



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 9th September 2021

Newsletter 01

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year and a very special welcome to all our new children and families who have joined Trinity. It has been wonderful to welcome everybody back to school this week. We have loved seeing the children back in school, with smiles on their faces. The children are settling well into their new classes and new learning routines.

It has been especially pleasing to note how well our new Acorns and Conker Class children have settled into Trinity. Seeing all of their excited faces each day they have arrived at school has been a joy.

We are nearly ready to open our 'Sculpture Garden', but please bear with us and keep off the grass and seating until the grass (which has been cared for over the summer) is fully ready. We will be holding an official opening - details will follow soon.

I had written this before the sad news broke that our Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had died yesterday. Both in classrooms and in our Collective Worship this morning, we have paid our respects to our incredible Monarch - remembering the joy of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year, and acknowledging our own feelings of sadness at her passing. There will be many opportunities for us all to demonstrate our Christian Values in the coming days and weeks, as we support each other with Compassion, Friendship, Courage and Respect, and go forward as a nation with our new King leading us.

Mrs Parsons

We have nominated our new House Captains and Vice Captains - congratulations to all of you:

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Ruby	Phoebe	Lloyd
Emerald	Hettie	Rocco
Sapphire	Eva	Ruby
Topaz	Max	Cerys

House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Topaz** House who achieved most house points this week.

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Chestnut** Class for achieving best attendance this week with 100%.

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values this week are:

Friendship: Juniper-Rose Y1, Delilah and Hugo-Fox Y2, Quinn and Norman Y3, Ophelia Y5

Courage: Theo Y1

Creativity: Alexandra Y6

Compassion: Henry Y4

Acorn Class



Class News:

Welcome back Acorns and a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the children and we have been so impressed with how well they have settled in and have started making new friendships.

What a whirlwind first week it has been. We have been doing lots of different activities with the focus on getting to know each other and 'All About Me!'

The children have had fun making faces from loose parts and giving us their interpretation of what their face looks like when they feel different emotions such as happy or sad.

During our snack times we have also been making faces and identifying colours which represent our feelings based upon what we have discovered whilst reading about 'The Colour Monster'.

In cooking, we have been making pizzas and using the ingredients to create faces. We hope the children have enjoyed tasting the results.

In our Outdoor Learning time, we have been using natural resources such as pine cones, leaves and sticks to make our face shapes. The children have used the sticks to mark out the circular outline of their face and then used the natural resources to form the features of their faces.

Mrs Ware



Headteacher's Award

Chestnut Class:

Cedar Class:

Willow Class:

Cherry Class:

Maple Class:

Redwood Class:

Daisy

Anika

Kyran

Xavier

Hollie

Tilly



Senior Leadership Team

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Michelle Parsons

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Natalie Jones

Assistant Headteacher: Mr Matt Pollock

SENDCo: Mrs Clair Hurley

Key Stage 1

Reception	(Conker)	Mrs L Vivian
Year 1	(Chestnut)	Miss J Rundle
Year 2	(Cedar)	Miss C Musgrove

Key Stage 2

Year 3	(Willow)	Miss E Jones
Year 4	(Cherry)	Mr M Pollock
Year 5	(Maple)	Miss K Walker
Year 6	(Redwood)	Mr E Hancock

Conker Class



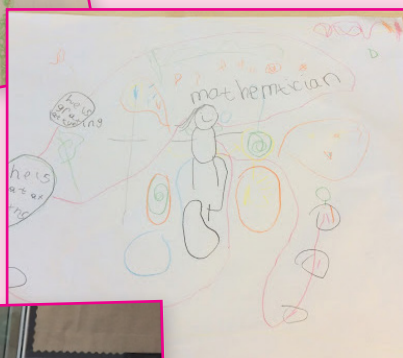
Class News:

A huge welcome to Conker Class! We have been so pleased to welcome children back after the Summer holidays and to make so many new friends joining Conkers. We have worked really hard this week on settling and understanding the rules in Class. We have read "*The Colour Monster*" and "*Conker the Chameleon*", thinking about how we can link colours to feelings. We practised making lots of different faces and thinking about when we feel this way.

We used Mr Potato Head to look at our Class rules. We understand how our eyes need to be looking at the grown ups as we use our ears to hear. Our hands show kindness and our feet are for walking in school. Mrs Vivian made us all jump when she used a loud outside voice in the classroom as we talked about using indoor voices!

We are all looking forward to staying for lunch next week and meeting all our new friends.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Welcome to Chestnut Class with our lovely new Year 1's! We have been busy establishing new Class routines, learning about the *Great Fire Of London* and thinking about how we can be great mathematicians.

