

## **Trinity Church School**

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 29th January 2021

**Newsletter 11** 

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

## Headteacher's Message

At Trinity, we never underestimate the power of teamwork: 'Learning, Growing, Believing Together'. Understanding that we don't exist in isolation is important for our children - and all of us - to understand. We have certainly felt a great sense of 'team' over the past month. We have been very impressed with the children as they have engaged with remote learning so well. It's not easy, but we are all working together. We have also appreciated the warm feedback from parents and carers. The task our staff members are undertaking is not one they would have chosen. We would all prefer to have all children back in school and to be teaching them in class. It's what everyone is good at! The challenge of remote learning is felt sharply by parents and carers, but also by our staff members who have worked tirelessly to ensure we can continue to provide a high standard of education for your children, whether they are in school or learning from home. Your positive feedback and supportive comments have helped to motivate our team and keep them going. We have started collecting together positive comments from parents, from our phone calls, messages and survey results. Do please keep them coming and they will be shared with the entire staff team. It means so much to us all. Thank you.

As you know, our staff team are highly dedicated and want to respond to your online questions and support children with their online learning. However, they do also need to have time to themselves. From next week they will only be replying to messages and responding to children's work between 8.30am and 4pm. You are still able to upload work after these times but staff will not be responding outside of these hours. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Parsons

### **School Council**

The School Council will continue to meet remotely every Monday at 1pm via Google Meet.

We have been discussing fundraising ideas for Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March 2021.

More details to follow.



### **Christian Values Awards**



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Friendship: All of Cedar Class

**Creativity:** Annabelle, Cody and Neave

(Y1) Leo (Y2) Isabella (Y3), Max, Rocco, Bella, Cerys, Tilly, Alfie G, Felicity, Phoebe, Daniel,

Lloyd and Alex (Y4), Marcus (Y5)

Berry (Y6)

Compassion: Cherry Class, Aaron (Y5)

## **Acorn Class**

### **Class News:**

Welcome back to our children and their families in Acorns. It is lovely to see you again, we have missed you! A special welcome to Felicity who started at Acorns this week - it is great to have you with us.

We returned to Nursery on Tuesday and we were lucky as there was still some snow left for us to explore, discover and play in. We had a great time in the outside area, making huge footprints and touching the large sheets of ice.

"It melts when the sun comes out" said Felicity.

We read the story: Kipper's Snowy Day and learnt a song: Five Jolly Snowmen. Why not watch them at home with your family?

We then created some amazing snowy pictures and explored our creativity with some 'shaving foam snowy scenes'.

Mrs Stock is currently unwell and is not able to attend Nursery for a while whilst she recovers. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in Acorns very soon.

Mrs Hicks, Miss Kirby, Miss Cole, Miss Veater and Mrs Clements



Did you get out and enjoy the snow this past week? I wrapped up warm and headed out with my sledge to find an impressive hill to pelt down. I didn't find a hill but I did walk over 4 miles across the snow-covered countryside, amazed by the blanket of white which made the landscape even more beautiful. It was just like a picture from a Christmas card! Did you know that every snowflake which falls is perfectly unique and symmetrical? It's hard to look at them without a microscope as they are so minute and delicate. This reminded me of our School Vision: We are all individual and precious to God - he knows all about us; what we like and don't like, the things which frighten us as well as the things which make us very happy and bring us much joy. Remember, we can talk to God anytime, anywhere about how we are feeling. Isn't that good to know and remember?



You are one of a Kind

## Dates for your Calendar 2020/21 - Term 3

Date	Event	Notes
Fri 12th February	End of Term 3	Whole School
Mon 22nd February	Term 4 starts	Whole School





### **Class News:**

I am once again reporting another wonderful week with Conker Class - both in the classroom and online. The level of work which has been shared with me over the past two weeks has been amazing and it is clear to see how hard Conkers have been working.

We have been very busy over the last two weeks with identifying new digraphs and trigraphs from our phase 3 set. I have been so impressed with the significant improvement in Conker's handwriting with a special mention to Ivy, Hugo-Fox, Brodie, Ava, Milo and Harry. Keep up the hard work! To coincide with our 'oa' sound this week, Conker Class has been busy making boats and testing them in their baths to investigate the concept of *sinking* and *floating*; I am pleased to say many of the boats stayed afloat!

In Maths, we have been identifying *teen numbers* using a wide range of games and challenges - a particular favourite was bingo! This week, we have been looking at the concept of *subtraction*, playing playdough smash, subtraction skittles and an interactive subtraction bus.

During our afternoons over the past two weeks, Conker Class has been set many challenges which included making pet puppets for a puppet show, flying to space with a chimp, making our own sandwiches for lunch, a workout with Mr Lucy and making a spring animal with Mrs Whitaker!

Thank you for joining the video call on Monday, it was lovely to see you all. I hope you enjoyed the chance to catch up with your friends.

