



Message from the Head (for the day)

Master Harry Hunter

On Friday 24th February I won the raffle to be Headteacher for the day! I had the best day ever – I will remember this day for the rest of my life.

Master Hunter's jobs for the day:

Gate duty,

Break duty,

Lunch with children in the office,

Setting new rules and expectations – house point and proud walks,

Extending the play time,

Putting treats in the staffroom,

Checking on teachers and classes through the day,

Helping Nursery with the younger children.

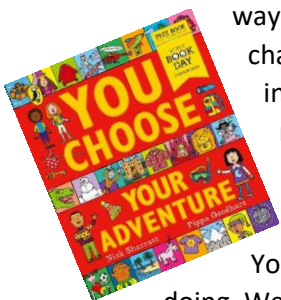


Harry's Legacy – Football on the field for children who have brought boots to school.

Friday duty covered by all teachers so that all LSAs can have a tea break together.

World Book day!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March**. It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure. Children can come in dressed as their favourite book character and there is the option to have a book themed lunch! If you would like more information on how you can celebrate World Book Day then take a look at all the exciting resources on their website. <https://www.worldbookday.com>.



On Friday 3rd March parents are also invited to come in until 9.00 am to read with their child and other children in the class.

You have received a letter from Ms White, our Reading lead, that outlines what we will be doing. We are also looking forward to welcoming back the book fair during the week of 20th March

Reading tip - Turn on the subtitles!

Turn the Subtitles On There is a new campaign that has found that turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we wanted to share with you. The message is simple: Turning on subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time, reading time. So the next time your child is watching TV or the tablet, there could actually be an opportunity to improve their reading skills at the same time! To find out more please visit

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org>

Easter Camp

Trinity Oaks is pleased to have teamed up with Camps 4 Champs to offer a holiday club during the second week of the Easter holidays. Camps 4 Champs is part of the Active Surrey scheme and accepts Club 4 vouchers, but is open to local children aged 4-14. This multi-skilled activity camp will run from 9am-4pm from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April and more information can be found [here](#). We will send further information nearer the time.



Attendance

Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (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.

The absence policy can be found on the school website :

<http://www.trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Csu10-Attendance-Policy-2022-updated-Dec.pdf>

Sick leave

Please send a Studybugs message let us know the reason your child will not be in school.

Please do this by 8.30am on each day of absence.

If we do not hear from you by the time the registers are taken we will contact you directly.

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| RED – STAY AT HOME | Vomiting & Diarrhoea, Rash, Temperature |
| AMBER – TAKE ADVICE | Headache or Cold |
| GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL | Minor cold, Sore throat (not linked with any other symptoms) Feeling tired |

Doctor's appointments.

If your child has a Dr appointment within the school day you will be required to provide evidence of your appointment. Please email this to office@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk

PEGI RATINGS - What do the labels mean?

PEGI is the system by which games and apps are age rated to provide guidance to parents as to whether they are appropriate for their children. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. Its ratings are the suggested minimum age at which a game should be played.

For the quickest access to information on all games, which is incredibly useful if your child comes home from school saying "Can I download THIS game that x or y or z has. It's amazing! Please, please, please!" you can download the [free PEGI app](#) allowing you to make a first check on the game. You can then cross check on www.netaware.org and www.common sense media.org for further information about the detail of the game/app. It's useful to understand the categories before you start. The categories are:



PEGI 18 - suitable for ages 18+

The adult classification is applied when the level of violence reaches a stage where it becomes a depiction of gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters.



PEGI 16 - suitable for 16+

This rating is applied once the depiction of violence (or sex) reaches a stage that looks the same as would be expected in real life.



PEGI 12 - suitable for 12+

This category includes violence towards fantasy characters or non-realistic violence towards human-like characters, sexual innuendo or posturing, mild bad language and/or gambling.



PEGI 7 - recommended for ages 7+

Game content with scenes or sounds that can possibly be frightening to younger children and very mild forms of violence (implied, non-detailed, or non-realistic).



