



Holy Trinity Rosehill

Church of England (V.A.) Primary School

Providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Head Teacher: Mrs A. Swift

Chair of Governors: Mrs C Himsworth

November 2018 newsletter

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for those living in a land of deep darkness, a light has shined upon them. Isaiah 9:2

November has been a month of remembering in school – remembering loved ones who are no longer in our lives, remembering Guy Fawkes and remembering the lives of the thousands who have died in war and conflict - in particular in 2018 on the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice at the end of World War 1. Remembering those who fought to save us demonstrates our children’s deep understanding of our Christian Value of peace.

It has also been an opportunity for us to remember and to support those who are not as fortunate as us. We do so much in school to support charities and thanks to your generosity we have recently supported Samaritan’s Purse (Shoe Box appeal), Macmillan Nurses, Children in Need and the Royal British Legion with their Poppy Appeal. There will be many more opportunities to support charities throughout the year and we are incredibly humbled by your support.

As always, if you need to contact school regarding any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible. We aim to get in touch within 48 hours and will, as always, prioritise safeguarding concerns.

Mrs A Swift Head Teacher

Autumn Term 2018 – dates for your diary	
December 2018 w.b. 3 rd	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 4 th	Moonstone class CofE Schools Shared Worship
Thursday 6 th	Indigo class worship
Friday 7 th	Early Years (YN&YR) Reindeer Walk
Tuesday 11 th	YN performance 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Wednesday 12 th	Christmas Lunch in school
Wednesday 12 th	LKS2 performance 1.30p.m. NEW TIME and 5 p.m.
Friday 14 th	YR performance 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Monday 17 th	Advent RE day
Monday 17 th	Carols around the Christmas Tree 3.30p.m. – Holy Trinity with St Mark Church NEW EVENT
Tuesday 18 th	YR party Y4 party Y5/6 Christmas Celebration NEW EVENT
Wednesday 19 th	Y1/2 party Y3 party NEW EVENT
Thursday 20 th	a.m. and p.m. Nursery parties NEW EVENT
Thursday 20 th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Thursday 20 th	Carols in the playground
Friday 21 st	Non uniform day
Friday 21 st	Carols in church
Friday 21 st	School closes for Christmas
2019 Spring Term	
Monday 7 th	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 8 th	School re-opens for children
Tuesday 15 th	Y6 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Wednesday 16 th	Robinwood meeting for parents/carers 5 p.m.
Thursday 17 th	Purple class worship
Tuesday 22 nd	YR Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Tuesday 29 th	Y1 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 31 st	Orange class worship
February	

Tuesday 5th	Y2 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 7th	Red class worship
Tuesday 12th	Y5 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 14th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Friday 15th	Non-uniform day
Friday 15th	School closes for half-term
Monday 25th	School re-opens for children
Mon 25 th – Wed 27 th	Y6 Robinwood visit
Thursday 28th	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Discos PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
March	
Friday 1st	“We are artists” including celebration of work for parents/carers
Tuesday 5th	Y3 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 7th	Green class worship
Tuesday 12th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Thursday 14th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Thursday 21st	Blue class worship
Thursday 21st	YR and Y1/2 Discos
Thursday 4th	Yellow class worship
Thursday 4th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Friday 5th	Non uniform day
Friday 5th	School closes for Easter

LKS2 (Y3/4) Christmas performance Wednesday 12th December

Please note our afternoon performance now starts at **1:30p.m.**

Christmas party/celebration

Please see dates for your diary for the dates of your child's party/celebration. On the day your child is invited to come to school dressed in party clothes - please ensure these clothes are suitable for a cold December day in school. Please ensure that children wear sensible shoes (without heels) and bring a warm coat for play times and lunch times.

Please **do not** send food into school for parties – children will be provided with refreshments.

Celebrating sporting achievements

We would like to start celebrating out of school sporting achievements of our children in school. We therefore request that any trophies, awards or achievements are brought into school on a Friday and handed to class teachers. These achievements will then be celebrated during Celebration Worship. Thank you. Mrs Atkinson PE and Sport Leader

Mathletics Superstars



Since returning to school in September, the following children have earned their Gold Award Certificate for Mathletics (25 weeks' worth of 1000 points). What an achievement! Well done Henry Robinson, Laurence Smith, Jasmine Smith and Constance Zheng.

Remembrance Day

In school we have been taking time to reflect on remembrance. Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 each created a poppy. Children in KS2 wrote poems, drew pictures and created silhouette sun catchers. A two minutes silence was held for children to reflect and think about those who fought and continue to fight in the wars.

