



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 15th September 2023

Newsletter 01

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

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to the start of another year at Trinity - and a special welcome to all those new children who have joined us for the first time. Our new Reception children have started their primary school education in Conker Class - some were with us in Acorns Nursery and others have come to us from elsewhere - but you all look very smart in your Trinity uniforms and it's a privilege to see you embark on the start of your journey with us.

Everyone has settled into their new year groups quickly and have taken the start of the school year in their stride. Our new Year 6 children are now the role models for the rest of the school and I have no doubt they will make us all proud with their behaviour and attitude this year.

We also welcome Miss Connie Phillips as our Assistant Headteacher and Year 5 teacher, and Miss Parmenter who is supporting Miss Musgrove as Teaching Assistant in Year 2.

I look forward to seeing you all grow throughout the year with kindness and compassion for everyone. Keep our Christian Values in your mind at all times and be the best you can be.

Mrs Parsons

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

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Ruby	Rebecca	Nahla
Emerald	Emily	Macey
Sapphire	Ben	Martha
Topaz	Jake	Travis

Request from Early Years

Early Years are looking at the year ahead and how we can tap into your expertise to support and enhance our provision. As a setting, we are keen to get a regular flow of visitors into the classrooms to share their passions and knowledge. If you have a particular skill, job or hobby that you are happy to come in for 20-30 mins at some point over the year and share with us, we would be most grateful. Alternatively, if you know anybody that would be happy to come in, then we would love to hear about that too.

Hobbies/skills could include - woodwork, playing an instrument, cooking, painting, clay, tennis, gardening, a

foreign language, etc.

Jobs could include - doctor, nurse, dentist, dental nurse, florist, mechanic, engineer, police officer, hairdresser, gardener, baker, builder, vet, farmer, librarian. etc

If you think this is something you can help us with, please call into the office and leave your contact details, I will then be in touch.

Many thanks

Mrs Vivian

House Points Winners



Congratulations to both Sapphire and **Topaz** House for gaining the most House points last week, and to **Sapphire** House for this week - what a great start to the year!

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Chestnut** Class for best attendance last week, and to **Willow** Class for this week.

Christian Values Awards



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

Friendship: Otto Y2

Courage: Jake Y5, Nahla, Travis & Eliana Y6

Compassion: Ava Y2, Bella Y4

Acorn Class

Class News:

Wow! What a busy two weeks we have had so far. It has been great to welcome everyone into Acorns and hear all about the exciting Summer holiday news. The children who were in Acorns last year have been wonderful at helping our new children settle in and find their way around. We can already see lovely connections and friendships forming.

We have spent time learning each other's names, the routines and where things are kept in Nursery. We have particularly enjoyed exploring the outdoor space and enjoying the lovely sunshine. Water play has become a firm favourite with Acorns Class. We have done pouring, scooping and transferring as well as lots of colour mixing. The children were amazed when they found they could create new colours by mixing others together.

We have been reading: *"The Colour Monster"* to help us learn and understand our feelings as well as learn about colours. There have been lots of discussions about each of the feelings, what makes us feel a certain way and that it is okay to feel each of these emotions. To help us learn our colours we have used them in lots of our activities including playdough, painting, sorting coloured pom poms and threading beads on to pipe cleaner crazy hair faces.

Mrs McGroarty



Toy Cars

Early Years are looking to refresh the stock of toy cars that we have. Ours are looking like they have been in far too many crashes!

If you have any good quality used metal cars/vehicles we would be extremely grateful.

Many thanks, EYFS team



Outside Achievements



Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

Isaac Y2 - Swimming

Thea Y3 - Gymnast of the Day

Kyran Y4 - Achievements in Football

Savannah Y5 - Gymnastics

Ada Y5 - Gymnastics

Headteacher's Award

Chestnut:

Cedar:

Willow:

Cherry:

Maple:

Redwood:

Ada, Penny

Amber, Finley

Sonny, Milo

Scarlett, Bella

Sophie, Elsie-Rose

Isabella, Rose



Conker Class



Class News:

Well what a quick two weeks this has been. We are super impressed with how confidently and quickly the children have settled into Conkers with all the new routines and structures. We have spent a lot of time with the children getting to know them and what we can do to support them in their development over the coming year.

The children have been exploring the room, finding new resources and where we store them. We have talked about how we may be feeling and linked it to the book: "*The Colour Monster*". The children have been referring to these colours during the day to describe how they feel.

We have been busy getting ready for the *Art Excellence Exhibition* and have done some drafts ready for our final pieces. The children have played lots

of listening games, identifying items by sound instead of sight.

So far, we have heard two new poems and will continue to share a new one weekly with you. We hope the children have been entertaining you with their favourite: "*Tippy Tappy*".

