



Our Guiding Light

Jesus said

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you You also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another.

(John 13-34-35)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Having now reached the end of term, we are delighted that most of the events we had planned have been able to go ahead. The children seem to have enjoyed the parties, the Christmas dinner, the opportunity to wear their Christmas jumper yesterday and the special Christmas service which Father Nick and his team organised for us on Wednesday. The football team managed to get in a match and we are delighted to send off £155.25 to Save the Children after everyone's generosity yesterday. Do take a look at some of the things we have posted on Google Classroom which capture these moments, plus others during the term.

It was with great disappointment that we were not able to go ahead with the PTA's 'Carols in the Courtyard' event but you can still support them in one of their other Christmas ventures. Don't forget about:

- the 'Christmas Eve Trot' on 24th December (flyer emailed out again today)
- ordering Christmas cards and gifts designed by your child (to order go to www.mychildsart.co.uk, follow the instructions using our unique school code and confirm your child's name.
 - Username: **HolyTrinity**
 - Password: **XcTNVD29**
- the Gingerbread Christmas trail around the village (map sent home this week and emailed out today as well)

Thank you if you have also bought raffle tickets or entered the auction for some of the gifts you generously donated to our tombola. It was the PTA who had a special hotline to Father Christmas this year and organised with him messages and gifts for the children to take into the holiday. Do ask your child about it!

The support you have continued to show us during what has become an increasingly complex few weeks has helped us reach this point without any closures and without any significant outbreak of COVID-19. It may be that some additional measures to protect everyone have to be implemented when we return in January but as the situation remains fluid, it is unlikely that we will have much time to inform you of what these might be. We will share information as soon as we are in receipt of the latest guidance and continue to use the newsletter next term to keep you abreast of any changes. Thank you for taking time to read it each week.

When the new term begins it will be without Mrs Butler. Mrs Butler, who has worked as a teaching assistant for seventeen years at Holy Trinity mostly in Year 6, is set to retire. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done for the children she has worked with over the years and wish her well in her retirement. In January Miss Brown will be joining the Year 6 team and we welcome Miss Jodie Ford to Holy Trinity. Miss Ford has already spent some time this week in Year 3, where she will be based, getting to know the children and becoming familiar with class routines. I know you will all make her welcome when she becomes a more permanent fixture in January.

Thank you for all your generosity this term, to us and every one of the charities we have supported; Macmillan, FoodShare Maidenhead, The Royal British Legion, Operation Christmas Child, Children in Need, Thames Hospice and Save the Children. As we get ready to spend time with our families, from everyone here at Holy Trinity we wish you and those you love a very safe and happy Christmas.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

24th December 'Christmas Eve Trot' (see flyer)
Tuesday 4th January First day of the new term



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