Miss Kelsey History Subject Leader



Safeguarding updates

It is vital that school holds at least two emergency contact numbers for every child. We are in the process of checking that every child in school has two up to date contact numbers. Please contact school if you need to add a number to your child's records and please also let us know if you change your phone number. Thank you

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

Advent Challenge

Please find attached with this month's newsletter my Advent Challenge for children and families. This is something you might like to look at during the busy season of Advent. It is so important that we continue to give and serve during this busy time of the year. I've also attached the "do good December" calendar – this is part of our work on well-being in school. You might like to give these challenges a try too. Mrs Swift



Parliament Week

During Parliament Week our Y6 children undertook a workshop led by the Education Team for Parliament. The children were so inspired by the parliament representative that they asked me if they could write letters about different causes. Two of our children wrote a letter to the housing association in Stockton via email and have already received a reply. Mrs Pearson Y6 teacher

Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing to you as we are interesting in finding out about the homeless in our area. We wondered if Stockton has homeless people and if so, what is available to help them?

If there are homeless people in Stockton, do you have any statistics that you could send us, such as how many homeless there are.

We have recently been visited by a lady from parliament, who told us that we could make a difference to our community; therefore we are really interested in helping in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Anna and Freya (Year 6, Holy Trinity Rosehill)

As a result our Y6 children are going to make Christmas Cards for homeless people in Stockton – another wonderful example of "courageous advocacy" and giving hope to others.

Attendance Report

Please find below attendance for November. It is so important that your child is in school every day. This month 11 classes have attendance over 96% (two more classes than last month) and congratulations to Y2 Purple class (again) who have the highest attendance in November with 98.5% attendance.

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
FS2 Blue	154	30	92.5
FS2 Yellow	45	32	96.8
Y1 Red	83	19	96.9
Y1 Green	90	30	96.4
Y2 Orange	73	19	97.3
Y2 Purple	25	26	98.5
Y3 Crimson	46	24	98.1
Y3 Emerald	96	45	96.0
Y4 Azure	75	35	96.7
Y4 Indigo	93	25	96.3
Y5 Tangerine	124	63	94.6
Y5 Moonstone	88	8	97.2
Y6 Lavender	152	31	94.7
Y6 Magenta	75	36	96.8
Totals	1219	423	96.4

We expect 100% attendance from all of our children however we understand that from time to time children can be poorly. Please remember to contact school on the first day of absence before 9.30 a.m.01642 581239. You will be asked to explain why your child is poorly - this is so that school can monitor any illness and take steps to prevent further illness if deemed appropriate. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school.

Mrs Galloway

Earlier this month Mrs Galloway started her maternity leave and we are delighted to share the news that she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Eve, on Tuesday 27th November.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants

This term Mrs Bonner and Mrs Rutter left our school – we would like to thank them for the time and dedication they gave in their roles. We have recently appointed Mrs Carson and Mrs McDonagh to join our LSA team.

Nursery

Our nursery will not be holding “Open Mornings” as other classes in school are. This is because we feel that parents, carers and family members have a daily opportunity to speak with staff about their child’s learning. If you would like to speak with Mrs Williams in a more formal way please arrange to make an appointment.

Children in Need

We are delighted to share that we raised £206 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support with this fundraising activity.



Hello from the Friends of Holy Trinity Rosehill School

We are very excited to let you know we now have our own Facebook page www.facebook.com/FOHTRS.

We will be using the Facebook page to keep parents/carers updated with any events and meetings we will be holding in school. This page is going to help us raise vital funds we need to help our children in school, so please like and share our page. Many thanks

A message from Holy Trinity with St Marks church

Our cards outlining services and activities during Advent and into Christmas was sent home with children earlier this week – we hope you will join us in church for these events and services.

We would like to invite parents, carers, family members and children to our All Age Worship with Junior Church which happens on the second Sunday in each month. You would receive a friendly welcome and are sure to recognise some faces. We look forward to seeing you.

Dual language books

We are currently trying to improve our stock of dual language books. If you have any dual language books at home that you would be willing to donate to school we would be very grateful. Please send them into school with your child.



Stockton Information Directory has recently been updated providing details of services, advice and support for adults, children, young people and families living in Stockton-On-Tees

www.stocktoninformationdirectory.org/kb5/stockton/directory/home.page

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Practitioners

Would you like more staff in your child’s class to help and support your child? Would you like to see our school better resourced? We can only do this with more money.

We hope to gain more funding from Pupil Premium allocations as unfortunately, at present, only a small percentage of our children are signed up to receive Pupil Premium. We believe this is due to the fact that children who are in Reception/Year 1/2 get a free school meal (through Universal Free School meals) so parents/carers do not apply for Free School Meals. It still does matter - it matters to us, our school and it matters to your child. Please sign up.

To apply for free school meals please visit www.stockton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools/school-meals. If your child is eligible/not eligible you will receive an instant notification informing you of the decision. For eligible cases free school meals will be awarded from the day following receipt of your application. Please inform us if you are successful then we can request Pupil Premium funding.



