



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The first part of the academic year has flown by and it is amazing to think we break up on Thursday 21 October for half term. Our new pupils and Reception intake have settled in so well and are already proving to be positive additions to our school community. We haven't been able to ignore the impact of Covid-19, with children testing positive - fortunately not too poorly - but we have had several staff off who have been badly affected. Thank you to our hard working staff for covering classes, being flexible and for making arrangements often on a weekend to ensure we can keep going and we keep you as parents informed.

This half term has been busy with many great wow moments to start off the exciting new topics that our curriculum provides. Although the weather has not always been kind many classes have been able to make the most of the great outdoors in our grounds and have enjoyed being part of the seasonal autumn changes, visiting our parachute in the woodland and enjoying our new playground resources. Our temporary outdoor swimming pool was also a great new addition having missed swimming over the last two years and proved very effective helping Year 5 and 6 to catch up through two weeks' of intense lessons in September.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest donations last week for the York Road Project supporting the homeless in Woking and to help those in Bisley & West End via the Food Bank. We know your gifts will make a big difference to those in need. It was an ideal opportunity to remind our children of our school values of love, compassion and service as well as giving thanks for what we have and can take for granted.

We have managed to play some sporting fixtures with other schools, which has been great to get back to a bit of normality. We have also enjoyed showing new parents round as we have opened up the school again to visitors.

Thank you to everyone who managed to get online this week for parents' evenings I hope you found it informative meeting your child's class teacher as well as convenient doing it via Zoom.

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the links to e-safety resources on our school website. The Internet provides a wealth of resources to support learning and to have fun but it is so important that children use it wisely. Teaching children about how to keep safe online is a regular part of our computing and PSHE curriculum but it is also important that you make sure at home that you have appropriate systems in place to limit your child's use and access to inappropriate sites. We know children can inadvertently come across inappropriate images or text if controls are not in place but it is important that your child knows the right thing to do, which is to tell an adult without feeling they will be told off.

<https://www.holy-trinity-pri.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=48>

Reading: We love reading at Holy Trinity and want our children to have that same enjoyment too. Children love to be read stories at any time but particularly at bedtime and I'd like to encourage you all, if you can, to try and find time to read with your children each day. It is a special moment sharing a book with someone when there are no other distractions, it takes us away from the TV, it



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helps us to relax, it reconnects us with family, it takes us to incredible places and sadly as a parent of teenagers you miss it when they don't want to be read to anymore.

Traffic and parking continue to be an issue outside Holy Trinity despite all our efforts. On the whole I believe our parents do show courtesy and demonstrate safe practice, however there is a minority who don't and we ask that we all show patience in queuing and consideration in parking. Unfortunately there will always be 'rogue' drivers in a rush, people who are in such a hurry that they ignore our guidance or people who are unaware of our voluntary one way system (approaching our school with it on your left as you come down Benner Lane). But we can all take control of our own actions and if we all do our bit it will be safer.

Over the years Surrey Heath Borough Council has invested a lot of time and energy in parking and enforcement officers have increased the number of visits to schools around the relevant times to try to educate people and improve parking behaviour, including issuing tickets where necessary. These visits are supported by Surrey Police officers where resources allow. Surrey County Council has also implemented new parking restrictions outside more schools to increase safety. However the SHBC civil enforcement team cannot be outside every school every day – so they need the assistance of parents to help make improper parking outside of schools unacceptable.

I recently met with our local councillor Graham Alleway because he is keen to make it safer around Holy Trinity for pedestrians and particularly our children. He wanted me to share that new parking restriction yellow lines will be installed on the bend opposite Commonfields as parking here makes it a blind spot and dangerous. The opposite side of the road has a number of dropped kerbs and therefore wanted to remind our school community that it is important that parents do not block driveways. The driveways will permit a number of pull in / pass points that should assist in flow of traffic and avoid stand offs, or the need to reverse back along the road, or mount the pavement to pass.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing your children after half term on Wednesday 3 November.

Yours sincerely



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