Lastly, lots of children in Conker Class have completed the treasure hunt in The Batch. There is still time to complete it and be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Miss Southwell



w/e 22nd Jan: Harry

w/e 29th Jan: Brodie



## **Chestnut Class**



### **Class News:**

How is it the end of January already? Year 1 have had another fantastic fortnight of learning - whether at home or in school. The standard of work being completed is nothing short of amazing and is a testament to how hard Chestnut Class has been working.

In English, our writing has been based around the story: 'The Storm Whale'. We have been predicting, inferring based on the picture clues and writing our own dialogue between the characters. I must say Year 1 have shown great empathy towards the characters and have had some very creative ideas as to how to rescue the whale, including getting fire trucks, joining 100 skateboards together and going to the gym to get strong enough to lift the whale.

As Mathematicians, we've been learning all about shape. We have been on *shape* hunts and investigated which shapes roll, stack or slide - it's surprising how many hidden shapes you can find when you're on the lookout! The shape theme continued into our Art work - we created shape silhouettes of sea creatures and used Kandisky's *Concentric Circles* as inspiration to create our own masterpieces.

In our Geography and Science lessons, we have continued to find out about the different seasons and explore weather patterns. Chestnut Class have become weather watchers and are keeping a daily weather diary. We also reflected on our favourite weather over the past two weeks, can you guess what it was?

We LOVED the snow and had fun on our Google Meet sharing what we got up on our snow day. It was lovely speaking to lots of Year 1 and I look forward to our next Live session.

Chestnut Class, I miss seeing your smiley faces in school everyday, but the wonderful work you are sharing and the positivity you are promoting is inspiring.

Keep it up!

Mrs Roberts



w/e 22nd Jan: Edie

w/e 29th Jan: Annabelle



## **Cedar Class**

#### **Class News:**

What a busy week of learning it has been both in class and online. In Maths, Year 2 have been tackling *crossing ten* when working with addition and subtraction. We had to focus on the place value of the numbers - many of us were resourceful with pasta, pencils and other items around the home to represent tens and ones. I have been really impressed with the focus and engagement in Maths this week, you have worked hard on this new concept and we are beginning to make lots of links in our learning.

Art work this week has linked to our Geography topic where we are looking at Earth and exploring Ecuador. Mrs Davies did an amazing job at teaching us how to make maps authentically and accurately. We also remembered to include a compass and a key which is something we were learning about in September. In the snow, we experimented with blowing and creating some beautiful globe shaped bubbles!

There has been a focus recently on interacting with each other virtually. The riddles we have been writing in English have been shared online so we are able to hear them being read and then answer them. Our class book inspired us to write and deliver letters to each other and on Friday we also had our first Google Meet as a class. Being a large class of 30, we have been missing each other and this virtual interaction has allowed us to share our news, thoughts and feelings (as well as a few of our best jokes). I look forward to our next Google Meet!

Finally, well done on all the learning you have produced and thank you for all your efforts!

Miss Musgrove



w/e 22nd Jan: Jacob

w/e 29th Jan: Freya-Mae





## **Willow Class**



### **Class News:**

Willow Class has had a very creative couple of weeks. We've learnt all about the cave paintings from the Stone Age and have read the wonderful book: *The First Painting*. This inspired some beautiful cave paintings in charcoal.

In Science, the children have learnt about the fossilisation process and created their own fantastic fossils from plaster of Paris as well as taking part in a live lesson on soils.

In English, there has been some wonderful creative writing with the children writing their own version of the *Stone Age Boy* story. This week, we've had our first live lessons in English and it's been great to see everyone together on screen sharing ideas.

In Maths, the children have been working hard to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. There has been marching and singing along with lots of wonderful learning, beautifully presented in their Maths books. We're now progressing onto more formal written methods of multiplication.

Not only that, there have been still life art lessons and woolly mammoths created out of milk bottles and brown tissue paper. Not to mention beautiful home bakes including towering cakes and jam tarts.

Willow Class, I miss being in school with you terribly, but seeing all of your beautiful work and your enthusiastic approach to home learning is really inspirational.

Mrs Weaver



w/e 22nd Jan: Ben

w/e 29th Jan: Rebecca





## **Cherry Class**



### **Class News:**

It has been another wonderful two weeks of learning for Cherry Class. The children have been working hard on our poetry unit of work in Literacy this term and have produced poems worthy of professional publishing! I have been absolutely speechless at the poetic flair and language the children have demonstrated in their poems about Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. Each week, I set Year 4 a new poetry challenge and each week, they easily rise to the challenge and exceed my expectations!

Year 4 have been tackling some tricky multiplication and division in Maths over the last 2 weeks. We have been enjoying live Maths lessons together over video call and I have been really impressed with the children's focus, engagement and hard work which is really paying off in the Maths work they are producing.

In our Geography lessons, we have continued to explore the beautiful country of Italy and more specifically, the Bay of Naples area. The children have created magnificent travel brochures, presentations and tour guide scripts full of high-level geographical knowledge about this fascinating, history-rich part of the word.