In Maths, we have learned about place value, partitioning numbers and using whole part diagrams. In English, we have been practising using punctuation, finger spaces and capital letters to start our sentences. We have worked hard on writing on the line (see photos attached) and thinking about how to make our sentences exciting.

Everyone has settled in so well and adapted to the changes of a new classroom and teacher. I could not have asked for a better Class - so many kind and hardworking children and I am very lucky to be their teacher! Here is to a fantastic year in Chestnut Class.

Miss Rundle

Cedar Class

Class News:



Welcome back Cedar Class and what a welcome it has been! The children have come back with a positive, resilient and hard working attitude.

Our topic up until Christmas is *Remember* and we have been remembering to look after ourselves and each other this week. We are looking forward to celebrating significant individuals and events and why we remember them this term.

A highlight has been making and finding worry dolls after reading the book *"Silly Billy"* by Anthony Browne. We explored that the dolls are often small and hand-made and they originate from Guatemala.

The children have been working very hard in their sketch books. They are working towards producing a piece of art for our Excellence Exhibition on 22nd September. They are already showing fine detail and artistic flair so I am sure the final piece will wow you!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class

Class News:



What an amazing start to Term 1. The children have settled in incredibly well and have been welcoming to both myself and Mrs Stockley. We have been busy establishing new classroom routines and have been very impressed with how quickly Willow Class have settled in.

In English, the children have been working on writing rhyming poems all about what they didn't do in the summer holidays. They have all created amazing pieces and they should be incredibly proud of their work!

In Maths, we have started our work on *place value*. We have begun to understand the place value of two and three digit numbers and have demonstrated our understanding using base tens. This topic will be continued next week.

In Art, we have been exploring how important peer feedback is in regards to improving sketches. The children have all created fantastic rose sketches and have been incredibly kind and supportive with one another when critiquing each other's work.

Finally, in Geography, we have begun our *Rivers and Mountains* topic. We started this week by investigating climate zones and biomes. After looking into the six major biomes of the world, the children created detailed drawings of their chosen biome.

A fantastic first week in Willow Class, I am sure it will be an amazing year!

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 4. I have been so impressed with their effort and positivity.

This week we have focused on getting back into good routines and establishing high expectations for the year ahead.

Why do we study maths? What makes a brilliant mathematician?

These questions were the focus of the first couple of lessons back. I was amazed by their thoughtful discussions and responses.

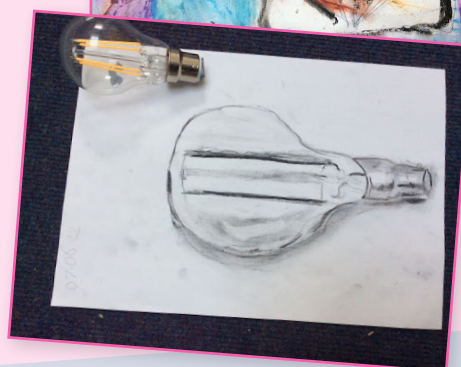
The story of the foundation of Rome, "*Romulus and Remus*", has been the inspiration for our writing this week as the children have focused on writing effective sentences.

Spoiler Alert (pictures of some drafts pieces to the right)! The children have also been working very hard on producing a piece of art for our Excellence Exhibition on the 22nd September. We can't wait to share their final pieces with you!

The children have also been racking up the steps as we trial special fitness trackers. On Wednesday they enjoyed their first swimming session and walked to and from the pool.

It has been lovely to be back!

Mr Pollock



Maple Class



Class News:

We have had a lovely week in Maple Class, getting to know each other and establishing the classroom routines and expectations. The children have settled in well.

In Maths this week, we have looked at what makes a good mathematician. In small groups, the children have created some lovely posters to showcase their ideas. We have also started our unit on *place value* and had a lovely practical lesson where we used dienes and place value counters to aid our understanding.

In PSHE this week, we looked at "*The Happy News*" by Emily Coxhead and created our own newspapers following the same style. The children came up with some great ideas about how they could make their newspapers as happy and fun as possible.

I am looking to the year ahead!