We are really looking forward to having the class in full-time from next week and seeing friendships blossom. Next week, we will be starting Phonics and Maths and we will share with you some things you could do to support your child at home.

Please remember to pop some named wellies onto the welly rack next week and bring a named PE kit in the next two weeks.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children to Chestnut Class and see them settle into their new routines so quickly. We are really enjoying getting to know all of the children and they are enjoying being back with friends.

As artists, we are focusing on painting and mixed media this term. We have already studied and painted sunflowers. The children have been very busy creating their sketches for our *Art Excellence Exhibition*. They have really impressed me with their kind and positive comments to help their friends improve their artwork.

In PSHE, we have been getting to know *Jigsaw Jack!* We have been thinking about how and what makes us feel safe and calm. This week, we have celebrated how we learn best at school and our rights and responsibilities. I have also been impressed by how the children have shown their Christian values in class and in our wider school community.

Place value is our current Maths focus. Using the *Button Box* as our inspiration, we have been busy exploring how we can sort objects into groups. This has involved lots

of 'hands on' investigation with buttons, animals, fruit and pasta!

The children have really enjoyed re-telling traditional tales in our story area and using our puppet theatre. In English, we will be orally re-telling and writing our own versions of: "*The Three Little Pigs*".

Last week, we went on a nature walk to observe the oak tree by the sculpture. The children created some beautiful observational drawings and we will continue to visit the tree throughout the year. As scientists, we will be exploring *Materials* and performing simple tests to discover which material is the most waterproof to make an umbrella for a teddy!

The Great Fire of London is our History topic and we will be discovering where and when the fire began. We will also be researching what life was like in the 17th Century and the differences between now and then.

The children in Chestnut Class have had a fantastic start to the year. I am so proud of how wonderfully they have started the term. Well done!

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class

Class News:



Well what a wonderful start to the term we have had in Cedar Class. We have been very busy getting stuck into our new learning and catching up with our Cedar friends.

In Geography, we have discussed the seasons and what to look out for during this Autumn term. We have sketched the Summer trees and we will continue to note the changes and make observational drawings of them as we see more Autumn signs.

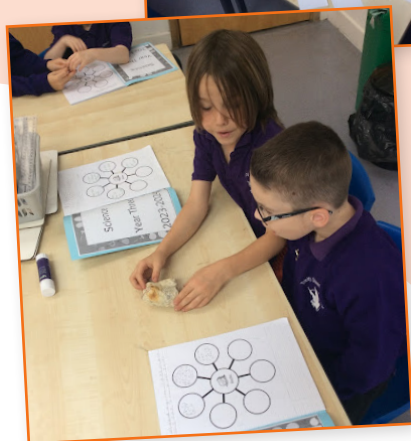
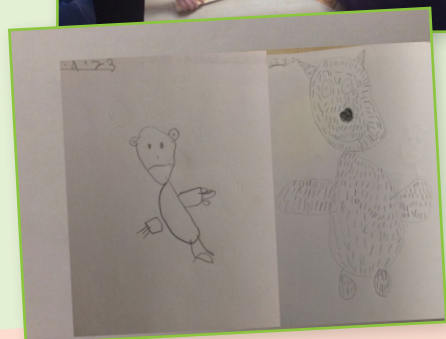
The children have been very busy creating their sketches for our *Art Excellence Exhibition*. So far, we have focused on size, shape and position. Next week we will look at some tips to create texture. I have been particularly pleased with the feedback they have given each other which has had a fantastic

impact on the progress of their sketches. Take a look at the picture to show one child's progress from lesson one to lesson two!

As scientists, we are focusing on animals including humans. We have classified and grouped animals based on how they grow. Soon we will investigate animal survival and create some fair tests linked with diet and exercise.

Next week, we will be starting our big History topic *Remembrance*. This topic will cover lots of our learning in Term 1 and 2. We will be remembering the lives of significant individuals such as *Florence Nightingale* and *Mary Seacole* and we will be exploring remembrance day.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class

Class News:



It has been a fantastic start to the year for Willow Class! The children have settled in wonderfully and are following our routines and expectations. It has been lovely getting to know them all over the last two weeks.

Willow Class has been working incredibly hard in Maths and English. In Maths, we have started our new topic on *place value*. The children have been working on representing numbers to 100 using base tens and have started to standard partitioning 2-digit numbers.

In English, we spent the majority of the first week practising our handwriting for KS2. This week, we experimented with sentences by adding adverbs, verbs and conjunctions to add interest to our writing. The children came up with

some amazing sentences!

In Science, we started our new topic on rocks. We spent the last two lessons understanding what rocks are made out of and observed a variety of rocks to help us describe their appearance, shape and texture.

Finally, the children have been working hard with Mr Pollock for the upcoming *Art Excellence Exhibition*. The children have produced some superb detailed sketches!

