



Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools

Executive Headteacher Newsletter

November 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half term of the school year; I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.

It's been a fairly mixed bag of weather since we've been back, so can I please remind you all to ensure children are dressed appropriately for school, particularly the chilly playtimes on our playgrounds!

All Saints Day Service

What a lovely service it was last week at the All Saints Church. I'm sure all the staff, parents and children will agree that the Holy Trinity Ambassadors did a wonderful job of leading the service. It was one of the first responsibilities undertaken by our ambassadors this year and they spoke clearly and confidently, sharing with us the work of some inspirational modern day saints. Well done all of you for your very thoughtful words and thank you to all of you who were able to join us for the service.

Early Birds

It's been great to see our Early Bird Breakfast Club start at Little Marlow. We have a number of children now arriving from 8.00 for extra break time, a healthy breakfast of cereal, fruit and toast and games before joining their friends on the playground at 8.40. Not only is this facility much appreciated by our working parents, the children are certainly enjoying having fun and breakfast with their friends before school too.

If you are interested in your child coming along to Early Bird Breakfast Club at Little Marlow, it costs £2.50 each day and booking forms are available in the school office. If you have any questions about our breakfast club, please come in and speak with Miss Penney.

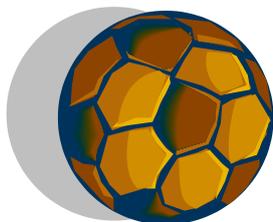
Thank you for your support with this new initiative.



On the Sports Field

Well done to the Holy Trinity Year 5 and 6 football teams recently. The Year 6 team reached the semi final of the district 7 aside competition where they were narrowly beaten by Stokenchurch 1-0 before half term, but since then have been undefeated; beating Cedar Park 2-0 in the cup and St Peters 6-3 in the league. We must also congratulate the Year 5 team who lost a very close game away at Downley in the cup 2-0.

Well done too to the Holy Trinity cross country squad who all competed in their first race of the season in the mud and rain at Marlow Rugby Club. Well done to every one of you who has represented the school recently, you've done us proud!



Christmas is Coming!

It's only 6 weeks until Christmas and both schools are already preparing for this very special time of year.

We hope to see many of you at the Little Marlow School Christmas Bazaar tomorrow. The event starts at 11am and finishes at 2pm. Do come along—I'm sure there'll be plenty of festive fun and cheer!

Preparations are well underway too at Holy Trinity. The Year 4 & 5 Christmas Choir have already had two practises for their carol concert on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December in All Saints Church.

Please can I remind you that we expect all our Year 4 & 5 children to take part in this very special service. Please can you return reply slips as soon as possible giving your child permission to take part and also reserve your seat for what I'm sure will be another wonderful, festive evening.

Dan The Skipping Man!

The Little Marlow children and staff had a wonderful, fun and active time this morning with Dan the Skipping Man!

The children all learned lots of new ways to have fun and play games skipping and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Not only can skipping be great fun, it's a great way to keep fit and healthy.

I'm sure the children will enjoy telling you all about the fun they had with Dan and show you some of the skills they've learned!

We look forward to seeing the children developing their skills further on the playground in the months ahead.

Parents' Consultations

It was lovely to see many of you at our parents' consultations two weeks ago. I hope you found the meetings useful and appreciated the chance to look at children's exercise books.

Thank you to everyone who completed one of our federation parent questionnaires during the consultation evenings. As a new leadership team across the federation of both schools, we are keen to hear parents' views on school life at Holy Trinity and Little Marlow. The governors, heads of school and myself will be analysing all the responses and we hope to feed back to you later this term our findings and how we hope to build on the strengths or develop some areas at both schools.

Texting Facility

We have introduced a texting facility across both schools this half term—you may in fact have already received a text from one or both of our schools this week. We're all extremely grateful to both school PTA committees who have agreed to fund this system.

In future we hope to text parents to remind you of events at school such as mufti or inset days, anything children may need that day, celebrate achievements, keep you up to date with news of children away on trips and inform you of any school closures for instance. I'm sure this will be an effective and reliable form of communication and hope that parents will find it useful. To ensure you are able to receive our texts, please make sure that we have your correct contact details.



Term Dates 2016—2017

Autumn 1st Half Term: Mon 5th Sept—Fri 21st Oct
Autumn 2nd Half Term: Mon 31st Oct—Tues 20th Dec
Spring 1st Half Term: Thurs 5th Jan—Fri 10th Feb
Spring 2nd Half Term: Mon 20th Feb—Fri 31st March
Summer 1st Half Term: Wed 19th Apr—Fri 26th May
Summer 2nd Half Term: Tues 6th June—Fri 21st July

Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates:

Holy Trinity

Thurs 1st Dec	Y4 to Ufton Court—2 day residential
Sat 3rd Dec	Mayor's Charity Christmas service
Mon 5th Dec	7.30 Christmas Carol Service
Tues 6th Dec	7.30 Christmas Carol Service
Sat 10th Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Tues 13th Dec	PTA Panto Night
Fri 16th Dec	PTA Children's' Disco
Tues 20th Dec	10.00 Y3 Christingle Service 1.30 Break Up for Christmas
Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School

Little Marlow

Sat 12th Nov	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Thurs 8th Dec	Reception Class Nativity 1.30
Fri 9th Dec	Reception Class Nativity 9.30
Tues 13th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Church Nativity 10.00
Wed 14th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Church Nativity 6.00
Thurs 15th Dec	Norden Farm trip
Tues 20th Dec	1.15 Break Up for Christmas
Thurs 5th Jan	Return to School

"Keep in mind that our community is not composed of those who are already saints, but of those who are trying to become saints. Therefore let us be extremely patient with each other's faults and failures."

Mother Teresa