Miss Walker



Class News:



Redwood Class

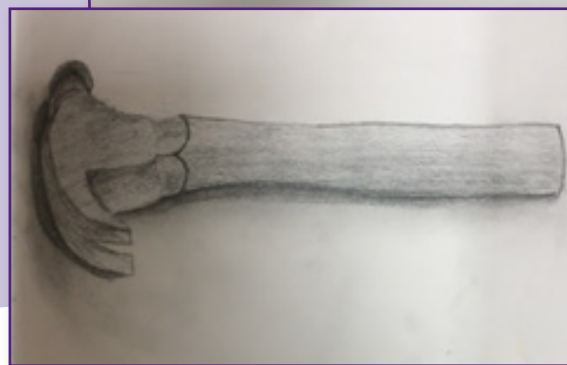
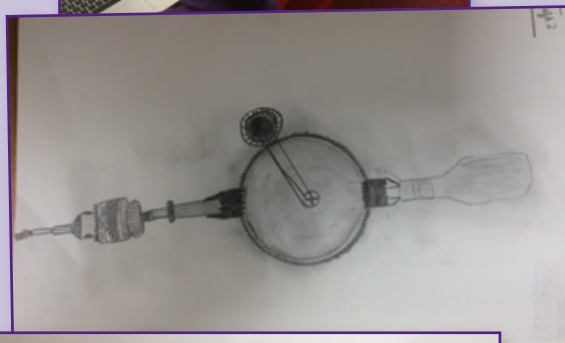
A warm welcome to Redwood Class! It has been lovely to welcome back the new Year 6 children after the Summer holidays and we have all been really impressed with how quickly they have settled into routines.

This week, we have been outlining our expectations for Year 6, alongside setting personal goals. The children have been undertaking various Year 6 roles and responsibilities across the school, to enable them to be good role models to the younger children.

In Maths, we have been focusing on converting units of measurement and in English, we have been writing recounts of our Summer holidays, alongside practising our handwriting and presentation. We have also been busy in Art, creating still-life sketches.

A great week to kick-start what I'm sure will be a brilliant year in Redwood Class.

Mr Hancock



Dates for your Calendar 2022-2023 - Term 1

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 14th September	Acorns Meet the Teacher - 3.15-4.00pm	N1/2 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 21st September	Conker Class Parent Workshop - Phonics: 2.30-3.00pm	YR Parents/Carers
Wednesday 21st September	Conker Class Parent Workshop - Maths: 3.30-4.00pm	YR Parents/Carers
Friday 23rd September	Chestnut Meet the Teacher - 3.20pm	Y1 Parents/Carers
Tuesday 27th September	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations	YR-Y6
Monday 17th October	School Photographer	Whole School

Office News:

Please see attached list of term dates for the next school year.

Sculpture Garden

Please can we remind parents that the area around the sculpture at the front of the school is currently out of bounds whilst the grass continues to grow. Mrs Ware has worked very hard getting it to grow over the very hot summer, it would be a shame for this success to be lost.

Changes to Wraparound Care Prices

We have reviewed the cost of our wraparound care provision and from this term, prices per session for school age children will be as follows:

Breakfast Club:	£3.50
1 Hour TASC (3.10-4.10pm):	£3.50
Long TASC (3.10-6.00pm):	£7.50

Children attending Long TASC will need to bring a snack or light tea with them. Please continue to book sessions on ParentPay at least 48 hours in advance. Please note there are separate prices for Nursery age children, but anyone wishing to book wraparound care for a Nursery child needs to apply in writing to Mrs Parsons (via the school office).

School Lunches

We have a new lunch management system in place, which means it is more important than ever that parents book their child in for a school lunch. This must be done by Friday midday for the following week. If you do not have a ParentPay login, or are having trouble accessing it, please let the school office know.

Cash-free School

A reminder that Trinity is a cash-free school. We cannot accept cash payment for lunches, trips, wraparound care or anything else. The only time cash is permitted in school is for fundraising events and for the tuck trolley. If you need to pay for

something and cannot access ParentPay, please ask the school office for a barcode letter which will allow you to pay at a PayPoint shop location.

Data Collection forms

These will be coming home via children (Y1-Y6). Please check the details we hold on file for your child/ren (including contact details for yourself and any other family members listed), amend if necessary, SIGN THE BACK OF THE FORM and return to the school office as soon as possible. It is a requirement that we ask you to do this at the start of each school year and I would like all forms back in school by the end of September. Many thanks.

Car Park

If you have not already made an application for this school year in order to use the car park (either with a blue disabled badge or by agreement with Mrs Parsons), please do so. We have extremely limited space for disabled parking and it increases the risk to children the more vehicles we have accessing the car park. Access with a current blue badge is only permitted when the person the badge relates to is in the vehicle. If you are able to, please park on the hill and walk through the pedestrian gate. There is no access to anyone at the end of the day without either a blue badge or a current arrangement having been agreed with Mrs Parsons.

CCTV

Please note that CCTV is in operation on the school site 24 hours a day, for the purposes of security and safety.

