



11TH SEPTEMBER 2020– NEWSLETTER 1



(Photograph of the new library area)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year! It has been really wonderful to see everyone this week and to welcome or new families in Acorns Nursery and Oaks Reception classes.

As a school community we know that we are facing an ongoing challenge at this difficult time. Our school values of **Friendship, Thankfulness, Respect and Courage** underpin everything we do. In school, we talk and learn about our values and we also celebrate when we see them being 'lived out' by our pupils and staff.

I have seen so many examples of this happening this week and I know that even at this difficult time when so many adjustments are being made, that we will continue to work together and support each other.

New Staff

In addition to our new pupils and their families, we would like to extend our very warm welcome to our new members of the staff team, Miss Burrage, Mrs Eddison, Mrs Wise, Mrs Fletcher, Miss Prince, Mrs Gellet, Mrs Heston-Cleary and Mrs Shackleton. They have all let me know how much they have enjoyed seeing the children this week and I know that everyone in the community will make them feel welcome.

Update on Covid-19

As you will be aware, a lot has changed this week and we are and will continue to do our very best to communicate new guidance and any changes to our protocols in a considerate and timely manner. We are trying not to send out too many notices or letters but I am sure that you will understand that there is a lot of information to share.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you all for following our school guidelines so carefully. We really welcome all feedback and are very grateful to parents who have contacted us this week. Please be assured that we will be continuing to review our risk assessments and the protocols we have put in place.

Healthy snacks

I am very sorry for any confusion regarding the snacks that are provided in school. These are provided for EYFS and KS1 pupils free of charge. In past years, we have been able to provide a healthy snack for KS2 too. However, now that we are full I am afraid that is no longer the case. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and they would like to bring to a fruit or vegetable snack into school, they are very welcome to do so. Please be aware that we are a nut-free school and that the snack must be fruit or vegetables.

FOTO events

As you know, we are extremely fortunate to have a very active parent community at Trinity Oaks and Friends of Trinity Oaks (FOTO) help to raise money for us by organising all kinds of events. As you can imagine, many of the events originally planned for this term have sadly had to be cancelled or altered.

However, we would still like to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 25th September**. Although we are not able to hold a 'coffee morning' event. We would like to encourage you to support the event by making a donation and wearing something green to school that day! Please be aware that if your child has PE that day, they will still need to come to school in their PE kit. You could wear green socks, a green t-shirt, a green hairband... the choice is yours!

Support from the Home School Link Worker

Please be aware that Mrs Whitford is very happy to be contacted by telephone or e-mail to arrange a meeting if needed. If you would like to contact her about anything her email address is: kwhitford@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk

Information for parents

Please be aware that the link to the most up to date guidance for parents can be accessed via the link on the school website or by clicking [here](#).

Community

Could I politely ask you to park considerately when bringing your children to or picking them up from school. Please be aware that marked bays are for local residents and that pavements need to be kept clear for everyone to use.

Clubs

Information relating to clubs will be sent out on Monday. Please be aware that we have had to put very clear guidelines in place to support the organisation of after-school clubs this term and we thank you for your understanding.

Please could I also politely remind you that at the current time, children will be unable to attend Camp Glide and another after-school club on the same night.

Class information

Each Class Teacher (Year R-Year 6) will be contacting their classes today to an introductory letter, class timetable and curriculum map for this half term. These will also be available on the school website. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Although it is wonderful to see everyone, we know that the current situation we are all facing continues to affect families in very unique and personal ways. If your circumstances have changed, you need support or a friendly listening ear at the end of the telephone, please contact us.

Thank you for all your messages and e-mails; it is always lovely to hear from you. Please do keep in touch; if you would like to contact me about anything, please do not hesitate. My e-mail address is: ltansley@trinityoaks.surrey.sch.uk

An updated list of diary dates will be sent out to you next week.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,
Lisa Tansley
Headteacher