It has been an amazing two weeks! The children have all worked incredibly hard and should all be very proud of themselves. Well done Willow Class!

Miss Jones

Cherry Class



Class News:

It has been wonderful to welcome back Cherry Class! They have all transitioned brilliantly into Year 4 and it has been great getting to know them over the course of the first couple of weeks.

The children have enjoyed starting their school swimming lessons and all of the adults were impressed with how well they managed the walk to and from the swimming pool, particularly in the heat of the first week!

We have been working hard in Maths, exploring *place value* of numbers up to 10,000! In English, we are beginning to write diary entries based on the book: "*The Journal of Iliona - A Young Roman Slave*". This has linked nicely to our History topic on The Romans, where we have been learning about how

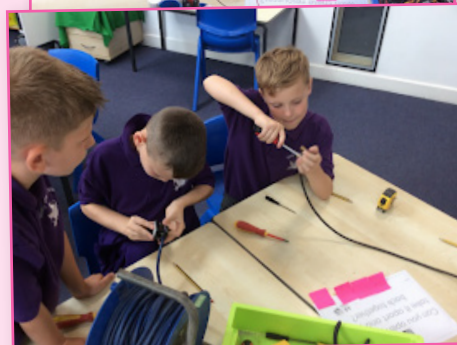
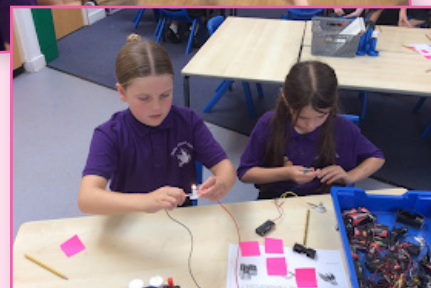
their empire expanded over many different lands.

In Art, the children have been working closely with Mr Pollock, producing sketches as part of our upcoming *Art Excellence Exhibition*.

In Science, our topic is *electricity* and the children have been investigating what makes different electrical appliances work and the components needed. We have also made electricity safety posters to highlight the importance of taking care when doing anything with electricals!

It has been a really positive and enjoyable first couple of weeks of term. Keep up the good work, Cherry Class!

Mr Hancock



Maple Class



Class News:

It has been a fantastic start to Year 5 in Maple Class. The children have all settled into their new classroom, year group and routines very well and are all showing an excellent desire for learning.

We have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In History, we are learning about the *Ancient Egyptians*, our Science topic is '*The Earth and Beyond*' and in R.E., we have been focused on what the Bible says God is like. Mr Pollock has been working with Maple Class in Art, developing sketches to be displayed at the *Art Excellence Exhibition* next week.

The Year 5's have been working on *place value* in Maths with Mr Pollock and in our writing lessons, we are reading and writing about: "*The Queen of the Falls*" - an exciting story about a daredevil called Annie Edson Taylor who has a desire to become rich and famous by jumping off the top of the Niagara Falls in a barrel. The children are really enjoying this so please ask them about it!

I have been enjoying my first couple of weeks here at Trinity and getting to know the children in Maple Class. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Miss Phillips



Class News:

Redwood Class

What a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have settled back in very well and have been working really hard.

In Maths, we have begun our topic on *place value* and the children have been identifying different numbers up to 10,000,000. In English, we have started identifying the features of a biography, in preparation to write our own.

A highlight of our first two weeks has to be our trip to London. For many, it was a day of firsts - first train journey, first time on the tube and first time in London. The class loved going around the Houses of Parliament, where they learned how laws are made and even had a go at making their own! We then re-enacted the Coronation, before having a tour around Westminster Abbey. Another highlight of the trip was eating their tea in St James' Park accompanied by pigeons and geese. It was an amazing experience and we made memories that will last forever!

Miss Walker



Thought of the week

This week Year 6 took on a new Challenge and adventure with their trip to London. Our new Reception children are taking on a new challenge as they begin their time in school. There are many challenges we face everyday at home and at school, so last week in our Collective Worship sessions we explored what it means to face a challenge and how we can face challenges when we have courage inspired by the news story below.

Almost ten years ago, the now 44-year-old Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark left his job and family behind to begin a life-changing journey. His goal was to visit every country in the world without flying on a plane. In May this year, Pedersen successfully visited his 203rd and final country, the Maldives. After celebrating, he backtracked to Malaysia via Sri Lanka to board a container ship for the 33-day trip home. Now he has had time

to rest and reflect, Pedersen plans to write a book about his adventure.

We reflected on when you take on a new challenge we often face obstacles and these must be overcome. We talked about some of the obstacles Torbjørn might have faced and how he might have felt and how he could overcome them.

