

Newsletter November 2023

Issue 3

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In God's love we are:

Respectful, Kind and Compassionate, Thankful, Resilient, Aspirational.

'Where acorns flourish into mighty oaks'



Treetops

Treetops has been a huge success and we have seen a marked rise in numbers each day.

Please visit the school website to find out more details about the timetable and special events!

https://www.trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk/treetops-wraparound-care

School maintenance fund

As you may know, every year we ask for a one-off payment for each child in the school - **The School Maintenance Fund** (previously known as the Governor Maintenance Fund).

The governors' suggested annual contribution for 2023/4 is:

- £36 per child, which can be paid in instalments of £12 per term. This equates to £3 per month (less than a Costa coffee) or
- £60 per family, which can be paid in instalments of £20 per term, equivalent to £5 per month over the year.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the fund – we currently have £2,267 from contributions. We are aiming for £7000 per year to be raised in order to improve the school.



Amazon Wish List

If you are interested in supporting the school with supplies and resources to help teachers deliver lessons then please visit our shared list.

https://amzn.eu/axxWlw5



Community Christmas Tree

I would like to start a new Trinity Oaks tradition to demonstrate how we are all different and unique whilst being a part of the Trinity Oaks' community.

Each year we buy a Christmas tree from Burstow Nurseries and put it in the office area.

This year I would like children/families to bring in shop bought or home-made baubles and place them on the tree. Children can come and place their bauble on the tree from Monday 4th December. Over the last two weeks of term, each class will visit the tree to look at the baubles on the tree and share a Christmas Prayer together.



Christmas events!



Don't miss out – make sure you keep an eye on the dates and times during this busy time, in the lead up to Christmas. The school is ringing with the sounds of Nativity and carols.

Please make sure you look at your class Google pages where the teachers will be sharing photos from all the school events and on the school website.

CHRITSMAS EVENTS BEGIN			
Monday 4 th December	Christmas tree in foyer. Postboxes out.		
Tuesday 5 th December	9.15am Key Stage One - Nativity		
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas lunch - Christmas jumpers. Ordering is now closed		
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 2 – Christmas Journey – St Barts		
Thursday 7 th December	9.30am – EYFS – Nativity (Nursery and Reception classes) 2.15pm – Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) - Nativity		
Friday 8 th December	Father Christmas visit to Trinity Oaks – FOTO £2 Christmas Jumpers		
Tuesday 12 th December	2.30pm – Key Stage One/Reception - Christingle		
Tuesday 12 th December	5.30pm – Carol Service at St Barts – All of Key Stage Two (children to arrive at 5.20pm)		
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Jumpers and Movie after school (chance for parents to do some Christmas shopping!) FOTO £4		
Thursday 14 th December	Termly attainment report to parents <i>new</i>		
Thursday 14 th December	End of term – early finish 1.30pm – Christmas jumpers! FOTO Christmas drinks in the playground		
Friday 15 th December	INSET DAY – no children		
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			

Home School Link Worker

At Trinity Oaks, we strongly believe that the best outcomes for young children occur when parents and carers work in partnership with our school. One of the ways this is achieved is by having a Home School Link Worker.

Home School Link Workers work with children and families to help them in different ways and some examples include:

Children who are anxious or withdrawn

Parents and carers experiencing difficulties managing their child's behaviour

Parents, carers and children who are experiencing change, such as parental separation or bereavement

Parents and carers who may need support on a wide range of issues impacting on their family life, such as illness, separation, domestic violence, bereavement

Mrs Whitford can provide:

A chance to talk in a confidential and non-judgemental environment

One to one support and advice

Parenting guidance on developing and maintaining positive discipline

Help to access grants

Home visits to support families and children

Links to other agencies

You can contact Katy by email kwhitford@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk or call 01293 776935 option 2.

Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days within 6 weeks (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please pop these dates into your calendars – these dates will be added to through the term to ensure that you are aware of what is going on and the deadlines that you will need to keep to.

SPRING TERM		
Tuesdsay 2 nd January 2024	INSET DAY – no children	
Wednesday 3 rd January	Children back to school	
Tuesday 9 th January	Pied Piper Company – whole school performance – FOTO funded	
Friday 12 th January	FOTO meeting with the Head teacher – reflection and planning Open invitation to those who would be interested in joining the committee.	
Sunday 14 th January	Rev Sue's last service at St Barts	
Monday 15 th January	Closing data for Reception 2024 applications	
Tuesday 23 rd January	First aid training for all children (in school)	
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 6 – Junior Citizens	
Friday 9 th February	Last day of half term – normal close time	
Monday 19 th February	Children back to school	
Wednesday 28 th February	Movie Night - FOTO	
Tuesday 5 th March	VIP shop to celebrate mothering Sunday	
Thursday 7 th March	World book day - dress up as book character	
Friday 8 th March	VIP lunch to celebrate Mothering Sunday – inclusive to all Details and deadlines to follow.	
Thursday 28 th March	Dare to be different – MUFTI - £1End of term attainment reports out	
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – 1.30pm	
Monday 15 th April	Back to school	
Thursday 18 th April	Year 4 - Bikeability	
Friday 19 th April	Year 4 - Bikeability	
Monday 6 th May	School closed – Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 15 th – Fri 17th	Year 5 residential	

Monday 20 th May	Dorking Halls Primary Music festival - choir
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
Monday 3 rd June	INSET – school closed for children
Tuesday 4 th June	Children back to school
Friday 4 th June	VIP Lunch – celebration of Fathers' day – inclusive to all Details and deadlines to follow.
Wednesday 26 th June – Fri 28th	Year 6 residential
Saturday 29 th June	Summer fair
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition day
Thursday 4 th July	District sports KS1 – pm KS1 - am
Monday 15 th July	Year 2 – week of swimming
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of the academic year – 1.30pm finish.

TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR

Academic year 2023 to 2024

Autumn term 2023

Start of term	Half term	End of term
1 September 2023	23 October to 27 October 2023	15 December 2023

Spring term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term
2 January 2024	12 February to 16 February 2024	28 March 2024

Summer term 2024

Start of term	Half term	End of term	
15 April 2024	27 May to 31 May 2024	23 July 2024	

INSET DAYS for 2023 – 24		
	Friday 1 st September	
	Monday 4 th September	
	Friday 15 th December	
	Tuesday 2 nd January	
	Monday 3 rd June	

TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR 2024 - 25

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2024	2 September 2024	20 December 2024
Autumn 2024	Half term 28 October – 1 November 2024	
Spring 2025	6 January 2025	4 April 2025
Spring 2025	Half term 17 February - 21 February 2025	
Summer 2025	22 April 2025	22 July 2025
Summer 2025	Half term 26 May – 30 May 2025	

INSET DAYS for 2024 – 25	
Monday 2 nd Sept	
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	
Friday 20 th December	
Monday 6 th January	
Tuesday 22 nd April	
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