



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

Headteacher's Message

As Term 2 draws to a frosty close and we all look forward to the Christmas break, I would like to thank all our Trinity children and their parents/carers for a strong start to this school year. Willow, Maple and Redwood Classes have helped Miss Jones, Miss Walker and Mr Hancock settle into life at Trinity and all year groups have been working hard on their school work as well as sitting end of term assessments..

We have also had fun times this term - our KS2 children sang beautifully throughout the carol service this week and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into the Hall to take part. KS1 children rehearsed well for their Nativity - "The Bethlehem Bake-Off" ready to perform to an audience of parents and carers on Tuesday afternoon. All that dedication certainly paid off - the children were all superstars and they really helped us get into the festive spirit! Our youngest children in Acorns and Conker Class also performed superbly on the stage for the very first time and delighted onlookers with their amazing singing and performing before joining family and friends to make a variety of Christmas Crafts. Thank you to the whole staff team who have worked tirelessly to support the children both with their learning and the performances. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated - It truly is a team effort!

We will be saying a fond farewell in January to Mrs Chambers who has been working in the school office since September 2021 but has now decided to take her retirement. We wish you a very happy and relaxing retirement and thank you for all your hard work. Mrs Chambers has kindly agreed to work during the first week of Term 3 to assist with the handover to the new Administrative Assistant, Mrs Joanna Rundle, for which we are very grateful. Mrs Rundle has previously worked at Somervale School for many years.

On behalf of all the pupils, staff and governors at Trinity I would like to wish each and every one of our families a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Wednesday 4th January** for the first term of 2023.

Mrs Parsons

Swimming Gala

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Lucy took eight Year 6 children to the School Sports Swimming Gala. They had to compete in numerous individual and relay races against 10 other schools. The children were magnificent and won lots of races winning gold, silver and bronze medals for themselves and their team. Overall they managed to win the overall Gala and became the 2022 Champions! What an incredible achievement and it is a first for Trinity. The children should be so proud of themselves and what an inspiration to the rest of the school. Well done, we are so proud of you!



House Points Winners

Congratulations to **Sapphire** and **Emerald** House who were final winners this term and enjoyed an extra non-uniform day today!



Attendance Winners

Well done to **Chestnut** Class for achieving the highest attendance both last week and this week.



Christian Values Awards

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

- Friendship:** Neave Y3, Macey, Scarlett, Emily and Ben Y5
- Respect:** Reggie Y1
- Courage:** Imogen and Ava Y1, Olivia, Ivy, Thea and Bella Y2
- Compassion:** Ava Y1, Delilah Y2
- Trust:** Rhianydd and Hermione Y6



Acorn Class

Class News:

As quick as a flash and we're through to the end of Term 2 already! We've been very busy again in the lead up to our Christmas break.

At the beginning of the week, we arrived at school to a blanket of snow and ice. The children have had lots of fun discovering their different properties – not just how cold they are, but also how soft the snow is and how hard the ice is. We also explored how the snow and ice melts into water if we breathe closely on it or hold it and squeeze it in our warm hands. We made patterns and footprints in the fresh snow and used hammers to smash the ice in the tuff trays.

Acorns and Conkers had a fun Christmas Celebration afternoon where we were joined by our families for a festive singalong, and it was great to see the children together with their families engaging in some creative craft activities. The children also looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers!

The children have also been using ribbon twirling sticks to great effect to help them practise their letter formation. They have been making lots of different letter shapes and patterns in the air.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023!

Mrs Ware



Headteacher's Award

Conkers:	Charlie S, Penny
Chestnut:	Ellis, Brianna
Cedar:	Milo, Jessica
Willow:	Natan, Winston
Cherry:	Elsie-Rose, Archey
Maple:	Olivia, Ophelia
Redwood:	Charlie H, Rocco



Office News:

IMPORTANT: Changes to Wraparound Care

A reminder that there will be no 1 hour TASC or Long TASC on the last day of term - Friday 16th December. Any bookings made on ParentPay will be cancelled.

Due to staffing issues, we have unfortunately had to review the after school provision on Fridays. The decision has been made that after Christmas,

unfortunately we can no longer run Long TASC on a Friday - only 1 hour TASC will be available on Fridays. This will be the case for the foreseeable future. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

School Lunches

Please remember to book your school lunches over the Christmas break ready for Term 3.

Conker Class



Class News:

We can hardly believe that we are now at the end of Term 2!

We are so super proud of Conkers and everything they have learned since starting school. Their attitude towards learning is amazing and they are always keen to please - what a fantastic class!

We really enjoyed our Christmas celebration on Wednesday afternoon. We had learned some songs to share and then had lots of time to be creative with our families. Thank you to everyone that came for making it such a busy fun afternoon. We have completed a whole stage in Phonics and the children are looking forward to moving on next term to some trickier digraphs (2 letters that make one sound). Please do practise their reading books over the holidays to keep these phonics fresh in their minds.