Talking Points to share at home:

- Have you ever faced a challenge?
- What was it? Did you choose to take on the challenge?
- Did you achieve it?
- What we can learn from challenges. Do you think you learn from them even if you fail?
- Is there anything that would help you face a challenge and keep going, even if it was hard?



Life is meant to be a challenge, because challenges make us grow.

Manny Pacquiao - politician and former professional boxer



Individual Liberty

There are many challenges and adventures we will face throughout our lives. Some we may choose to do; others we do not. We can, however, choose how we respond to these challenges and the actions we take.

Protected Characteristics

Thor travelled to 203 countries, meeting many people along the way. The country someone belongs to is their nationality. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their nationality.



UN Rights of a Child

If a child lives in a different country than their parents, governments must let the child and parents travel so that they can stay in contact and be together.



Office News:

SEPTEMBER REMINDERS:

Children should only be bringing in **water** in their bottles for lesson time. Most classes, including Nursery, will use school water bottles during the day. You can provide an alternative drink for lunchtime, but not fizzy drinks, energy drinks or similar.

School water bottles cost £1.50 and are payable on ParentPay. Please email or call the office if you have made a payment, as we do not receive notifications automatically.

ALL items of school uniform - including wellies, coats, hats and PE kit - need to be clearly labelled with your child's name. We cannot distribute lost property to its rightful owner if this is not done.

PE kits should be in school from the start of term so children have them available for PE lessons and any after school clubs they may sign up for. They can be taken home at the end of term for washing.

Trinity Church School promotes healthy eating. If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, please ensure it contains healthy items.

If your child arrives at school later than **8.50am**, they **MUST** be accompanied to the office by an adult to sign them in and give a reason for their lateness.

There is **no car park access** at the end of the day or after TASC or clubs to anyone without a blue badge or permission from Mrs Parsons. Please note, the

office closes early on a Wednesday and Friday so there is nobody here to open the gates.

Car park gates will be opened to those with access at **3pm**. Arriving earlier than that blocks the entrance for the school bus and emergency services.

School lunches must be booked on ParentPay by midnight on a Thursday for the following week. If you miss this deadline, you will be expected to provide a packed lunch.

Wraparound care: Bookings for Breakfast Club, 1hr TASC or Long TASC should be made on ParentPay at least 2 days in advance. Parents have responsibility for making these bookings. Please only ask the office to make changes, not to make regular bookings.

Absence: If your child is sick, please call the office and choose option 1 to leave a message explaining why. Saying they are 'unwell' is not enough information and you will receive a follow up call. Unless they are in 48 hour quarantine for sickness or diarrhoea, you need to call into the office each day of their absence.

Contact details: Data collection forms will be sent out in September to all year groups except Nursery and Reception for checking/amending, signing and returning. It is essential that we have up to date contact details on the system, so please let us know of any changes and return the forms as soon as possible.

Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 1

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 18th September	Year 5 Quad Kids Athletics	Selected children
Friday 22nd September	Second hand book sale - donations of 20-50p	
Thursday 28th September	YR Phonics presentation 2p-3pm	Conkers
Thursday 28th September	PTA meeting - Wetherspoons, Midsomer Norton	
Friday 20th October	END OF TERM 1 - HALF-TERM BREAK	Whole School
Monday 30th October	INSET DAY 3	Whole School

Friendship



This term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of 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

Your PTA Needs You!

The current PTA committee needs to take a step back from their duties this year. Are you interested in helping to organise much-loved PTA events like the Monster Mash Disco & Summer Fair? And raising money to benefit the school at the same time? Perhaps you are a group of friends interested in taking over the running of the PTA with the full support of the current committee to get you started? Please come along to our meeting on Thursday 28th September at Wetherspoons, Midsomer Norton at 7.30pm to hear about the amazing events we run and how we support our wonderful school. If you can't make the meeting, but would like any information please email us trinitychurchschoolpta@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER READERS

We are putting together a team of volunteer readers made up of parents, carers and grandparents. This would involve coming into school and listening to our wonderful children read. If you, or a grandparent is able and willing, please could you let **Mr Pollock** know.

SEND Local Offer Information Event

Guildhall, Bath - Monday 25th September, 10am - 12pm

Come along to meet and chat to representatives from local groups, organisations and services



Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives



Live Well B&NES
B&NES Parent Carer Forum



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SEND Local Offer Information Event

Hosted by

Live Well B&NES & B&NES Parent Carer Forum

Brunswick Room, Guildhall, High Street, Bath BA1 5AW
Monday 25th September 10:00am - 12:00pm

A drop-in session for parent carers and anyone supporting a child or young person with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Meet services, groups and organisations supporting young people with SEND.

Tea & coffee provided and a separate quiet space.

No one-to-one or private appointments available at this event (please speak to the provider to arrange this at a separate time).

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