I really couldn't ask for anymore from you Cherry Class. The level of engagement, the quality of work being produced, the positive and hard-working attitudes are exemplary and you are making yourselves and Trinity very proud - well done!

Miss Treasure



w/e 22nd Jan: Daniel

w/e 29th Jan: LLoyd





## **Maple Class**



### **Class News:**

Over the last two weeks we have been focusing on writing stories and I have been blown away with the children's exciting writing. The stories this week have been inspired by the fun we all had in the snow. In maths we have started to explore fractions and have begun by looking at fractions in 'disguise' (equivalent fractions).

The Moon is our current focus in Science and the children produced some lovely work explaining its phases. Our Geography topic on Fair Trade has now started and we were all surprised with how well travelled some of our fruit and veg is! As well as looking at where some of our food has come from we have also looked at an example of a supply chain. Our live History lessons have continued. We have been learning about the courage St.Augustine demonstrated when he brought Christianity back to Britain. This week we explored Anglo-Saxon laws and justice. The children have also been producing some fantastic art work inspired by Piet Mondrian.

Well done everyone for your continued effort and positivity. Keep up the hard work!

Mr Pollock

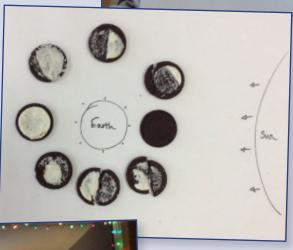
## **HT Award**



w/e 29th Jan: Evie









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#### **Class News:**

## **Redwood Class**



We've had another action packed two weeks of home and school learning where we have learnt about percentages and how they link to fractions and decimals. In English, we have written a non-chronological report about the planet Pandora and the hexapods which live there. Science has been practical in the classroom with the creation and drawing of circuit diagrams. Generally, engagement for the morning lessons has been excellent...well done!

#### Mrs Jones

Over the past two weeks we have learnt the difference between a vlog and a blog and have used a tool on Purple Mash to design our own blog. Our Concept Maps will keep our thoughts focussed as we write our blog in next week's lesson.

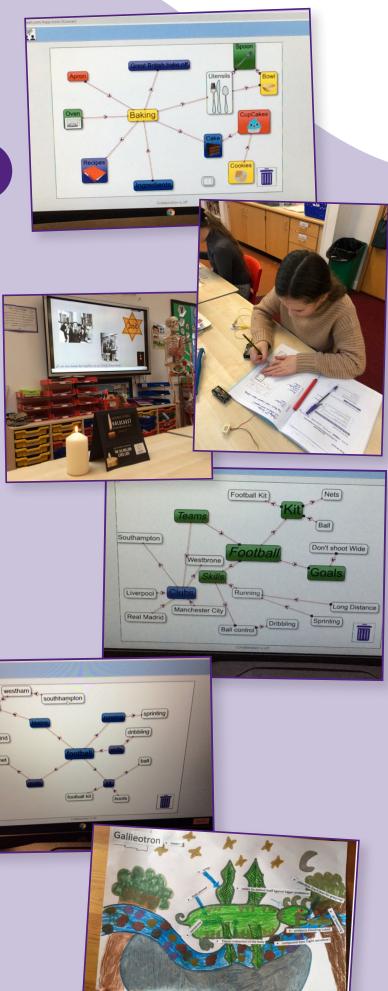
In History, we continue our study of World War 2 and on Thursday, we took time to remember those who lost their lives in The Holocaust. Harvey led us in a reflective class worship.

We continue to have Live lessons in the afternoons and really appreciate 'Well-Being Afternoon' on a Friday. Children at home have baked delicious puddings while in school we are learning some popular card games.

Mrs Clements

HT Award

w/e 22nd Jan: Harvey w/e 29th Jan: Roman





# CHANGE4LIFE

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Click on the link to get some great ideas for healthy lunches for your family: https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas



### **Office News:**



### **School Day Timings**

Please remember that children attending school need to arrive between 8.30am-8.45am. Any children arriving late need to be brought up to the school office by a parent and signed in, and then must wait outside by the side gate for a member of staff to collect them. With reduced numbers of staff in school, this is less than ideal and so it is important that children arrive in plenty of time to start their school day. Classes are dismissed in the afternoon at 3pm.

### **School Lunch Provision:**

All lunch bookings for children in school must be made in the usual way via ParentPay. If your child is normally in receipt of Free School Meals or in Reception, Chestnut and Cedar your bookings will not be charged as normal. All other bookings must be paid for at the time of booking otherwise ParentPay will automatically remove them after 2 hours.

As our onsite kitchen is currently closed, our meals are being delivered to school from another Trust kitchen. ALL bookings, free or paid, MUST be made by 3pm the Thursday before, ready for the week ahead.

All previous bookings have been removed and no payments have been taken from your child's account this term. If a meal has not been booked by 3pm on a Thursday we will be unable to order additional meals after this time.

# Outside Achievements



Congratulations to **Molly-Rose (Y6)** who has received a Distinction for her LAMDA Grade 2 Acting!