

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your Christmas preparations are well underway. Thank you to all the parents and children who helped contribute to our Remembrance theme in school. I hope that you've managed to see our Remembrance display in the main reception area as well as the posts on our Facebook page.

Our Christian value for this half term is Service and serving God through our service to others. Within collective worship we have talked about how we can help others around us and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As a result, our children have been raising money for the Royal British Legion and Children in Need. I would like to say thank you to all of our parents and carers who have supported our fundraising efforts and to our children who display this value so well on a daily basis.

In the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas we will all be very busy with the Christmas activities that we have planned. The choir have already done a fantastic job singing at the Christmas light switch on in town last night, singing superbly and looking super smart!

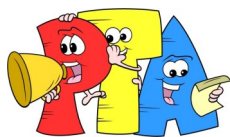
I hope to see many of you over the coming weeks and some or all of you at our Christmas festivities. All the dates you need are on the reverse of the newsletter.

Best Wishes

R. Dickson
Principal



Thank you to everybody who donated! We raised **£183.09** for the RBL Poppy Appeal and **£447.09p** for Children in Need. Thank you so much!



The Christmas Fayre is next on the to do list and this year we would like to make it bigger and better. As you know a lot of work goes into bringing the day together. The Fayre will be on :

Thursday 6th December straight after school until 5pm.

This year we are looking for donations of the following:

Bottles (toiletries, soft drinks, alcoholic etc) Chocolates (boxes or multi packs), New small toys, Cakes, sweets and biscuits, Raffle prizes.

GROTTO Tickets: On sale at the office £2.50 per child

RAFFLE Tickets: Please return to the office and more are available at £1 per ticket



The Governors, known as the Local Academy Committee, are very excited to see the changes being made in various areas of our school. The new uniforms that look so smart have helped to create a sense of pride in our school. All the work being done to smarten up the Early Years outdoor learning garden and the artwork along the corridors are all creating an exciting learning environment. The new curriculum is making learning a lot more interesting and exciting.

But, just as important as these, is the increasing interest and support being shown by parents. These are just as important as anything the school does, so thank you, all of you. It is great to see governors, the Principal, the staff and the parents working as a team to give your children schooldays to remember.

Best Wishes

Chris Harris—Chair of Governors

E-Safety:

On Monday 17th December we will be having a special assembly delivered by Google Legends. They cover the five main pillars of internet safety in a unique manner, the topics focus on:

- Power passwords
- Dangers of oversharing images
- Phishing – they want your data – but “if something looks too good to be true it probably is”...so make sure you check it out before giving away your personal details.
- Call to action – Be kind on line. If you don't feel happy saying out loud then don't say in on line. (We use a loud hailer in the presentation to bring this point home).
- Be brave and If you see something report it to a trusted adult. For more information please check out the website: <https://parentzone.org.uk/be-internet-legends>

Times table practice:

The website below is an excellent resource that the children have been using in school. It is accessible at home and can be used by children from Nursery to Year 6. It covers various subjects but is excellent for Maths and especially Times table practice. The children can work through the various levels (times tables start at level 2) suitable for their ability. Have a look together it's lots of fun. Maybe play against each other and see how well the adults do! <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Golden Oldies Afternoon:

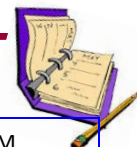
This year we are trying something new for the community. Each Christmas we send out the choir to sing in local nursing homes for the old folks. This year we have invited some local nursing homes to bring their residents to school for an afternoon of entertainment and activities. Each year group will help in some way and the PTA team have agreed to come along and assist us. We may have space for a few extras! If you work at a Nursing home and think it's something you may like to take part in please come and see Mrs McCulloch or Mrs Allan in the office.



School Uniform:

Thank you to all the parent and carers who adhere to the expectations of school uniform. The vast majority of pupils all wear the correct uniform on a daily basis but there is still a small minority who do not. Can I ask those that don't to either familiarise themselves with the school uniform expectations from the school website here: <http://www.holytrinitycepa.co.uk/home/joining/uniform/> or make an appointment with a member of the leadership team to see how we can support you to ensure uniform expectations are met.

DIARY DATES:



Tuesday	27th November	Nursery Stay & Play AM
Thursday	6th December	PTA Xmas Fair
Monday	10th December	EYFS Xmas Performance 2.15pm
Tuesday	11th December	KS1 Xmas Performance— 2.15pm
Wednesday	12th December	Church Service 9.15
Wednesday	12th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday	13th December	EYFS Xmas performance 9.00am
Thursday	13th December	KS1 Xmas performance—6pm
Friday	14th December	Xmas jumper day and Cinderella Panto
Tuesday	18th December	Golden Oldies Afternoon
Wednesday	19th December	Christmas parties in Class
Thursday	20th December	Nursery Stay & Play PM

PUNCTUALITY:

Whilst attendance at school is of the utmost importance, so is punctuality. Quite a few pupils continue to arrive late at school on a regular basis which is unacceptable. School is open to all Year 5 & 6 pupils from 8.00am each morning so that they can use computers or complete homework. All other pupils can enter school from 8.35am each morning and make their way to class for their 'Start of Day Activities' (SODA). The school gates are locked at 8.50am so please ensure you are here before this time so that learning can start promptly each day!

Good time keeping means...

...making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings!

Did you know? - being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!*



Every Schoolday Counts

but every minute is equally important!

* Over one full academic year