Church, during our online worship earlier this week. Details are attached.

- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Deadline for submitting an application for the LDBS Funding Grant in relation to the possible residential educational trips for Years 4, 5 and 6 and also reminder to confirm intention of participation/completion of Google response form. (Letters have been sent to Cedar, Sycamore and Redwood parents/carer with details.)
- **4<sup>th</sup> March - 'Official' World Book Day:** We will celebrate World Book Day once all the children have returned to school. Please look out for a future email but in the meantime, start thinking of ideas for your child(ren)'s costume(s).
- **Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March:** We hope to once again undertake parent consultation meetings virtually through Google Meets video conferencing. The meetings are for parents only, children are not to attend. A separate letter providing more information will follow after half term.

In addition, an important reminder:

**Covid 19 Measures :** Please monitor your children closely over the half term break. If they develop any Covid symptoms within the next 48 hours from being in school (ie. 23:59 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February), please get them tested and alert the school if the test is positive. The school will be closed next week but it is vital to adhere to our school protocol if your child has a positive Covid result within this timeframe.

- Please ensure you contact the school as **your first priority**.
- Email us via [admin@holytrinitynorthwood.org](mailto:admin@holytrinitynorthwood.org) with 'COVID POSITIVE TEST - child's name and class' in the subject heading. It is very important to follow this procedure as only emails of this nature will be searched / viewed whilst the school is closed.
- To avoid any additional anxiety and confusion do not post any details on social media or WhatsApp groups until the school has informed the DFE, parents/carers and staff of the situation.
- Please remember, your household must self-isolate until the result is received for the child displaying symptoms.

We endeavour to ensure that the children enjoy the best education and opportunities possible and your commitment and dedication is sincerely appreciated. We could not have asked for more, you have all worked so hard!

Class teachers will not be setting any extra homework but it would be beneficial for the children to continue to access the Active Learn online reading books and Doodle apps over the half term holiday.

For your information, there will be a slight change of some KS2 support staff for the second half of the Spring Term. Please refer to the updated staffing chart attached.


Once again, thank you for the uplifting messages of appreciation and kindness conveyed to us and our staff team.

Please do take time to rest and relax next week and we look forward to the second half of the term, filled with optimism for the future reunion of our whole community.

*Living and learning together as part of the family of God; we seek to inspire every person to be deeply rooted in their faith and to experience being connected in a loving community - to grow, flourish and bear much fruit.*

*(inspired by John, Chapter 15)*

Kind regards



**Mrs. S. A. Roscoe and Mrs. C. A. Rodenas**  
Heads of School