



Holy Trinity & Little Marlow CE Schools Executive Headteacher Newsletter March 2017



Dear Parents,

It's been another busy half term across both schools; I can't believe we're almost at the Easter break and then into Summer! The children all looked great in red today for Red Nose Day. Thank you everyone for your support with this charity and thank you Year 4 for reminding us this morning in your assembly about the vital work Comic Relief do to support others less fortunate than ourselves in this country and abroad.

Year 5 at Heatree House

What a wonderful week Year 5 had last week away in Devon at Heatree House. The weather was perfect for the children as they went exploring the moors and studying the rivers and landscape. It was great to hear all about the trip in yesterday's assembly - clearly the children thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the trip and got a huge amount from it. I'm sure they will remember Heatree for many years to come.

Our thanks go to all the staff who accompanied the children. These wonderful and valuable experiences wouldn't be possible if staff weren't prepared to give up their own time to accompany the children away. Our huge thanks go to all of you who accompanied Year 5 - we hope you were able to enjoy it too!



Hot School Meals are coming!

As I'm sure you have heard, I am delighted that we will be offering hot school meals at both Little Marlow and Holy Trinity Schools next term!

Thank you to all of you who attended our presentation at Little Marlow last night; I hope you found it useful and enjoyed the delicious food too! As you will have heard last night, the meals service will start after the May half term. We would like to invite Trinity parents to a second information and tasting evening at Holy Trinity on Monday 27th March at 7pm. Please come along! This is a really exciting venture at both schools - I'm sure hot school meals will be very popular and successful across the federation.

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Federation Facebook Trial

Thank you so much for the feedback we've had regarding the trial of our Facebook page. Many parents have commented how much they appreciate seeing what children are up to at school, particularly when away on visits, however some have also expressed concerns about the page; particularly it being public, which we understand too. We discussed the page with governors last week and will be writing to all parents in more detail soon, however let me reiterate that this is a trial, and also if any parent has a concern with any photo on the page please contact us immediately and it will be removed.

The purpose of the page is just like that of the gallery on any school website, to share with the wider community what the school is about and what we have been up to recently. It will not be for communication - reminders of events for instance, as I mentioned in my email last week. In today's technological world, schools and businesses are increasingly using social media in recruitment, for publicity and to share news. We felt that this was an ideal platform to let current parents, but also potential parents and staff, as well as the wider community, know about our two schools.

Although the page is public, we have taken care to ensure that that no child can be tagged in any pictures, people cannot comment on the page, that there will be no close up or individual photos of children; they will mainly be larger group photos at a distance, no children will ever be named and that all children whose parents requested that their photos are not used on websites do not feature on our Facebook page either.

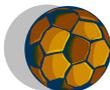
Thank you again for all your feedback; it has been appreciated. As I say we will be writing again about the trial use of the Facebook page here after Easter. In the meantime, please do come and speak with me if you wish to discuss this at all. We hope that Facebook can be an effective and successful platform for the federation in the future.



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Sports Round Up

Well done to all the Holy Trinity cross country runners who took part in the final event of the season yesterday; it was another great event and Team Trinity did the school proud again. As it was the last event of the year the end of season results were also announced. Big congratulations to the Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 boys' teams who won their team events overall and to George and Henry who finished 1st and 3rd respectively in the Year 5 & 6 individual event. Well done everyone who took part though and to all the staff who've organised and accompanied the children at these events.



Well done to the Trinity Year 5 and Year 6 football teams at Burford this week. The Year 6 team lost a very close game 1-0, but the Year 5's won 3-0. Well done all of you - both teams played well with great determination and attitude. We wish Year 6 all the best in their next game next week and the cup semi final after Easter!

Remaining Term Dates 2016—2017

Summer 1st Half Term: Wed 19th Apr—Fri 26th May

Summer 2nd Half Term: Tues 6th June—Fri 21st July



Trinity's Got Talent!

We must congratulate all the children who took part in the Talent Show at Holy Trinity two weeks ago. It was a wonderful evening and some fabulous performances from all those on stage; I was truly impressed by the standard and the confidence shown by the children - well done all of you. We must also congratulate the staff for their wonderful dance routine—thank you Miss Allen for coordinating us all. I hope the children and parents enjoyed it as much as the staff did!

Term Dates 2017—2018

Autumn 1st Half Term: Wed 6th Sept - Fri 20th Oct

Autumn 2nd Half Term: Mon 30th Oct - Tues 19th Dec

Spring 1st Half Term: Wed 4th Jan - Fri 9th Feb

Spring 2nd Half Term: Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 29th March

Summer 1st Half Term: Tues 17th Apr - Fri 25th May

Summer 2nd Half Term: Tues 5th June - Tues 24th July

Summer Term 2017 Diary Dates:

Holy Trinity

Fri 24th Mar	Doughnut Day & Children's Disco
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter, 1.30pm
Wed 19th Apr	Return to School
Mon 8th May	SATs Week
Tues 23rd May	6.30 Music Soiree Evening
Fri 26th May	Hot Dog Day. Break up for half term
Sun 11th June	Love Marlow Schools Singing Concert
Wed 14th June	Year 6 French day trip
Thurs 22nd June	Sports Afternoon
Tues 27th June	Year 5 Parents 11+ Meeting
Fri 30th June	Praise in the Park
Sat 8th July	Summer Fete
10th & 11th July	Year 6 Summer Production

Little Marlow

Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter, 1.15pm
Wed 19th Apr	Return to School
Wed 26th Apr	Y1 Parents' Phonics Info Evening
Wed 3rd Apr	Y2 Parents' SATs Info Evening
Fri 12th May	PTA Quiz Night
Fri 26th May	Hot Dog Day. Break up for half term
Thurs 8th June	New Reception Parents Meeting
Sun 11th June	Love Marlow Schools Singing Concert
Sat 17th June	Summer Fete
Tues 27th June	Sports Day
Fri 30th June	Praise in the Park

Finally, we will be sad to say farewell to Mr Rodgers, our caretaker across both schools, and Ms Russell, our Year 5 teacher at Holy Trinity next week. Both have been popular and valuable members of staff here and will be hugely missed. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

If any parents are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested in a caretaking role at the schools, or a midday supervisor position at Holy Trinity, please do come and speak with me.

Please can I remind you that we break up for the Easter holiday next Friday 31st March and return to school on Wednesday 19th April. May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful break and thank you again for all your support across our federation again this term.

Mr Butler
Executive Headteacher

Happy
Easter

"Jesus said to her ' I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'" John 11: 25- 26