

8th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



Book Swap Shop

Thank you for your support as we celebrated World Book Day last week, I know the children enjoyed sharing their books and of course they all looked fabulous in their costumes. Keeping World Book Day at the forefront of our minds, we thought it might be nice to have a Book Swap Shop on Friday 24th March from 2.30pm. This would be an opportunity for children and adults to bring in their books that are no longer wanted and have chance to pick up something new to read! This will be alongside a sponsored read that the PTFA are organising, and further details will follow.

New resources

We have been upgrading our provision in both classrooms recently and are so pleased with how the classrooms are looking. It is very important to us that we are constantly striving to develop vibrant engaging learning environments for the children to encourage enquiry, investigation, and open-ended learning opportunities.

The PTFA have been a tremendous support to us in being able to purchase new ipads, small world resources, new construction kits, and wooden block sets this term. We are in the process of setting up the classrooms fully, and we will get some pictures out to you shortly.

Global Neighbours

We want to share with you a project that we are working on as a whole school over the coming year. Last year we achieved our Bronze Award from the Global Neighbours initiative that is run by Christian Aid. As part of this we raised money to do some toilet twinning within villages in various countries in Africa, and we demonstrated our citizenship work with the community through our links to the church and supporting local foodbanks etc.

As part of our Silver Award application, we are following the theme of Water. We are thinking about how water is plentiful in some areas but not others, how water can be used in more eco- friendly ways, how water is managed in different situations such as farming and in the clothes manufacturing industry. Our topics for the remainder of this year (Down on the Farm, Victorians, and the Seaside) all lend themselves well to supporting our work towards the award criteria, and we will keep you updated on how we are getting on.

On Wednesday 22nd March it is World Water Day, and we are making this into a special whole school curriculum day linked to the concept of Water. We are asking that the children come to school in blue that day, for a suggested donation of £1. We want the children to be part of the decision-making process about how we might use the money raised to support a local or international water project. We are just finalising the details of our activities for World Water Day and will then share these with you.

175th Anniversary Celebrations

Holy Trinity School is 175 years old this year, and we are hoping that you will join us in celebrating this occasion.

We have put in the diary Friday 14th July as our official day of celebrations. I know that is a little way off, but we all know how quickly time flies, and we wanted to give you plenty of notice of the date. We will be having a playground 'street party', some maypole dancing by the children, chance to look at the 'History of Holy Trinity' museum that we will be creating with the children, some artwork, and lots more!

We are in the process of having a 175th anniversary version of the logo created and will then be publishing our anniversary more widely, so keep an eye out for it!

Asda Green Token Giving

Each year the Asda Foundation charity invests into local communities through their Green Token Giving Scheme. This year our PTFA have managed to arrange for Holy Trinity PTFA to be one of the chosen charities at the Newark branch. We can receive a £300, £400 or £500 donation depending on the number of votes we get. To vote for us you can follow the link below. And I understand that this is not a one vote only situation...you can vote each week! You can also ask your family and friends to vote too!

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4201>

Springtime spruce up!

Some of you may be aware that we have plans to refurbish the cottage garden into a sensory garden. However, because we are expecting to have some work done on the cottage rendering when our Trust have approved it, there is not much point in putting in a lovely new garden until any required render work has been completed.

This means that we will not be replacing the cottage garden fence this year as we hoped we would, and it therefore needs a bit of a spruce up before we have our celebration events in the summer. We were hoping that we may get a few willing parents/carers to help us with this. We have lots of leftover fence paint and we hoped to find some willing volunteers to help us give it a fresh coat.

I have put aside Wednesday 19th April and Thursday 20th April to do this (weather permitting of course) and if you think you may have a couple of hours to support, please let us know in the office.

We will also be having a couple of gardening days after Easter to get our grounds looking fabulous and would appreciate your help. I will let you know more about these in the coming weeks.

Putting the feelers out!

Finally, we are looking for some pallets and some cable reels for school, like the ones below. If you have any spare (perhaps at your workplace) or know where we could get some...preferably for free or at low cost...we would really appreciate you letting us know.



Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Thompson

Headteacher