



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer 2 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you managed to have a good half term break and enjoyed some relaxing family time together, as well as some warmer weather. It's lovely to see the children in their summer school uniform, thank you for your support. We are looking forward to the final stretch of the academic year and with Covid-19 restrictions easing, we will endeavour to still do many of the usual interesting activities that would normally take place in the final half term. Of course, this will mean being flexible, creative and some things won't be the same and we are also aware that we want to limit the chance of having to close a year group bubble to self-isolate.

The last two weeks demonstrate just how changeable the UK weather can be! Year 6 were camping on our school field last week and had to battle the heat and find shade, Year 5 have camped this week and had to deal with rain. Both groups had a fantastic time showing resilience and creativity in whatever the weather brings. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the staff who make these memorable experiences happen - I know they are all very tired!

As temperatures are rising please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and that you apply sun cream as necessary. We recommend children wear a hat but not sunglasses as these can be easily damaged in the playground. Please also note that the new tarmac pavement outside of school can get very hot for pets. We have lots of new puppies who join pick-up and drop-off so please be aware that there is limited shade whilst waiting and we don't want HOT DOGS! As I write this newsletter there is torrential rain - please also remind your child to bring in coats in this changeable weather!

New Reception Children: It has been a delight to meet our new parents whose children will be joining us in Reception in September. These parents did not have the usual opportunity to tour any schools last autumn when deciding infant places, so it has been lovely to hold small socially distanced tours around the Early Years setting to help them appreciate the school they have chosen! We also set up a Zoom meeting for Q&A for these parents and before the end of term we hope the children will be able to visit for the first time – albeit in a socially distanced Covid-safe way!.

Transition Days: On 29 June Holy Trinity will have its Transition Morning, when children spend time meeting their new teachers. Usually the secondary schools use this date for the present Year 6 pupils to visit, but sadly and rightly due to Covid restrictions these have now been cancelled with the possibility of so many children coming together from many different settings. As a result of Year 6 not physically moving up to their new schools, our transition sessions will only be for an hour and a half. The children will have a tour of their new classroom but will spend the rest of the time with their new teacher in their current classroom. You will receive an email on the 29 June informing you of your child's new teacher.

Reports: Teachers are busy writing end of term reports which we hope you will share with your children and work on next steps over the summer. It has been a challenging year with lockdowns and we are so proud of how well the children have done.



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Sports Days: In line with the majority of schools in Surrey Heath we have decided to continue with sports days but adapt them to support social distancing guidance. This means that sports days will operate over a week and are taking place Monday 21 June for Years 5 and 6, Tuesday 22 June for Years 3 and 4 and Wednesday 23 June for Reception, Years 1 and 2. Unfortunately this year parents are not invited so that we can manage social distancing on the school grounds – sorry but we hope you understand. We will take photographs of the events to share with you before the end of term. Teachers will let children know via our online platform SeeSaw, if we need to postpone sports days due to wet conditions so please have a look if the weather is looking changeable.

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Line For Children, Young People, And Families: A new 24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families and carers in Surrey has launched.

The freephone number - 0800 9154644 – is available for children and young people up to the age of 18, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The new crisis line provides emotional wellbeing support, advice, and signposting to a range of community services for children, young people and their families and carers who are in a mental health crisis. The number is available to those who are already receiving mental health services, and also for those who are not. No referral is needed.

The crisis line is staffed by a team of experienced, trained call handlers and mental health nurses. A key aim of the crisis line is to help support young people, carers and families within their own homes and in the community and, whenever possible, help avoid the need for children and young people to go to hospital in a crisis.

[Get help in a mental health crisis: Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sabp.nhs.uk\)](https://www.sabp.nhs.uk)

Mabel's Christmas Reading Challenge: During the Christmas holidays Mrs Ambrose and Mabel set the pupils the challenge of reading at least 12 times over the two week break. Lots of children met the challenge and as a result have earned a story time session and snack with Mrs Ambrose and Mabel. However, the January lockdown alongside Mrs Ambrose's poor memory and very busy school days have meant these celebrations have not yet happened! But, they will be taking place between now and the end of term.

HTSA: Next meeting is Monday 21st June at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome. On our own making a big difference is tough but together we can do great things for our school that our normal school budget cannot afford. The zoom meeting link has been sent via ParentMail today, but we have also included it here.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83384365498?pwd=ZkE0T2UrVkFyRkJKGd2krSnhabFJqQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 8436 5498

Passcode: 847423

INSET Day reminder. Please note that on Friday 25 June there is an INSET day. Staff use this time for the handover of information about old and new classes, they also participate in pupil progress meetings and moderation sessions which requires all staff being available at the same time.

I hope you all have a wonderful dry weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hills
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