



# HOLY TRINITY

C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY (HANDSWORTH)

## The Newsletter 1

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to school after the Summer holiday. I hope that you all had a restful and safe holiday and that the children are ready for the busy term ahead. It was lovely welcoming the children back into school on Wednesday, last week, all looking so smart. It was also lovely welcoming Reception on Tuesday.

Please make sure you have completed the contact form, permissions form and asthma sheet and return them to the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that we have all of these forms so that our records are up to date.

The children should have brought their homework home yesterday. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and MUST be returned to school on Wednesday morning. Those children who do not return all of their homework, fully completed, first thing on Wednesday morning, will be in detention on Thursday after school (Year 3-6). The children will be required to complete their homework during this detention. If your child does receive a detention you will be notified by text message on Wednesday afternoon.

Last year we trialled running our INSPIRE Workshops after the first class assembly of the year which worked well. Therefore, we will be running all INSPIRE Workshops this year after your child's class assembly. Please see the dates for your diary section at the back of this newsletter for important dates.

**NEWS UPDATE: We will be running our own before and after school club starting from Monday 17th September. Please see a member of the office team if you are interested in reserving a place at the club.**

Mrs. P. Burns

Headteacher

# Academic year 2018-2019

The classes for this academic year are as follows:

Year 6	Miss. Clack	Mrs. Rees
Year 5	Mr. Burke	Miss. Griffiths
Year 4	Mr. Fowle	Ms. Williams
Year 3	Mr. Jackson	Mrs. Bennett
Year 2	Mrs. Clay	Miss. O'Grady
Year 1	Miss. Day	Mrs. Hooper
Reception	Mrs. MacDonald	Mrs. Rea

As you can see this year we are not naming the classes with a letter. The classes will just be named by their year group.

Once again, Mrs. Page will not be class-based but will be working collaboratively with all classes throughout the academic year. As Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Page is the person to contact if I am not available or am out of school. Mrs. Page has the full confidence of the staff and Governors and any decisions made by her about the running of the school has my full backing.

We are joined this year by Mr. Fowle, who will be teaching in Year 4 and Mrs. MacDonald, who will be teaching in Reception.

Mrs. Tabone, Inclusion Manager, will lead the Personalised Learning Team. Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Hutchinson will be part of this team. The team will be working with individual and small groups of children. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

## School Dinners

This year we have new caterers, Coombes Catering, providing our school meals. Please look out for meetings that will be held later this term to introduce you to a new payment system which will start after half-term.

The Government are continuing to provide funding for School Meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes throughout this academic year. If you have an entitlement to free School Meals you will still need to complete the appropriate application process which will soon be completed in school electronically with members of our staff even if your child/ren are in these classes. Please note that in order to make the administration of school meals as smooth as possible this means that we will not be allowing children to bring a packed lunch until they move into Yr.3.

Please remember that Dinner Money (Key Stage 2 classes) should be paid at the beginning of every school week. If you are having difficulty with payment of Dinner Money please come in and talk to us. If you do not talk to us we will have no option but to ask you to send your child with a packed lunch every day as we cannot allow you to run up a debt to the school. If your child has packed lunch during the week but wishes to order a "Children's Choice Lunch" on a Friday, the payment for this must be sent in on the first day of the week otherwise the meal will not be booked. Money should be sent in a named, sealed envelope and handed to the **Class teacher** at the start of the day.

Dinner money will remain the same as last year.

Main School (Y3 – Y6) be £2.40 per meal which will be £12.00 per week.

# Positive Discipline Policy

Last academic year we introduced a new behaviour system, which was very effective. This will continue to run this academic year with the children moving up/down a behaviour ladder depending on the choices that they make. Those children who get to the top of the ladder in one day will continue to get a raffle ticket and will be entered into the half-termly prize draw to win afternoon tea with myself and Mrs. Page. All those children who win the opportunity for afternoon tea are then entered into the 'Golden Raffle' prize draw. Last year the 'Golden Raffle' ticket winner was Ezra and he was lucky enough to win a brand new bike. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr. Winfield, a Governor at our school, who donated the money for our 'Golden Raffle' ticket prize

I am looking forward to welcoming more children into my office this year for afternoon tea and hearing about why they have received their raffle tickets.

# Routines

I am going to take this opportunity at the beginning of the academic year to remind you of some of the routines and procedures here at Holy Trinity.

All Reception children **MUST** wear navy blue jogging bottoms for school. There are many reasons why jogging bottoms are part of the school uniform for Reception children. Firstly, they are very easy for the children to get out of and back into when changing for PE. They are also extremely durable. The Reception children will be in and out of the classroom throughout a school day therefore, it is important the children are wearing something more hardwearing than a skirt or normal school trousers. Also they provide a greater cushion if they do have a bump or fall over. Please ensure that if you have a child in Reception that they are wearing jogging bottoms.

Children should not be on school site before 8.30am every morning and they are your responsibility until our doors open. The door to Breakfast Club will open at 8.30am and the main doors into school will open at 8.45am. Only children and families who are eating breakfast should come into the hall.

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th September - Reception to start full time

Thursday 13th September - First homework to go home

Friday 14th September - Parent Coffee

Tuesday 18th September - Year 3 swimming \*

Friday 28th September - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time

Monday 1st October - 10.00am Church for Harvest celebration

Thursday 4th October - Year 2 trip

Thursday 11th October - 9.05am Year 5 Class Assembly followed by INSPIRE Workshop

Friday 12th October - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time

Friday 19th October - 9.15am Round Robin Sports

Monday 22nd October - 3.45-5.00 Parent/Pupil Consultations

Tuesday 23rd October - 3.45-7.00pm Parent/Pupil Consultations

Wednesday 24th October - 3.45-5.00pm Parent/Pupil Consultations

Thursday 25th October - Year 5 and 6 trip

Friday 26th October - 12.30pm Parent Coffee Time

Friday 26th October - 1.15pm Children break up for half term

## Dates for the year

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November - Half Term

Monday 5th November - Children return to school

Friday 21st December - Children break up for Christmas

Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January - Christmas holiday

Monday 7th January 2019 - Teacher Day

Tuesday 8th January 2019 - Children return to school

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February - Half Term

Monday 25th February - Children return to school

Friday 12th April - Children break up for Easter

Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April - Easter holiday

Monday 29th April - Children return to school

Friday 24th May - Teacher Day

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Friday 19th July - Children break up for Summer

\* swimming kit needed



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