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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good Easter break. I would like to say well done to all of the Year 6 children who joined us for Easter School over the holiday period. I was very impressed with your mature attitude to giving up time during your holidays to help you prepare for your SATs. I would also like to say a big thank you to Miss. Clack, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Tabone, Mr. Burke, Mrs. Hooper and Miss. Williams, who gave up their time to come in to teach the children. I feel very lucky to have a dedicated staff team who really do care for the children.

Please make sure that you are looking at the dates for your diary section at the back of the Newsletter for any relevant dates for your child during this term. We have a few class assemblies and some INSPIRE Workshops running throughout the term.

Once again, we are at that time where we are preparing for the test week. There is a section within this Newsletter which explains about the tests and when they will be taking place for each class.

We have rescheduled the Bedtime Stories that we had to postpone due to the poor weather. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will have their Bedtime Stories on Tuesday 8th May 5pm-5.45pm and Key Stage 2 will have theirs on Wednesday 9th May 5pm-5.45pm. We look forward to seeing the children there.

Mrs P. Burns
Headteacher



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Test Week

During May and the beginning of June all children in school will be tested to see how much progress they have made during this school year. **This is particularly important for children in Classes Year 2 and Year 6** who will be tested on the progress they have made in their Key Stage when they take National SATs papers. **The SATs tests for Year 6 will take place from Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May** and children in Year 2 will sit their SATs towards the end of May. Children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will also be taking school based tests. Children in Reception and Nursery will have their Foundation Stage Profile updated.

In addition to their school based tests, the children in Year 1 will be taking part in the National Phonic Screening check in the week of June 11th – June 15th.

In order that children are alert and able to learn efficiently, it is very important that you make sure that your child is fit and awake for school in the morning. Children in Nursery and Reception should be in bed by 6.30p.m.; children in Year 1 & 2 should be in bed by 7.00p.m.; children in Year 3 & 4 should be in bed by 7.30p.m. and children in Year 5 and 6 should be in bed by 8.00p.m. at the very latest.

During the test week the children in Year 6 and Year 2 are invited to come into school from 8.30a.m. to have a breakfast with their friends and classmates before starting their tests each day. The children in these 2 classes will not be charged for their breakfast for this week. Parents and siblings are welcome to join them but will have to pay for their breakfast.

Please use this opportunity because it means that the children are in school well on time and have had time to settle down before starting their tests.



Our visit to the Black Country Museum

On Thursday 18th April, Year Five and the teachers were extremely excited to go to the Black Country Living Museum which Miss Griffiths had kindly organised for us to go to. We had been studying and learning all about the Victorians in Spring Term. We went all around the village learning about Harry Parkin or Lillian Hodgkiss.

In a blink of an eye, we had been learning about Victorians: what jobs they did, and how they lived in the 1800s. We first had gotten on the bus and the driver had started the coach (there was a little bit of traffic). On the outside I was calm. (Inside however, I was exploding with joy!) Once we had stopped at our amazing, wonderful station at the museum, I “wowed” in amazement to see how huge the place was. We waited until the tour guide had guided us to the school. (He wore what it looked like a rich Victorian would wear!)

After that, while we were rambling, we saw a pony called Joey who was eating his breakfast. The tour guide told us that horses used to live underground. Finally, when we had reached the school we had to line up very straight in two lines (one for the girls and one for the boys). The teacher politely told us to come inside: girls to sit on the right and boys on the right (Standard One and Standard Two). We started off with times tables, then backwards alphabet and writing. Unfortunately, Mr Burke decided to buy sweets for himself instead of saving his tuppence for the trip, so he (pretended) to get slapped with a cane. We ended school with a child ringing the bell. (We also had a school to see how it was when you were a child in Victorian days.)

Thirdly, we split into two groups: Those investigating Lillian Hodgkiss and others investigating Harry Parkin. I was in the group learning about Harry, so we made our way to the chain making shop. Surprisingly, you got ten shillings and thirty pence to make chain, and lots of black smoke. Harry's Dad worked as a chain maker.

Following our visit to the chain making shop, we strolled to Harry's rich, pleasant house which had amazing, beautiful decorations. These included teapots and chairs. We came into the parlour: this was a very special room which Victorians were only allowed into when it was Christmas or Easter, so you had to go through the back. After that, we walked to the living room/kitchen where Victorians used to cook on the range.

Fifthly, having gotten out the back (because going out from the front was disrespectful), we visited the shop. Once there, I thought to myself: I am so lucky I wasn't born in the Victorian age. This lady who was working showed us how the shop used to look and told us that Harry's little brother (Fred) owned the shop when he grew up. Also, we lifted up a heavy shoe. (It was heavy because it had metal on the bottom.)

A few minutes later, we came out of the shop and made our way to the picnic area where we had lunch. On the outside I wasn't that hungry (inside however, I was dying of thirst). Once we finished our lunch, my group made our way to the mine. When we had finally got there we put our helmets on and carried torches in our hands. Once I saw the mine entrance, it was very wet and small and my heart was pounding as fast as a bunny bouncing, but at least it was cool. Once we got in, we saw lots of models and their stories. There were a lot of jobs: I remember a mannequin on a ladder mining the roof, and the wall explosion! There was also a weighbridge where people got paid, and we got to see the coal machines. (I honestly nearly died.)

Fifteen minutes later we had exited the mine (thank God) and made our way back to the chapel, which was really elegant. I was feeling really adventurous. Also, the chapel cost £950 to build! Once we got out, we made our way up the stone hill to see some Victorian cars. But guess what? All the cars were really posh! After that we got out and rushed to the gift shop.

Well that was an adventure! I really learned a lot about Victorians but I've got to say I think my favourites were the mine and the school. The mine because we did scream, but we had fun and learnt a lot about everything. The school because I thought the teacher was going to be more strict, but instead we had a lot of fun. **Andreja Year 5**

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd May - 9.05am Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 4th May - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time
Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8th May - 5pm FS & KS1 Bedtime Stories
Wednesday 9th - 5pm KS2 Bedtime Stories
Monday 14th May - Friday 18th May SATs Week
Friday 18th May - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time
Wednesday 23rd May - 9.05am Reception INSPIRE Workshop
Thursday 24th May - 9.05am Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 25th May - Teacher Day
Monday 4th June - Children to return to school



Please note that children do not need to attend school on Teacher Days. These days are for staff training.

Dates for the year

Friday 25th May - Teacher day
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June - Half-term
Friday 20th July - Children break up for Summer

Class Photos

Last week you should have all received a text to tell you that on **Wednesday 2nd May 2018** the photographer will be in school to take class photographs. You will have a proof copy to order any prints that you want.

As Year 6 will be leaving us in July they will be given a class photograph as a reminder of their precious time at Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy, therefore, they will not bring a proof photograph home with them.

