Autumn Term 2019—Newsletter 5

Learning through Christian Values.

Our School Mission Statement:

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary Academy is a fun and welcoming community where we serve each other by showing love and respect. Firm foundations for life are built upon Christian values which enable us to flourish. We aim to become resilient and aspirational so that we can face life's challenges with confidence.

'Through God all things are possible'
Matthew 19:26

Principal's Message

Values for the term

Love and Service

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the final newsletter of the term finds you well and looking forward to enjoying some quality family time over the Christmas holidays. It really has been an action packed Autumn term which has been filled with lots of fun and lots of learning.

We have welcomed many new families into our school since September and each and every child has settled so well.

Our recent review from St Chad's commented on how articulate and well behaved our children are and how much our families support and value Holy Trinity. 'Pupils enjoy coming to school, they learn well and they enjoy their learning' was just one of the many positive quotes. They also commented that 'Children and staff are happy and friendly and there is a family feel to the academy'. The summary of the review was that we were judged to be a good school at the review in October 2018 and we have continued to improve. The improvemnets just wouldn't be possible without the efforts of our children, the support of our families and the hard work of all the staff. I cannot thank my staff enough for what they do for the children at Holy trinity. They genuinely do go the 'extra mile' for the whole school community. We are constantly trying to improve every aspect of our work to try and benefit each and every child who attends the academy.

We have had a wonderful build up to the holidays and spent time understanding the meaning of Christmas. The church service, our nativity performances (A Midwife Crisis), our Christmas Fair, our afternoon with the elderly and our celebration assemblies. All of these events have resulted in a fantastic end to the term.

Our Governors (Local Academy Committee) must also get a special mention as they are volunteers who give up their valuable time to support and challenge the academy. They are part of the academy leadership team and work hard behind the scenes to aid our improvement.

My thanks as well to members of the PTA who continue to support the academy at all of our events and generously raise much needed funds to support the children.

So all that remains to be said is that I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and peaceful new year ahead. Have fun together, enjoy each other's company and make some lasting memories at such a special time. Spread love and happiness and spare a thought for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Remember to be a good neighbour and be nice to everyone, as we never know what others are going through at this time of year.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th January and if you thought Autumn term was exciting, wait until you see the Spring term!

Happy Christmas!
Mr Dickson

All the Staff at Holy Trinity would like to wish our parents, carers and children a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Our Governors

The Autumn term has been a very busy one, as usual. The children have been marvellous. Their behaviour, attendance and their super efforts in their classrooms, in the clubs, on the stage and on the sports field have been exemplary.

We had an inspection by St Chad's Trust who were very complimentary about our academy. Mr Dickson, Mr Kenyon, the senior leaders and all the staff - everyone at Holy Trinity - have worked tirelessly and have created a fun and exciting place to work and learn. But they haven't been the only ones. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers who have supported the PTA have also been amazing, and we have enjoyed a number of events that they organised.



Governors wish to thank all parents and carers for your marvellous support this term. Your engagement with Holy Trinity is making a difference. Thank you for all you do. We are expecting a visit from Ofsted next term, so we must all keep working hard to make sure we impress them by demonstrating that everything we do is good and that our children are doing well. Meanwhile, we wish you, the staff and all of our children a blessed Christmas and a very successful New Year.

Mr Chris Harris—
Chair of LAC (Local Academy Committee)

Values Champions

Last week saw us award our new Values badges to our Values Champions. These children were chosen because their teachers felt that they had clearly demonstrated the values of ***Love and Service*** towards others throughout the second half of the autumn term.

Our congratulations go to;

Daisy Meredith– Clee

Tommy Maddox – Earls Hill

Georgia Barker– Lawley

Georgi Kolev– Caradoc

Miley Meredith – Longmynd

Lucy Steels – Ercall

Alis Papazyan – Hawkstone

Abby Royce– Stiperstones

Jacob Reynolds– Haughmond





A Midwife Crisis = A Huge Hit for everybody!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Christmas performance of 'A Midwife Crisis'. It was such a fabulous show and to perform it 4 times so brilliantly you should be all very proud of yourselves.

Thank you to the staff for the time and effort in bringing it all together from the acting and singing to the staging and the costumes. Great team effort!

Lastly, thank you to our fantastic audiences for all the support you have shown the children during every performance.

Holy Trinity PTA:

The PTA would like to thank parents and carers for their valued support this term. They have raised £379 on the Autumn disco and £880 on the Christmas fair. Plans are already underway for a Valentines disco, Easter bingo and possibly a Spring fair.

They have welcomed a couple of new members this term who have made a great contribution but there is always room for more. Please contact the office if you would like to become a member of the PTA.

With the monies raised the PTA will be contributing to the garden area outside nursery. They have supplied the presents for the children's parties this week. Plus money raised will help towards the Year 6 Prom.



Pupil e-safety notice regarding the mobile app "Avakin Life"

Please be aware of a mobile phone app called **'Avakin Life'** which presents significant risk to children's safety.



We have been informed by other schools in the Academy Trust that this app is being used in an inappropriate way as a dating app and therefore being used for the wrong reasons. We advise parents to check for and delete this app from their children's mobile phones, tablets and any other devices it may have been installed on.

If you have any concerns please contact CEOP or the police.

Please be vigilant in informing children about the dangers of online use.

Family Learning in partnership with Holy Trinity Academy

Family Craft



Have some Spring Term fun - learn creative crafty skills to share with your children!

A FREE course.

