

# **Trinity Church School**

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Newsletter 13** 

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

## Headteacher's Message

It is wonderful news that ALL children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. We are delighted that this is finally happening and can't wait to welcome all our children back to school next week!

This has been a tremendously difficult period for everybody and we would like to thank all parents for being so supportive and understanding during this lockdown. I'm sure you are looking forward to a well-deserved rest from home schooling as much as staff are looking forward to being back teaching in the classroom with everyone again.

This is a very exciting time for all involved with school. We understand that some children may be feeling nervous about returning after such a long time away. Please reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and staff will be supporting all children to help them to settle back into school life and routines. As with everything please be patient, getting everyone back into routines and establishing our high expectations once again may take some getting used to.

I would like to once again thank all our wonderful staff at Trinity for continuing to work tirelessly throughout this lockdown period to ensure that your children continue to receive a high quality education and for the support they have given to both children and parents/careers as necessary through these difficult times. They have also been working very hard to ensure school is safe and ready for the children's return. They are a fabulous team and make Trinity the special place it is.

Here is a link to the letter which was sent out earlier this week detailing our plans and procedures for the full re-opening of school.

There have been some changes so please read all of the information carefully. Our updated risk assessment can be found **here**.

If you have any personal queries or any information that you feel is important to share with us before the return, then please contact your Class teacher via Seesaw or email the school office ready for Monday morning. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend!

**Mrs Parsons** 

### **Christian Values Awards**



#### Compassion

This term we are focusing on Compassion in the lead up to Easter. We will be reading many stories and accounts where Jesus was filled with compassion for those in need and met their need, whether that be physical healing (the women who reached out in faith), a delicious packed lunch (feeding the 5,000) or, saving the best 'til last, turning water into wine.

We will be exploring how we can adopt a Christ-like compassion as we learn together, thinking about those in need within our class, our school, the local community, nationally and internationally. This will be reflected on Red Nose Day as we raise money for those in need. Watch here. "They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?" He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Woman'sDay

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

**Creativity** Jackson H (Y5)

### Acorn Class

#### **Class News:**

Acorns have been super busy over the past two weeks. Last week, we read *"Mr Wolf's Pancakes"* and learnt the different ingredients he needed to buy so he could make his delicious pancakes. We made our own pancakes with Mrs Kirby and then had a go at flipping them! We also had pancake races with our friends from Conker Class.

We have explored and discovered spirals and circles and have drawn these in flour, glitter and chalk both inside and outside.

This week, we are embracing the beautiful Spring sunshine by going for a walk around the school to find 'Signs of Spring'. We have learnt some names for Spring flowers including *daffodil* and *hyacinths* and discovered their beautiful scent. We have made our own potions with these flowers.

We celebrated St David's day this week by printing with leeks and tasting delicious Welsh cakes.

The Acorns Team

# Thought of the week

#### "Come out of the ark, you, your wife and your sons and their wives" Genesis 8:16

In the popular New Testament bible story, we read that Noah, his family and many animals were in the ark for a total of 150 days. For 40 days, they endured heavy rain and a fierce storm, then they needed to wait for the water to recede so that the ark could come to rest on dry ground. We

have been in lockdown for 60 days and now we are preparing to open the school gates once again. I am sure Noah and his family were relieved at being back on dry land and I wonder if they noticed any changes following the flood and whether life returned to what it was or whether they adapted to the changes they encountered? We are busy getting ready to welcome you all back, there are a few differences you will notice around school as well as the signs of a seasonal change promising the warmer weather and longer days to come.

#### Join me in a prayer:

Dear God, thank you for all that we have achieved in our home learning over the past two months; as we reunite as a school family, we ask that your holy spirit rest upon us and our families keeping us safe and well. Amen

**Mrs Clements** 









## **Conker Class**

#### **Class News:**

Since returning to school, we have been focusing on the topic 'Journeys'. Conkers have been exploring journeys through lots of different books. Our first story was 'The Hundred Decker Bus'. We discussed the journey the bus went on, what the passengers saw and who they met. Conkers went on to think about a journey that they have been on and they each wrote a postcard explaining where they went and how they got there. The children focused on their handwriting and using their phonic knowledge to spell challenging words.

We then explored the story 'Lost and Found', once again discussing the journey the boy and penguin went on and how they managed to reach the South Pole. Conkers then retold and wrote the story, again focusing on their handwriting and using their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences.

Next week we are looking at the journey of '*The* Naughty bus'.

This week, we have been focusing on subtraction and we got really excited as we started to subtract from 100!

Conkers have been working really hard this week and we are excited to have everyone back on Monday.

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# **Chestnut Class**

#### **Class News:**

Chestnut Class has started Term 4 with determination and creativity. We have begun our new learning project all about London and the United Kingdom: we have found out where London is on a map and spotted Buckingham Palace. We've also researched some famous queens and compared them.