In Maths, we have been looking at ways to break and make 5, eg $4 + 1$, $3 + 2$. We have played games with a partner where one hid some fingers and the other had to work out the other part. We are becoming Masters of Maths by recording these number sentences on a bar model.

The snow took us by surprise this week but we embraced the opportunity to explore outside and be snow angels. Each day in December, we have been opening up our class advent that contains characters from the Nativity story. We have been retelling the story using a variety of resources.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

What a wonderful final two weeks of term we have had in Chestnut Class! The children have been learning lots of new songs for our Nativity: "*The Bethlehem Bake-Off*", along with actions to bring it to life. Some children chose to have a speaking part and had many lines to learn, but they rose to the challenge and made us feel really proud of their performances. It is amazing to think that during the last couple of years, the pandemic has meant that our Christmas performances have not quite been the same - but this year the children really did put on a show!

We have continued to learn our latest phonemes in our Phonics lessons. The children have had the incredibly challenging task of learning that in the English language, there are many alternative ways of writing the /ee/ sound, for example /ea/, /e/ and sometimes even /ie/ like in the word thief. They have also been learning to identify the /aw/ phoneme this week and have applied this new learning in their sentences. I am so impressed with the way the children are becoming increasingly independent in their writing.

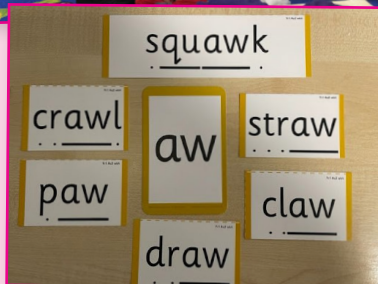
In Maths, we wrapped up our work on addition and subtraction last week and began to learn about 2D and 3D shapes this week. Ask your child if they can recognise any household items which are cylinders, cubes, cuboids or spheres.

In PSHE this term, we have been celebrating our differences. The children have made wonderful gingerbread men as part of this activity and thought about how they are unique individuals.

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas and your good health for 2023!

Best wishes,

Mrs Jefferies



Cedar Class



Class News:

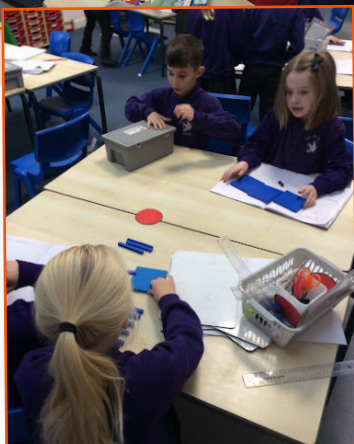
What an amazing end to our term with a wonderful performance of *The Bethlehem Bake-Off*! To echo Mrs Jefferies, I am so proud of KS1 for their incredible musicality, creativity and courage. I am sure we will see some of them in the West End one day.

In English, we have written the most perfect and important letters in our lives to date....a letter to Father Christmas! These were not just any letters - we included noun phrases, adverbials, capital letters and commas for lists. Father Christmas even sent us a video message thanking us for all our efforts.

In RE, the children have learnt all about the Christmas Story and what Christian Values were shown. They reenacted the event and were able to identify characters that show our school values. They demonstrated their knowledge with a wonderful acrostic poem about advent. Did you know that each candle on the advent wreath represents hope, love, joy, peace and the birth of Jesus Christ?

Everybody in the Year 2 team would like to wish you a very magical Christmas and we cannot wait to see you in 2023.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

Term 2 has been fantastic! Willow Class has worked incredibly hard over the last 7 weeks and I have been amazed with their motivation in lessons and their enthusiasm for learning.

Over the last two weeks, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction topic. The children have worked very hard and showed amazing abstract examples of column *addition* and *subtraction*. This week we have focused on *estimating calculations* and *inverse operations*. Our next topic after Christmas will be *multiplication* and *division*.

In English, we have finished "*The Secret of Black Rock*". I am incredibly proud of the quality of the sentences they have all come up with, well done Willow Class! This week, we have been playing around with sentences to understand how we can extend and add detail to our writing. The children have already come up with some brilliant examples!

In Geography, we have come to the end of our *Rivers* and *Mountains* topic. We spent our last lesson focusing on why rivers are important to people. We concentrated on two river examples: the Volga River and the Amazon River. The children enjoyed learning about these two examples and were able to write detailed sentences why these rivers are famous and why they are important to people.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and hope you all have a wonderful break. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Miss Jones

Cherry Class



Class News:

Where has the term gone? As ever, Cherry Class has had a busy couple of weeks.

In Maths, we have been working hard on multiplication and division. We have focused on the 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. The children have been fantastic at pattern spotting and using what they know to work out what they don't!