Communication

It is extremely important that all parents have access to SchoolPing. This is how we communicate all events, letters, announcements, clubs information and many other things you need to be aware of. If you do not have your SchoolPing account activated, please see the school office.

Thought of the week



Today at school we have been remembering the life and service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in our classes and Collective Worship.

The Queen has died peacefully, at the age of 96, surrounded by her family, in a place that she loved.

It may feel sad at the loss of a life but there is also much to celebrate. We thought about her smiling face and remembered her having tea with Paddington Bear, not so long ago.

The Queen's life was full of devotion, service and love for her country, her people and her family. She had strong faith and beliefs which she shared with others.

The Queen dedicated her life to service. In reflecting on her life and words she sets an example of how to serve and share our Christian values.

The bible reminds us:

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (Hebrews 6 v. 10)

Talking Point:

The Queen was always trying her best. Can you think of ways that you can try your best today?

I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service ... God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.



Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Christian Value

This term, the Christian Value we will be focusing on is Friendship. Find out more on the following pages.

Friendship

'Encourage one another and build each other up.'
1 Thessalonians 5.11

Friendship



Friendship

At Trinity Church School, we believe it is important to develop core values by which to live and which help to develop a moral and spiritual awareness. We seek to explore the meanings of the core values and their significance through weekly acts of worship delivered by our School Chaplain Mr Parr and Mrs Parsons. The gifts of compassion, trust, creativity, respect, friendship and courage are the values we want our children to leave with. Whilst these gifts are inclusive of human values, we try to anchor them into the Christian faith by relating them to the Bible through stories and readings.

The Christian Value we are particularly focusing on this term is Friendship. True friendship enables each person to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised. Christians believe that God's friendship towards us will last forever. Friendship is a partnership of shared experiences, talents, interests and enthusiasms. In school we will be thinking about how we can be friends to others and how we receive another's friendship, including God's friendship.

We will be linking Friendship to the stories of 'Jesus heals a paralysed man' (Luke 5), 'The story of Jonathan and David' (1 Samuel 18-20) and 'The story of Ruth and Naomi' (Book of Ruth)

What does The Bible tell us about our value for this term?

The Bible tells us that Christians believe they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

'You are better off having a friend than being all alone... If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble' (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

At Trinity Church School:

- We support and encourage friendships by providing opportunities for our children to work co-operatively and collaboratively in pairs and in groups
- We find ways to support and include children who might be left out of friendship groups
- We help our children to restore broken friendships and promote forgiveness and resolution
- We help our children to know where they might receive advice and support if they need it

Please take some time to look at the attached 'Home School Values' leaflet with your child(ren). We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

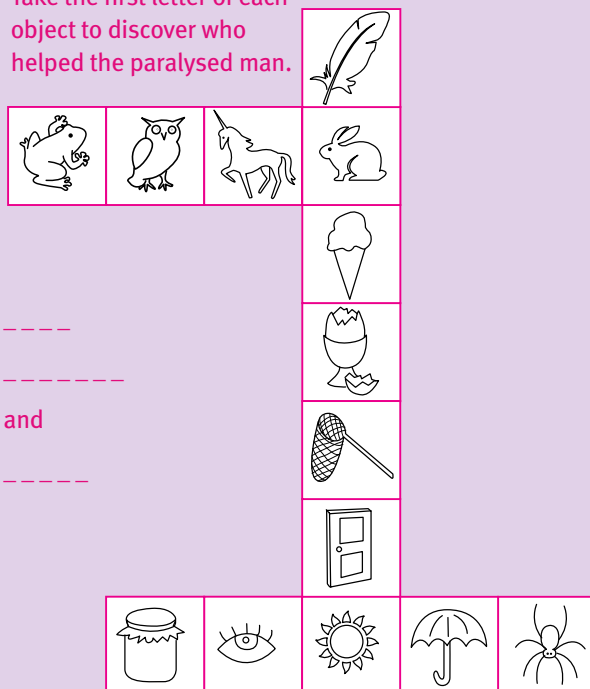
Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.





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Term Dates
Academic Year 2022/2023

Term 1

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023
Friday 21st July 2023

INSET DAYS

Inset day 1

Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset day 2

Friday 2nd September 2022

Inset day 3

Friday 21st October 2022

Inset day 4

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Inset day 5

Monday 17th April 2023

National Bank Holidays:

Monday 26th December 2022
Tuesday 27th December 2022
Monday 2nd January 2023
Friday 7th April 2023
Monday 10th April 2023
Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 29th May 2023
Monday 28th August 2023