As readers and writers, we have created our own set of instructions telling you how to make a hat. We had great fun practising making lots of different paper hats. We then changed the instructions so we could create a magic item of clothing. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the imaginative pieces of writing - if only a magic cape could whisk us away to a sunny island or a magic pair of shoes could turn us invisible!

We have also spent this week celebrating World Book Day, completing tasks based around our favourite books. Who knew there were so many talented illustrators in Year 1?!

In Maths, we have been working on our key skills, focusing on number bonds to 10 and 20 and place value, discovering tens and ones in the teen numbers. As scientists, we have started our new unit on the human body: labelling each other was great fun and a big thank you to siblings at home who allowed us to draw around you!

As our time apart comes to an end, I am so excited to welcome everyone back to the classroom. A huge well done to all of you, children, parents/carers and staff who have worked incredibly hard and persevered. You have all been amazing and should be proud of what has been achieved over the past few months. Chestnut Class, you have done a fantastic job see you all next week!

Mrs Roberts

### HT Award

w/e 25th Feb: Kyran w/e 5th Mar: Cody



# Cedar Class

#### **Class News:**

What a wonderful start to Term 4, we have been designing leaflets about amazing Ecuador!

In English, we have been using expanded noun phrases to capture the reader's attention. We included images and headings to organise our leaflets and make them both clear and engaging for the reader. We remembered key facts from our Geography lessons as well as finding out new things. Did you know:

- there are birds called *Blue Footed Boobies* which have bright blue feet and can dance?
- there are giant tortoises on the Galapagos Islands that can live up to 152 years!

In Geography, we have located Australia and its key features. We have looked at the climate and weather and compared it to here in the UK. Most of us were excited for the idea of a hot Christmas, although we found listening to Christmas music in the sun very strange.

In Art, Mrs Davies has been teaching us a variety of design techniques. For example, we looked at the colours we can use to create sunsets. We have begun our sketches of *Sydney Opera House* and we are planning to build them into 3D art work next week.

In Maths, we have learnt all about money and have even made our own money boxes. Have a look at Freddie's which is made out of Lego!

The best thing has been the countdown to next week, where we can see all our friends again and discover the world together.

A huge thank you to parents, children, staff, siblings and any other adults who have helped make home learning and school learning possible. Cedar Class has done a fabulous job!

**Miss Musgrove** 



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### Willow Class



#### **Class News:**

Willow Class has returned to their learning with a 'spring' in their step! We've continued to study the Stone Age and the children created models of Stonehenge and thought carefully about what it might have been built and used for.

In English, the children have created some beautiful descriptive writing based on the illustrations from the book Flotsam. This beautiful book has reminded us that pictures alone can tell a thousand stories.

In Science, we've begun our new topic on plants and created collage pictures of flowers. We labelled the parts and then explained their purpose and role.

Alongside this, we've learnt about the designer William Morris. We have re-created one of his patterns and had a go at creating our very own pattern too. Hopefully, we can turn these into our very own lino prints when we get back into the classroom.

We have also managed to squeeze in some St. David's Day celebrations with welsh cakes and daffodil drawings.

I cannot wait to welcome this hard-working bunch back into the classroom. You've made it to the end of Lockdown Willow Class! I cannot wait to see you all on Monday for lots and lots of fun back in the classroom.

Mrs Weaver

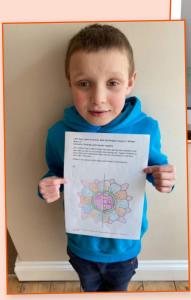


w/e 25th Feb: Eliana & Scarlett w/e 5th Mar: Jake





When, I looked at the last picture. I was confused and amazed. Maybe the man in the picture owned the camera? He probably took the picturs. Who was Captain Nemo?





# **Cherry Class**

#### **Class News:**

Cherry Class has returned ready and raring to go for Term 4.

Over the past two weeks in our Maths lessons, we have been learning about money and solving problems involving money. In Literacy, we have been focusing our writing around the wonderful book *"Flotsam"* by David Wiesner. This is a lovely picture book with no words! Year 4 have written their own beautiful stories based on the illustrations and also innovated the story using imagination and creativity.

In our Science lessons, we have started our new topic looking at animals and their habitats, whilst in History we are learning all about the Romans. Our Art lessons have also been linked to the Romans and we have been creating and researching Roman mosaics.

It has been a challenging past couple of months but I am incredibly proud of all of the children's efforts in their home learning this year. Once again, a huge well done to everybody for getting through this tricky time with positivity, resilience and determination. Mrs Meredith and I cannot wait to welcome all of our wonderful Year 4 children back into Cherry Class on Monday, we have missed you all very much.

**Miss Treasure** 





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### **Maple Class**



#### **Class News:**

Maple Class has made a terrific start to term 4. Last week, we focused on the beautiful and thought-provoking story *"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"* by Charlie Macksey. The children produced some lovely descriptive pieces of writing based on the artwork before writing some incredibly abstract noun poems.

