



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 17th September 2021

Newsletter 01

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

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year and a very special welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined Trinity.

We have had a great start to the school year and are pleased to have returned to many 'normal' activities including playing outside together with other classes, swimming, whole school collective worship and singing.

This year we aim to continue with a fortnightly newsletter. These are sent directly to you via SchoolPing and can also be found on our website.. Newsletters will celebrate individual, class and team achievements and give you important information about key dates and events. We will also communicate what is happening in our PTA and in our local community.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school to share and celebrate children's learning and achievements. Class teachers will be holding 'meet the teacher' sessions next week where information and expectations about the year ahead will be shared. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along. Please join your child's class at 2.40pm on the dates below:

'Meet the Teacher' time and dates:

Year 1 & 2	Monday 20th September
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 21st September
Year 5	Wednesday 22nd September
Year 6	Thursday 23rd September
Reception	Friday 24th September

Teachers are also planning termly Parent Workshops - parents will be invited to join their child for a 'lesson' or a celebratory session where children are able to showcase their learning. Further details coming soon!

Covid Update

As you know, we are all in a period of adjustment to the new government stance on Covid-19 and what we can and can't do. From the school's perspective, we are following the information found here:

When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Further details of procedures we are following in school can be found in our latest [Risk Assessment](#).

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Mrs Parsons

House Points Winners



Well done to **Ruby House** who are our House Point winners for the first two weeks of term. Keep up the good work!

Attendance Winners



Congratulations for the best attendance go to to **Maple** and **Redwood** Class for last week. This week we have three Classes achieving 100% attendance which is fantastic! Well done to **Cedar**, **Cherry** and **Redwood** Class for this week

House Captains:

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Ruby	Noah H	Mia
Emerald	Ella C	Roman
Sapphire	Dexter	Liliana
Topaz	Morgan	Rufus

Our newly appointed librarians are:

Head Librarians	Librarians
Sophia	Eva, Lila, Lowan, Ella-June, Hope, Marcus, Max, Logan A, Imogen, Aaron

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 into Acorns.

We have been busy exploring our new environment and have loved making a dinosaur land, discovering the Trinity forest, making our own mini pizzas, painting self portraits, and getting to know our new friends through circle and music games.

We cannot wait to see the children next week and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clements and The Acorns Team



School Council

Congratulations to the new members of our School Council:

Chestnut Class:	Sonny and Olivia
Cedar Class:	Cody and Jessica
Willow Class:	Riley and Ada
Cherry Class:	Travis and Emily
Maple Class:	Ruby and Miya
Redwood Class:	Imogen and Aaron



Christian Values Awards

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

Respect:	Lloyd Y5
Friendship:	Francis Y1, Spencer Y4, Dexter and Evie Y6
Courage:	Riley Y1, Travis Y4, Ella-June Y6
Creativity:	Martha Y4
Compassion:	Norman Y2, Morgan Y6



PTA News



The Trinity Tuck Trolley is back! A range of healthy and tasty snacks will be available to buy during morning break from Monday 20th September for 20p. Please send your child with the correct change each day that they wish to purchase tuck.

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Jones, or our Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Parsons. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Conker Class



Class News:

A huge welcome to all the new families to Trinity and to all the children that have moved up from Acorns into Conker Class. We are really enjoying getting to know all the children. They have impressed us with their confidence at coming into a new room with unfamiliar adults. We have been reading *The Colour Monster* and talking about emotions, recognising that it is ok to have a range of feelings.

We have met Mr Lucy and been to explore the climbing structure.

On Friday last week, we stayed for our first school lunch and were joined by our 'grown ups'.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

Welcome back everyone, it has been a pleasure to welcome Chestnut Class to Year 1. I have thrown them into the deep end and they have taken it in their stride with our new topic: 'Memory Box'. To kick start this topic, I took them down memory lane and brought in some of my old toys. Some they knew such as a vinyl record, my Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car, a harmonica and a pair of very old spectacles. However, they were unsure of what a 'Game Boy' was and were shocked by the lack of colour and how small the screen was. They laughed at my video cassette and the idea that this large black rectangle could show a film. Lastly, Chestnut Class were fascinated by my Tamagotchi.

Identifying these toys linked nicely with our English topic: Toys of the past, creating a timeline from wooden rocking horse to 'LOL Dolz' with the final outcome of hopefully writing a report.

I have been so excited by our new 'Read a Rainbow' challenge. I have been amazed by the results and the confidence and fluency in their reading has been remarkable!!

We have had a very busy couple of weeks, but an enjoyable one.

Miss Southwell

Cedar Class

Class News:

Welcome back everyone and what a wonderful return to school it has been! In Cedar Class, we have begun our new topic: *Street Detectives*. In DT, we have started building a dream home for our friend Plod. Our ideas have been inspired by architects, blue prints and Kevin McCloud from *Grand Designs*!