Playing around with sentences has been great fun over the last couple of weeks as we explored sentence structure and word choices for effect. The children have also completed an exciting independent write based on "*The Snowman*" by Raymond Briggs.

Sound has continued to be our focus in Science. Last week, we had fun experiencing light travelling faster than sound. The school hall provided a great vantage point to demonstrate this. We also consolidated our understanding of how sound is made and changed.

In Computing, we have been learning how to record and edit sound. Last week, we made our first podcast as a class all about the Romans. Stay tuned for our next episode!

Thank you for all of your hard work this term. Have a wonderful Christmas and a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Mr Pollock



Maple Class



Class News:

On Monday, Maple class took part in the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. They did a fantastic job of narrating the story of the Nativity and really got into the Christmas spirit!

In English, we have been doing lots of writing based on a video called "*The Present*". The children have worked really hard to enhance their writing, using lots of different writing features. On Wednesday, we had a go at acting out one of the scenes from the video and the children did a great job of putting themselves in the shoes of Ben and the puppy.

In Maths, we have been learning all about *fractions*. Maple Class has worked really hard changing improper fractions to mixed numbers and have enjoyed making equivalent fractions too.

In PE with Mr Lucy, we have been taking part in a variety of different target games. We have also created our own dances in the style of rock 'n' roll.

Well done for all your hard work over the last two terms. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and can't wait to see you all again in the New Year!

Miss Walker



Class News:

Redwood Class



Wow - who can believe we are at the end of Term 2 already? The children have continued to work incredibly hard and I'm sure are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

We have been finishing off our work on Varmints in English and the children have created some brilliant narratives inspired by the story.

In Science, we have continued our investigations on electricity, reflecting on what components need to be added in order to produce a successful electrical circuit.

In Art, the children have very nearly finished their illustrations to go alongside the story that they have been working on with local author, Farah Downing. They can't wait to showcase what they've produced!

The children participated brilliantly in the Carol Service on Monday, being great role models for the younger children in the school. They also enjoyed demonstrating their awesome dance moves to Twelve Days of Christmas!

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work so far this year. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Mr Hancock



Dates for your Calendar 2022-2023 - Term 3

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 2nd January	BANK HOLIDAY - School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 4th January	BACK TO SCHOOL - TERM 3	Whole School
Monday 9th January	MSN Girl's Football Tournament (details tbc)	
Tuesday 10th January	Cherry Class Parent Workshop - 2.00-3.00pm	Year 4 parents/carers
Tuesday 17th January	SEN Parent Support Information Drop-In - 2.00-3.00pm	All welcome
Wednesday 25th January	Young Voices - please make sure you have made payments for coach contribution, t-shirts and adult tickets (if ordered)	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 9th February	Conker Class Parent Workshop: 2.00-3.00pm	YR parents/carers
Friday 10th February	END OF TERM 3	Whole School
Monday 20th February	BACK TO SCHOOL - TERM 4	Whole School

Thought of the week

Christmas is just around the corner, and it's very easy to focus on what might be waiting for us under the Christmas tree rather than the true meaning behind the celebration.

Whilst we can happily celebrate that we are not in the grip of a pandemic anymore and are free to share our Christmas festivities with loved ones, there is a financial crisis which we are all feeling the sting of. Now more than ever, we should remember that Christmas is not about what we receive in the way of gifts and treats, but more about remembering why we celebrate and immersing ourselves in the spirit of giving. This year, that might not be things we have spent our money on - it can be joy and love instead, which cost nothing and which we can keep giving all year round.

This lovely quote is by Ann Schultz:

"Let us keep Christmas beautiful without a thought of greed, that it might live forevermore to fill our every need, that it shall not be just a day, but last a lifetime through, the miracle of Christmas time that brings God close to you."

Have a peaceful and happy Christmas.



BLACK SWAN ARTS YOUNG ART COMPETITION

Are you aged between 5 and 19 years? Would you like to enter a brilliant art competition? Black Swan Arts Young Open is the largest curated young art competition in the South West. If your work is selected, it will be exhibited at the galleries across Black Swan Arts centre through the Easter Holidays. Prizes include workshops with professional artists and vouchers from Postscript. Open to everyone & anything goes!

To enter online, please go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk

Deadline for entries is midnight on 3 February.



Invitation to all Parents/Carers!

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Care Group

NHS



Come and meet our School Nurse Rachel - Tuesday 17th January 14.00
– Pick up in the school Hall

Rachel will be available for parents/carers to 'drop in' between 14.00 and pick up to discuss any health concerns you may have about your school aged child including:

Emotional health

Bedwetting/toileting

Healthy eating/weight

Sleep

Further information about our school nursing service can be found at <https://bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/childrens/school-nursing/>

