



Newsletter No. 2: 5th November 2021

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break and warmly welcome back our Holy Trinity School Community to another exciting Autumn Half Term. We are thrilled to have our pupils filling the classrooms with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Many thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support with ongoing school routines.

We are pleased to share news of the successful transition of hot school lunches for our Oak Class / Year 1 and Ash Class / Year 2 pupils from the classroom to the School Hall. The young children were exceptionally adaptable and excited to share meals with their friends.

Drop off reminder: Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Gate closes at 8.45 am. In the event that the Gate has closed, the Main Playground Gate can be used for entry until 8.50 am, otherwise please use the Main School Reception entrance.

Please do take a further few minutes to catch up on our latest news.

Attendance

Congratulations to Willow Class / Year 3 who have achieved the highest level of attendance to date at 97.43%. Each child commendably attained 100% attendance this week! (Reminder: the winning class for the term will enjoy a celebration at the end of term). Other classes with 96% and above attendance are Oak, Ash, Cedar and Redwood Classes, which is a fantastic improvement on last week.

Thank you for all your efforts with supporting our drive to improve attendance. There is a strong link between attendance and a child's well-being, development and academic success and therefore we wish to reinforce these levels by ensuring the highest possible level of attendance, punctuality and involvement in school.

Remember ~ Every School Day Matters

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

E-Safety Presentation for Parents - Tuesday 9th November

We look forward to as many parents/carers as possible attending the very important e-Safety presentation by Mrs Algar next Tuesday, 9th November at 6 pm. To assist with the preparation of the school hall, please confirm whether you are able to attend via the Google link: [E-Safety Presentation Attendance](#). Thank you.

If you are concerned about the safety of any children, please share any concerns with our designated safeguarding leads (Mrs Roscoe and Mrs Rodenas) or in their absence our deputy safeguarding leads (Mrs Morgan and Mr Brown).

Mental Health Support Crisis Lines

Children, young people and their families can get free help, advice and urgent mental health support from 24/7 crisis telephone lines available in every London borough - please click on this link for [contact numbers](#).

Every NHS mental health trust in London has put these in place, so children, young people and their families can get help quickly when they need it. Professionals are also able to access these crisis lines if they are

concerned about or would like advice about a child, young person or family. The crisis lines are supported by trained mental health practitioners, who can offer advice and signpost other sources of support as needed.

Worship

This week in worship Mrs Rodenas has been following the London Diocesan Board for Schools worship calendar and looking at the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Day. We talked about the miracle of the raising of Lazarus and we remembered those that have died and that are special to us.

We will be sending out our 'Values at Home' packs from next week and so the children will have the opportunity to reinforce what they have learnt about in school and complete activities at home. Look out for these next week.

Thank you to those families who were able to join our first Parent Prayer Group meeting this week. Future dates will be published soon.

If parents would like to join the prayer WhatsApp group, please message Mrs Kate Meathrel on: 07890 488781.

Curriculum - Inset Day

All schools must teach Phonics to develop children's early reading and writing. From this term, we will be using 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' for this purpose and would like to say a very big 'thank you' to the PTFA who have funded the programme.

Staff spent part of our inset day on Monday beginning the training and a Phonics workshop will run after Christmas where we hope to be able to share many aspects of the programme with families. We look forward to welcoming you once the date has been confirmed.

Local Information for Parents

Family Fun

ALL are welcome! 'U' rated, animated, film, free of charge, on the afternoon of Saturday 6th November at 3pm at Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood (off Green Lane). *Further information attached.*

Doodle Den Café



The Doodle Den Cafe is now open every Tuesday and Wednesday 4 - 6.30pm, at St Matthew's Church Annexe, Hallowell Road, Northwood. We are a pop-up well-being cafe, here to offer a listening ear in a welcoming and creative environment.

Further information attached.

Brilliant Parents – A Social Enterprise Supports by Hillingdon Council

Hillingdon Council support 'Brilliant Parents' to provide guidance for parents through a Parent Champion network and are currently looking to expand their team of Parent Champion Volunteers.

Their volunteers are parents and all receive training to understand the key principles of Triple P parenting, ASD and ADHD, Trauma Informed Practise and Safeguarding along with group talks from local community organisations, Hillingdon's Targeted Adolescents Programming Team and Hillingdon Youth Justice Service.

Further information attached.

Message from Northwood Library

“Northwood Library, off Green Lane in Northwood, is open, and the staff are looking forward to welcoming you back in. We are open until 5pm every day except Saturday, when we close at 4pm, ideal for popping in after school to find books to help with homework, or just for fun! We have lots of lovely new titles in our Junior collection.

Also, we have recently relaunched our Chess Club, aimed at 7-11 year olds. If you can play, even at a basic level, and would like to come along and have a game with other children, then book in for 11-12 every Saturday morning.”

Poppies on Sale in the Playground

A reminder that Year 6 pupils will be on the playground gate / in the playground next week giving families the opportunity to purchase poppies and other fund-raising items to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. *Further information attached.*

Forthcoming dates:

Tuesday 9 th November	E-Safety Workshop for Parents (6 – 7 pm) - <i>please submit Google form</i>
Wednesday 10 th November	School Photographs (individual/siblings) - <i>all pupils to come to school in school uniform (PE kits to be brought in for those classes having PE).</i>
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance Day KS2 Eucharist – for pupils only
Sunday 14 th November	Remembrance Service at Northwood Memorial
w/c 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 22nd November	Bags2School collection day (details to follow)
Monday 22 nd November	Parent Consultations – Woodlands – Year 5 (15:40 – 18:00)
Tuesday 23 rd November	Parent Consultations – All Year Groups (15:40 – 20:00)
Wednesday 24 th November	Parent Consultations – Year 6 (15:40 – 18:00)
Wednesday 1 st December	Christmas Jumper/Activity Day
w/c 6 th December	EY/KS1 Nativity (exact dates/times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 7 th December	Ash Class Visit to Wenzel’s Bakery
Tuesday 14th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Church Service Term ends at 13:15 (After School Club finishes at 16:00)
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Spring (Epiphany) Term begins for pupils

At Holy Trinity we have managed to keep Covid-19 cases low due to following our stringent risk assessment and, in consultation with our Chair of Governors, have made the difficult decision not to hold the Christmas Bazaar as in previous years but we will be holding Christmas events in school with the children. The school must continue to mitigate the risks to our families and staff; the safety and well-being of everyone is of paramount importance. We are therefore hopeful of holding an Easter extravaganza in the Spring term.

Further dates/information will continue to be added throughout the academic year.



Star Learner of the Week



Congratulations to:

Eva	~	Woodlands
Aakriti	~	Oak Class
Marnie	~	Ash Class
Jacob	~	Willow Class
Salwa	~	Cedar Class
Izzy	~	Sycamore Class
Robert	~	Redwood Class