PEGI 3 - recommended for ages 3+

Content is considered suitable for all age groups

Governors fund

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the Governors school's improvement fund. This is the fund that we have to pay to the Southwark Diocese every year as we are a church foundation school.

We pay £35 per child each year. We are so very close to covering the cost that the school had to transfer from our budget. If you have yet to contribute it is not too late to do so. Information on how to pay into this fund can be found on parent mail – it is called School improvement fund 2022 - 2023.

We are required to pay this every year and we are looking at ways in which to make this easier and more manageable for parents to contribute towards.

Again – thank you to those who have been on the [amazon wish list](#) – we have been loving the parcel deliveries and replenishing the stock cupboard with essentials and treats!

DIARY DATES

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| Thursday 2nd March | Teachers Strike day – school arrangements to be confirmed |
| Friday 3rd March | Book Day – dress up as favourite book character! |
| Thursday 9th March | FOTO - Spring Disco |
| Friday 10th March | Fantastic Fred – mental health and resilience – Reception – Year 6 |
| Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th | FOTO – Mothering Sunday/ Significant person gift shop - run in school day. |
| Wednesday 15th – Thurs 16th March | Teachers Strike days – school arrangements to be confirmed |
| Friday 17th March | St Patrick’s day – Dress Green. £1 donation to school fund. |
| Monday 20th March – 24th March | Book fair at school |
| Tuesday 21st March | Year 5 Residential meeting with Mrs Sutherland – 3.15pm in classroom. |
| Thursday 23rd | Year 5 - Sparkfish Trip - Easter story |
| Tuesday 28th March | FOTO – Easter Egg hunt – around The Acres. |
| Wed 29th & Thurs 30th March | Parent – Teacher meetings – sign up on Parent mail from 13 th March |
| Friday 31st March | End of term – early finish 2pm |
| Monday 17th April | INSET DAY – school closed to children |
| Tuesday 18th April | Back to school |
| 18th/19th/20th April | Bikeability - Year 4 |
| Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th April | YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL |
| Monday 1st May Monday 8th May | May BANK HOLIDAY BANK HOLIDAY – King’s Coronation |
| Tuesday 9th – 12th May | Key Stage Two SATs |
| Thursday 11th May | Dorking Halls – Choir – letter will be coming out shortly! |
| 15th – 26th May | Year 6 Swimming |
| Friday 26th May | Last day of half term |
| Monday 5th June | INSET DAY – school closed to children |
| Tuesday 6th June | Back to school |
| Thursday 15^h June | FOTO – Summer Disco ! |

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| Saturday 17th June | Horley Carnival – Natural World |
| Tuesday 20th June | District Sports |
| Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th June | YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL – NEW DATES |
| Saturday 15th July | FOTO – Summer fair ! |
| Monday 17th July | End of Year reports to parents |
| 21st July | Last Day of term – finish 2pm |
| Friday 1st September | INSET DAY – no children |
| Monday 3rd Sept | INSET DAY – no children |
| Tuesday 4th September | Back to school for all children in Year 1 and above. |
| Friday 20th October | Last day of term (Half term 23 rd – 27 th October) |
| Monday 30th October | Back to school |
| Thursday 14th December | End of term – early finish 1.30pm |
| Friday 15th December | INSET DAY – no children |

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Academic year 2023 to 2024

Autumn term 2023

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

Spring term 2024

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

Summer term 2024

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

INSET DAYS for 2023 – 24 (preliminary dates – these may change!)

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Friday 15th December
Tuesday 2nd January

Nursery Provision

We have already begun to look at our Nursery numbers next year and they are alarmingly low. This provision is vital to our families and we would like your support in making every effort to boost numbers!

Please could you help us by spreading the word far and wide that we have vacancies for three year old (Term after three) and that we have space next academic year.

It is a wonderful unit and we welcome visitors to come and have a look around.

**Please pass on our email to anyone who may be interested:
office@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk**