



Dear Parents,

We have had a busy term and achieved so much. Our new behaviour policy is having a real impact on behaviour around school and on learning. We continue to work on communication. Again, thank you to the parents who joined me for the parent forum and have given feedback via the questionnaire. All opinions have been listened to and we will have a clear communication offer outlined by the end of the Autumn Term.

I have really enjoyed getting to know you all this half term – thank you for your support.

I hope that you enjoy these snap shots of learning.

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

Mrs Woods

## EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage

**In Nursery (Acorns)** we have been very busy! The children have all settled really well and are beginning to form new friendships.

We have explored 'Colour' through lots of fun Science experiments and have begun to think about our feelings through use of the 'Colour Monster' story. Using the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' the children were encouraged to consider the feelings of others and focused on improving scissor skills.

The children have begun to think about the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends while painting self-portraits and we are finishing the term with a focus on 'Autumn' and the story 'Leaf Man'.



**In Reception (Oaks)** we have had a very busy term learning all about being in school. We have been making new friends and learning about how we can be kind to other people.

Our topic this term has been thinking about ourselves and our families. We have enjoyed creating self-portraits and sharing precious objects during our RE sessions.

We have also been busy learning to write our names as part of our morning challenge during drop off each morning.



## KEY STAGE ONE

**In Year 1 (Willow Class)** we have been learning all about ourselves and our bodies. We have been learning about families and how we have grown and looked at maps to see where we live! We have been working hard to use our senses to describe different things - we really loved going on an Autumn walk! We have then thought all about Autumn to write and perform our own Autumn poetry.



**In Year 2 (Holly Class)** we transformed into superheroes this term and we became budding authors and created our own wonderful super heroic stories.



We also became researchers and have been researching our famous heroes. We have also travelled around the globe and have learned about the seven continents. We became investigators and have been investigating suitable materials for a superhero cape.



We have really enjoyed our first term in Year 2!

## **Lego club**

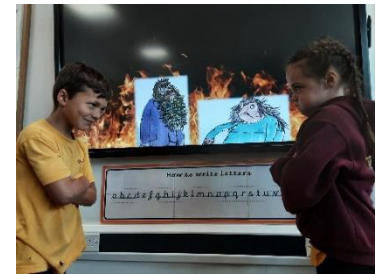


## LOWER KEY STAGE TWO

**In Year 3 (Hawthorn)** we have been focusing on the author Roald Dahl. We used the Chromebooks to research interesting facts about his life. We then worked in small groups to organise this information into different sections on an information sheet, carefully considering our use of subheadings. We explored the story of 'The Twits' by writing our own chapter about a horrid prank as well as pretending to be Mr or Mrs Twit in a dramatic argument!

We have investigated how light reflects off of different surfaces in Science and built our own periscopes using mirrors and cereal boxes. On the sports field, our new Tag Rugby coach, Mr Fletcher, has helped us to improve our throwing, catching and dodging skills.

We are looking forward to the next half term and we are determined to finish the BFG by Christmas!



**In Year 4 (Maple class)** we've been working really hard so far this term.

In our maths, we've focussed on our place value. We've explored the value of digits within a number, thought about how we can represent them, including using nature and things outside to help to try and show numbers in different ways. We've then explored positioning numbers onto number lines, linking our work to the Romans and the events which took place during that time.

In history, we've enjoyed finding out about the Ancient Romans. We've spent time acting out the invasion, compared maps to see how the empire grew and found out the location of different Roman towns in Britain. Finally, we're beginning to start the construction of our catapults. We've thought about the designs and are measuring and cutting the different pieces we need – we will finish these after the half term break.

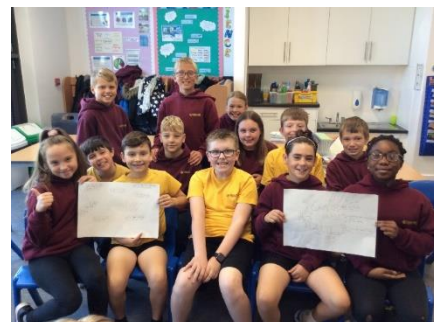


## UPPER KEY STAGE TWO

**Year 5 (Sycamore class)** have made a great start to the year and grasped the new expectations for the year ahead.

The children have benefitted from a range of exciting topics and concepts. A few highlights include; our dissolving experiment in Science, PE with Miss Davidson perfecting ball skills, maintaining balance and demonstrating accurate footwork.

In English, we have learnt all about figurative language and used this in our beautiful, descriptive writing. We also had a class debate to kick-start our new unit on 'persuasive writing' which the children really enjoyed!



**Year 6 (Ash Class).** This half term we have been learning all about World War Two. As part of this topic, we learnt about different air-raid shelters with a focus on Anderson shelters. We thought about what it would be like to live in London and experience an air-raid, using the shelter as protection.

We wrote setting descriptions of an Anderson shelter using figurative language such as metaphors, similes and personification. We then designed our own 3D model of an Anderson shelter and created them using cardboard and other resources. To round this all off, we had a fantastic time re-enacting the evacuation process at Bluebell Railway!



# Trinity Oaks Sports News

## Horley Learning Partnership (HLP) Events

In Year 2, the children competed in 2 football events this term. We played against other local Horley schools and the teams enjoyed putting their skills into practise whilst representing our school. All footballers who took part challenged themselves, scored and saved many goals, showing fantastic teamwork throughout. We even scored a penalty! Well done to the children below who were involved.



## Curriculum PE

This half term across the school, the children have been working on 'Personal' skills to achieve their best, challenge themselves and know their limits! They have been practising the fundamental skills of balancing and footwork whilst working on ball skills.

Children across the school have benefitted from using the apparatus and ropes to demonstrate different balances, agility and core strength.

Next term the children will move on to 'Social skills' through Physical Education and will look at working as a team, encouraging praise and collaboration.

## Sports Crew Training

Each year children in Year 5 can apply to be in the Sports Crew to work alongside the current Year 6 leaders. Well done to those children who attended the training and we look forward to seeing you working together to increase activity and collaboration across the school. Please see below our new Trinity Oaks Sports Crew:



## Upcoming HLP events...

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

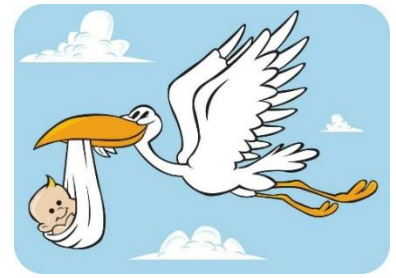
Year 6 Boys Football Tournament  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3 – 6 Cross Country event  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

## Maternity Leave

We are wishing Mrs Katie Walker and Mrs Lucy Kell well as they start their maternity leave.

We will miss them both and are looking forward to meeting the new members of the Trinity Oaks family!



## Before and after school

When you have collected your child please do not allow them to play on the climbing frames or ride their bikes on the school grounds.

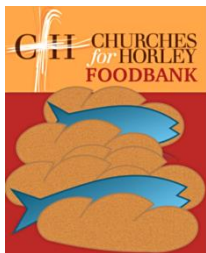
**Scooters and bikes should be walked when on school grounds.**

(Riding on the playground area is fine!)

## Gate times

Morning - opened 8.40am closed 9.00am  
Teachers will be at doors until 8.50am

Afternoon – opened 3.00pm closed 3.10pm



## Harvest Collection

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations.

They were collected today and taken straight to the Horley Food bank.



*A few pictures of Sushi making herself quite at home!*



**DIARY DATES**

<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Last day of half-term
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Back to school British Legion Poppies will be on sale for Remembrance.
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nasal flu immunisations – please ensure you have given permission online – the school do not hold the list of names.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual photo day
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	FOTO AGM – all invited – 9.15am – school hall
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent teacher conferences in the school hall 3.30pm – 6.30pm both nights Bookable through ParentMail from 31 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in need – Spotty day – wear anything spotty! £1 donation
<b>Week of 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Assessment week
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Deadline to order Christmas lunch for those in Key Stage two who do not normally have lunch.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	FOTO – Pizza delivery – see FOTO newsletter and Facebook
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christingles and carols 2.30pm – weather permitting. FOTO – selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers in the playground (repeated on 9 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Week of 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas productions</b></p> EYFS – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – school hall Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December - 9.30am – school hall KS1 – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 am – school hall Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm – school hall KS2 – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm at St Barts Church
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term – <b>2pm close.</b> 2pm - Christmas celebration – see FOTO newsletter and Facebook Come and join us for mulled wine, mince pies. Lucky dip and carols!
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Teacher INSET day – school closed to children
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Children back to school