We have spent quite a bit of our time outdoors investigating materials - this has led us to making a bug hotel as our first completed build of the term. We discovered that bug hotels can attract butterflies, woodlice, bees and all sorts of insects - which are hugely important for biodiversity. All you need to make one is some twigs and leafy materials and you can decide how creative you want to get with it!

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class

Class News:

The children in Willow Class have made a spectacular start to the year and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them all.

We've been busy writing effective sentences in English based on the book: *Star in a Jar*.

What is a number and how is it made? Place value is our current Maths focus as we have explored our number system.

Our Science topic this term is *Forces*, with a particular focus on magnetism. So far, we have looked at the push/pull nature of forces and carried out two investigations into the strength of different magnets. The children have made some brilliant observations and I was impressed with how they picked up a concept of a fair test.

Ancient Egypt is our History topic. We have looked at when and where this incredible civilization began.

Keep up the great work in school and at home.

Mr Pollock



Cherry Class



Class News:

What an amazing first couple of weeks back in Cherry Class! It has been so lovely getting to know all the children and they have been so kind in helping me settle into my new school. I have been impressed by their Christian values.

During our first two weeks back, we launched straight into our exciting new topic: *Antarctica*. The children were very enthusiastic and had many questions which have formed the basis of our topic work. We found out where in the world Antarctica is, what it is like there and why it is so important. In groups, we found out about all the amazing animals that live in Antarctica. Finally, we painted some beautiful penguins to help create a fantastic display. We had so much fun!

Swimming has been a real highlight for the children. They really are doing their very best to develop their swimming skills as well as learning about safety at the poolside. I'm sure this will continue to be a favourite lesson in Year 4.

Mrs Jefferies



Maple Class



Class News:

What a lovely class Maple Class are! They have settled into Year 5 life very well and I am excited to be teaching them English, Maths and Music this year. In Maths last week, we started by revising some of the Year 4 objectives to ensure they have a good grounding of place value. This week, we have started on the Year 5 objectives and the children are showing signs of being great mathematicians! In English, we have started the class novel: *The Explorer* and are enjoying immersing ourselves into life in the Amazon.

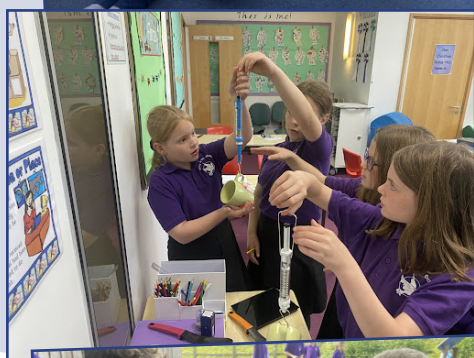
Last week, Maple Class spent their afternoons playing team games, completing team challenges and creating artwork for their lockers based on the artist *Banksy*. We researched street art, practised portraying messages through symbols and finally created our own graffiti name tag.

This week, we have been delving into our first topic: *South America*. In Geography, we recapped the 7 continents and learned some clues to help us remember them. We have labelled the countries of South America and played games to reinforce our learning.

As Scientists we have started our work on *Forces*. So far, we have carried out an investigation as to how much gravity is acting on objects.

Keep up the hard work Maple Class, we can tell it's going to be a great year!

Mrs Jones and Mrs Roberts





Class News:

Redwood Class

It is so wonderful to be back! The children have returned to school as Year 6s and they're already showing the maturity and hardworking attitude that is needed to be at the top of the school! Redwood Class have hit the ground running with our learning this past fortnight, beginning our new topics and completing some practice SATs papers already. In Geography, we are looking at North America this term whilst in Science, our topic is classification. We have also started to read our new class book: *Darwin's Dragons* which links nicely to our Science for Term 1 and 2.

Being at the top of the school comes with additional responsibilities and we have spent time assigning children to the very important roles of House Captains, School Council and School Librarians as well as monitors to support throughout the rest of the school. It has been fantastic seeing the progress the children have made since I taught them in Year 4 and I am looking forward to watching the children continue to grow this coming year.

Miss Treasure



Thought of the week



Through our collective worship, we have been focussing on our Christian value of Friendship and considering what makes our school an inclusive community valuing everyone in it. We have reflected on what we can learn from the Paralympics which took place in the summer.

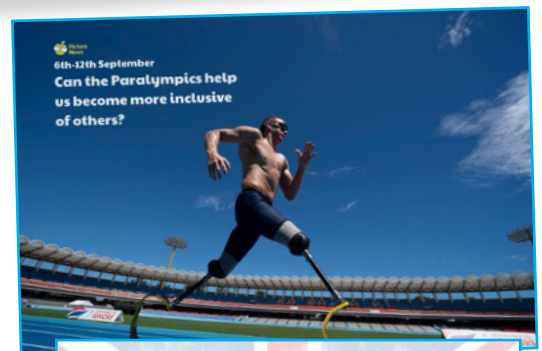
The Paralympics took place in Tokyo, following the postponed 2020 Olympics. The event has featured athletes with disabilities competing in 539 events, across 22 different sports. Ahead of the games, ParalympicsGB launched a campaign to make disabled people Impossible to Ignore. The initiative was developed after research showed Paralympic athletes are key to challenging perceptions of disability in the UK.

The BBC broadcast more than 350 hours of television coverage during this year's Olympics. Channel 4 has provided more Paralympic coverage than ever before with over 300 hours on television channels 4 and More 4. Perhaps you were amazed by the incredible feats of some of the Paralympic athletes.

It is important to feel included and this is a central part of the Christian faith. In the Bible it says: "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7

When we include others and accept differences between one another then new friendships can begin.

Across the week ahead you may want to explore more within your family why you think it's important to make everyone feel included in all areas of life and some ways in which you could do this. We would love to hear some of your thoughts and ideas.



Dates for your Calendar 2021/22 - Term 1

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 20th September	Reception Class in full time 8.45-3.10pm	
Monday 27th September	Cherry Class Parent Workshop: Polar Vehicles	Year 4 parents
Wednesday 13th October	Chestnut Class Parent Workshop : Memory Box	Year 1 parents
Friday 22nd October	INSET DAY End of Term 1	Whole School

Office News:

Changes to Wraparound Care Charges

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

Breakfast Club:	£3.00 (no increase)
1 Hour TASC (3.10-4.10pm):	£2.50 per session
TASC (3.10-6pm):	£6.00 per session.

We have also decided not to reintroduce food to long TASC, so children booked into these sessions will need to bring a snack or light tea with them.

Please remember to book sessions via ParentPay at least 48hrs in advance.

School Lunches

Please remember to book lunches for your child by 3pm Thursday for the following week. Please also ensure children are happy with the choices made as they cannot change their mind on the day. Thank you.

TRINITY FOODBANK

Thank you so much for all the donations received for the Foodbank so far. We would still welcome items if you can spare anything - particularly store cupboard produce and things that can be frozen.



Headteacher's Award

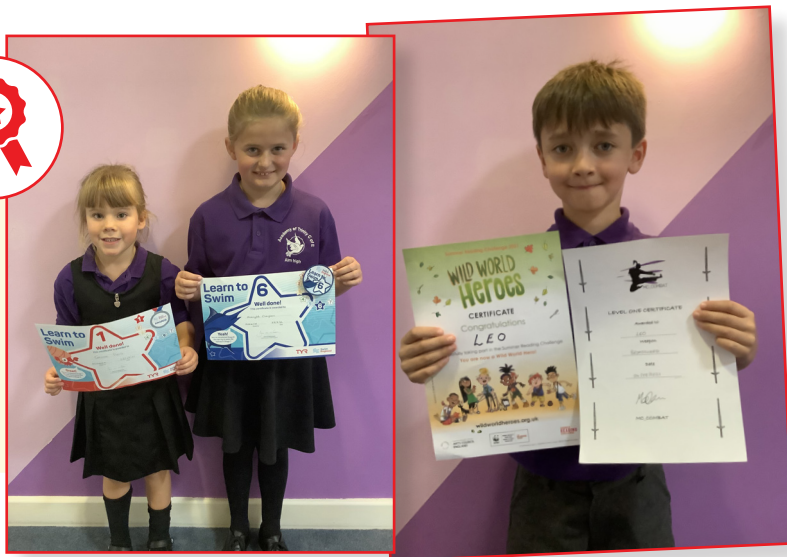
Chestnut Class:	Thea; Ivy and Harry
Cedar Class:	January; Otis
Willow Class:	Alfie; Ada
Cherry Class:	Rebecca; Ben
Maple Class:	Jacob; Rhianydd
Redwood Class:	Logan I; Aaron



Outside Acheivements



Well done to Leo Y3 who was presented with two certificates last week - for Stage Combat and for the Library Challenge. This week, we congratulate Grace Y1 and Rhianydd Y5 for achieving their Level 1 and Level 6 Learn to Swim awards respectively.



Clubs and music tuition

Clubs will be running differently this year. To ensure good quality provision and teacher wellbeing we have decided to run additional clubs by outside providers across the year. Please look out for the letter detailing which clubs will run each term for each key stage and how to sign up for term 1. We have also made the decision to charge £1 per child per club to cover the costs associated with running the clubs payable via ParentPay, with the exception of Fizz Pop Science which is paid directly to them at £40 for 5 sessions.

We are also looking to increase the instrument tuition offered by the school. We currently offer clarinet, flute, cornet lessons to children's KS2 and trumpet and saxophone lessons to year 6 via Music for Schools. I am keen to add additional tuition such as drum, guitar, singing via the BANES Music Hub. If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument please look at the following websites for details and contact Mrs Jones for details.

<https://www.mfsf.org.uk/>

<https://www.banesmusiconline.co.uk/files/2021/07/BNES-MS-Tuition-Brochure-2021-22.pdf>

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.





Friendship



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

Friendship



FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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.