This week in English, the children have been writing letters to family members or friends they have missed during lockdown. I am sure the recipients will love receiving them!

Fractions continue to be our focus in Maths. I have been so impressed with the progress the children are making. Our Maths lessons have been packed and the children's attitude towards their learning has been fantastic.

This week in Science, we have been learning about *time zones*. Using live webcams, we visited various areas of the world that are in a different time zone. We also modelled how the Earth rotates to the East.

Jean Michel Basquiat has been our inspiration for Art this week. The children enjoyed mimicking aspects of his style.

We are so proud of all the hard work and effort you have put in during this lockdown period, and we very much look forward to seeing you all next week.

#### Mr Pollock



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Peace is like the wind rustling the trees Peace is the colour of the leaves in the autumn It smells like freshly baked bread It tastes like chocolate cake It sounds like snow under your feet It feels like a blanket wrapped around you It looks like a white flag It lives inside of all of you By Dexter Griffiths

"What do you way!"







### Class News: Redwood Class

Another busy two weeks of home and school learning for Redwood Class where we have been studying the famous writer *Charles Dickens*. First, we watched a short animated video about his life and then conducted some internet-based research of our own to write an 'About the Author' leaflet/biography. One interesting fact is that it is rumoured Mr Dickens kept a pet raven! In Maths, we have been revising *area*, *perimeter* and *volume*. Our final Science lessons on *electricity* have now finished and we look forward to the next topic: '*light*'.

#### Mrs Jones

Redwood Class has really demonstrated maturity, resilience and commitment to their home learning over the past 7 weeks. Daily LIVE lessons have certainly been the highlight of my day as we have learnt more about WW2 in history, set up and written our own WW2 blogs and even completed *'online cooking*!

Most common phases are, 'Type your response in the chat', 'Mute your mic' or 'Don't forget to turn your work in on Google Classroom'!

Last week, we made a favourite wartime treat: 'grated carrots in jelly'! This week we have extended our skills to make 'corned beef hash', peeling and chopping vegetables, many of which would have been home grown.

Year 6 have also completed a DT/Art project at home creating a model of a WW2 garden which incorporated an Anderson shelter. These have been creative and innovative with children using tea bags to represent sandbags and tiny pegs holding the washing on the line.

Whilst I can't wait to be back together again, I have really enjoyed online learning, learning new technology, meeting your pets and playing the best online games to connect us in PSHE.

Well done Year 6, I am so proud of you all!

**Mrs Clements** 



w/e 25th Feb: Chloe w/e 5th Mar: Otto





#### **School Day Timings:**

Class	Arrival	Departure	
Acorns	between 8.30am- 8.50am via nursery gate Start of afternoon session - 12.15pm	End of morning session (no lunch) - 11.45am End of morning session (lunch) - 12.15pm End of day - between 3pm - 3.15pm	
Conker	between 8.30am- 8.50am via Nursery gate	3.00pm via Nursery gate	
Chestnut	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.00pm via rear door of School Hall	
Cedar	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.05pm via rear door of School Hall	
Willow	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.05pm via side gate	
Cherry	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.10pm via side gate	
Maple	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.15pm via side gate (If you wish your child to walk home by themselves please ensure you have completed a form giving permission).	
Redwood	between 8.30am- 8.50am via side gate	3.15pm via side gate (If you wish your child to walk home by themselves please ensure you have completed a form giving permission).	

#### **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 but still need to be booked. All other bookings must be paid for at the time of booking otherwise ParentPay will automatically remove them after 2 hours.

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### **School Council**

The School Council has organised Red Nose day which is **Friday 19th March**. This is a mufti day to wear something red with your red nose of course. The School Council will be collecting your donations at the gate. To learn more about how your money will support those in need watch this short video.

The School Council will also be raising money by selling red noses at £1.50 each.

Please don't forget to record your really funny joke and send it to your teacher before Friday 12th March.

### Dates for your Calendar 2020/21 - Term 4

Date	Event	Notes
Mon 8th March	School open to all children	Whole School
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day - Mufti Day (£1 donation to Comic Relief)	Whole School
Fri 26th March	Visiting Theatre Company Performance	YR-Y6
Thurs 1st April	End of Term 4	Whole School
2nd-18th April	Easter Holidays	Whole School
Mon 19th April	Term 5 starts	Whole School

# TRINITY FOODBANK

In recognition of what a difficult year it has been, and the pressures it has put on families, the Trinity team have created a foodbank within school. We have tinned food, pasta, cereals and all sorts of other storecupboard goodies, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and dairy products. If you need anything during the coming weeks, please call the office on 01761 438650 and we can arrange for you to come in and be shown where to go.

### Pancake Day Celebration!

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To mark the beginning of Lent, Mrs Wallis cooked some pancakes and we had some pancake races - it was such good fun!

We raced against our peers, flipped our pancakes and tried to be the first to the finish line! Flipping pancakes is much harder than it looks!



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