All equipment and resources are provided

at School on Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00am

Starting 8th January for 6 weeks

Any queries about the course please call: the school office or Libby Dudleston on 07814 053822

Herefordshire, Ludlow & North Shropshire College

What? Free craft sessions for parents and carers

Where? Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy

When? Wednesday from 9:00 - 11:00am

8th January - 12th February

9:00am - 11:00am

Who? All welcome - Mums, Dads, Carers, Grandparents

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Cut out this part and return it to the school office by 20th Dec

I would like to attend the free Family Craft course at Holy Trinity Academy starting 8th January 2020

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name & age of child: _____

We have a great opportunity for all parents and carers, to come and join us in school for Crafting sessions. You don't need experience just bring your enthusiasm and creativity. The course will run for 6 weeks every Wednesday starting on 8th January from 9am to 11am. We have a lovely tutor called Caroline who comes in from North Shropshire College to run the course and it's a great opportunity to make new friends over a new hobby and a cup of coffee! And best of all it's FREE!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

FROM

Holy Trinity Church

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY

CHRISTINGLE CHRISTMAS CRACKER
SATURDAY 21 DEC, 4–6.30PM
Fun for all the family – craft, games, carols, Christingle making, roast turkey and stuffing baps and more

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY 22 DEC, 4.30PM

CAROLS AT THE UNICORN PUB
SUNDAY 22 DEC, 8PM

ALL AGE CAROL SERVICE
TUESDAY 24 DEC, 4.30PM
Under 12s come dressed as shepherds, angels & wise men!

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY 25 DEC, 10AM



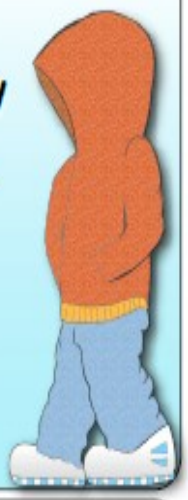
www.holytrinityoswestry.org

Holy Trinity is part of the Church of England. The church building has wheelchair space, easy access, and a hearing aid loop system.

Our eSafety Top Tips!

1 People you don't know are strangers.

They're not always who they say they are.



2 Be nice to people like you would on the playground.



3 Keep your personal information private.



4 If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, tell a grown-up you trust.



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Top Tips based on resources from www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Swimming Lessons—REMINDER



After Christmas it will be the turn of **Hawkstone** Class, their lesson will start on Wednesday 8th January and run for six weeks to February half term.

Please can you ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school on a Wednesday including a towel, and a hat for girls with long hair (this helps on the return to school so that are not sitting in class with soaking wet hair)
Swimming kit consists of swimming trunks for boys (not shorts) and a one piece costume for the girls.

Spreading the Christmas cheer with our elderly friends in the community.



On Tuesday 17th December Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy invited residents from New Fairholme, Woodland and Brook House residential homes to join them for an afternoon of Christmas activities. Staff at Holy Trinity thought it would be nice to offer their elderly friends in the community the chance to get out and experience a little bit of school life at Christmas.

As a church school, the children had been focusing on 'Love and Service', as one of our Christian values in school. Festivities started as the staff and children welcomed the residents to school and escorted them to the hall ready for the afternoon to begin. The Nursery, Reception and KS1 children started proceedings singing songs from their production of 'A Midwife Crisis' whilst our visitors enjoyed mince pies and refreshments. Year 3 children spent time colouring Christmas pictures and chatting to our visitors. The children from Year 4 paid a visit to the hall to make 'Christingles', Year 5 children had made truffles and presented them in a hand made gift box with a poem about Christmas. Finally, Year 6 finished off the afternoon with some Christmas carols.

The afternoon ended with all the visitors being given a little Christmas party bag from school containing a Christmas card, tree decoration and some sweets as a memento of their visit

Turn your unloved clothes and shoes into cash for our school!



We wanted to let you know about an exciting new project we have been discussing with the children. We are involved in a new campaign and competition which aims to raise much-needed funds for the school whilst helping others in our community. And we need your help.

This next term, we're going to **Recycle with Michael**!

Facilitated by The Salvation Army's Clothing Collection service, this nationwide scheme aims to divert thousands of tonnes of unwanted items away from landfill, while educating our children about the importance of reusing and recycling.

So we're asking you to dig out those old clothes taking up space in your wardrobe, sort out the outgrown shoes, and fill the bags that we're going to be sending home.

Plus, the school that fills the most bags in the county will receive a special visit from Michael, the recycling mascot, to present a trophy and certificate. Over the term, we'll be speaking to the children about the environmental impact of waste, and ways to overcome the issue, during assemblies and through fun activities in class.It couldn't be easier to get involved. Simply:

1. Fill the bags with your unwanted clothes and shoes (no bric-a-brac please). If you need more bags please ask at Reception.
2. Return the bags containing your unwanted items on **9th January BETWEEN 8.30AM AND 9.30AM.** Bring them to the hall doors on Beech Grove car park, where we will be waiting to collect your bags. We can only have one collection /drop off date as we simply do noT have the space to store the bags.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS BEFORE OR AFTER THIS DATE

The Salvation Army will collect the bags and the money raised from the items will be shared with the school. **The more bags we fill – the more cash we raise!** If you're having a clear out, remember Recycle with Michael, and donate to a great cause.

We hope you'll help to support us and give your preloved clothes a new lease of life. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss the project with teachers or pop into the office for more information.

Good luck with the sorting and thank you in advance!

♡LOVE♡

As time fades by at the end of the year,
Christmas Love will appear.
The special times with our family's we treasure,
We will not forget the wonderful pleasure.
Hopefully this love will carry through,
Have this love forever in you.









Holy Trinity Church
Oswestry











The Love Poem ♥

Christmas is nearly here,
A time for all of us to cheer,
To hear the church bells ringing,
The time to celebrate love and forgiveness
The message of love,
I send to you at Christmas time,
When we think of the Lord that
sacrificed his life for us,
The precious time we spend with
our families,
We are lucky to receive our
desired gifts,
I hope that you enjoy
your Christmas and
this box that I
have made
for you.