Holy Trinity Rosehill CofE VA Primary School



We are Mathematicians Day Friday 9th November 2018

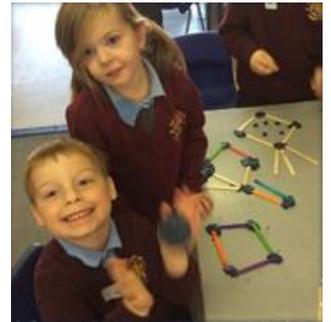
On Friday 9th November all pupils from Nursery to Y6 became Mathematicians for the entire day. All children took part in numerous exciting and practical maths activities.

Nursery were learning all about space so they made some Maths aliens! They rolled dice to determine how many eyes, legs, arms and mouths their aliens needed.



Reception pupils looked at 2D and 3D shapes and then worked together to create them using lollypop sticks and playdough. The children could describe and name their shape. Some children took the challenge of creating a 3D shape- they looked fab!

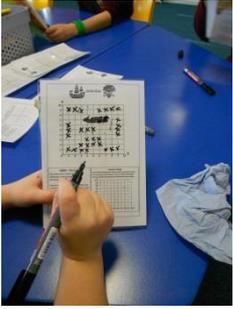
They also looked at 3D shapes, opened them out to see what they looked like when they were flat and used tape to fix the 2D shapes back together. We looked at nets of cubes and cuboids and made a dice.



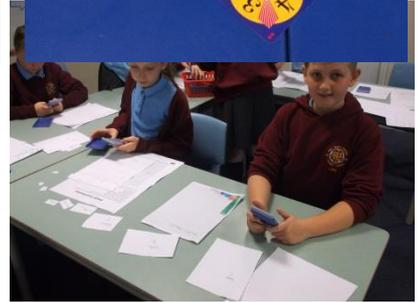
In Y1 and 2, activities included working with 2D shapes ~ drawing round 2D shapes to create repeating patterns and naming and drawing round 2D shapes to create pictures.

Children made buildings from lego and recycled materials and measured and recorded their heights and widths and created 3D shapes using pasta and marshmallows.





In Y3 and 4, activities included Premier League Primary Stars sessions based on comparing numbers using the mathematical symbols, using tangrams to create pictures of different animals like kangaroos, ducks, pigs, fish etc.. as well as playing battleships on a coordinates grid and a range of number challenges.



In Y5 and 6, pupils had fun developing calculator skills and learning about coordinates.

Other activities were based on the story books 'If the World was a Village' and 'A Lion's Share' where the pupils produced a range of graphs and pie charts and explored the world of fractions.



A fabulous day was had by all and we were overwhelmed by support from so many parents when they came into school and shared with their child(ren)'s work.

“Fantastic to see their passion for maths”

Kate Dumain (Parent)

Maths is one of our key areas in this year's School Improvement Plan. Throughout the year we will be sharing information about how our children are learning maths and new resources we are using in school. To support families we are going to share some mathematical problems on each of our future newsletters this year. Have fun completing these challenges!

Mrs Swift and Miss Cook Maths Subject Leader

Early Years – Nursery and Year Reception



Children need to understand that problem solving involves choices so they have the opportunity to make decisions and justify them.



- Q. Which teddies are having tea today? How many are there?
- Q. Do you think there are enough plates for all the teddies to have tea?
- Q. How can you be sure each teddy has a plate?
- Q. How are you going to start setting the places?

Observe how the children tackle the problem.

Encourage the children to discuss with one another how the settings are the same or different. You may notice that some children match the colours systematically. 'I've given that teddy all the green ones.'

- Q. What do you notice about the plates you have given the teddies?
e.g. Oh yes, those two teddies have both got a blue plate.
Yes, they are all different.
- Q. What about the cups and saucers? Do they match? Are they different?

Create related problems and ask questions using other criteria to extend the children's thinking.

- Q. Can you think of different ways of doing it?
- Q. I think this teddy doesn't like red things. What can you do to help him have a setting he likes?
- Q. Both these teddies want a yellow knife and fork. Can you sort that out for them?
- Q. Can you make completely different settings for two teddies?
- Q. These two teddies both want place settings that are only green and red. Can you make them both different?
- Q. What would you do if another teddy came to the table? Is there enough room? Have you got enough cups?

Year 1 and 2

Lollipops

Jade bought a lollipop. It cost 6p.

She paid for it exactly. Which coins did she use?

There are 5 different ways to do it.
Find as many as you can.

What if the lollipop cost 7p?

Year 3 and 4

Fireworks

Emma had some fireworks.
Some made 3 stars.
Some made 4 stars.

Altogether Emma's fireworks made 19 stars. How many of them made 3 stars?
Find two different answers.

What if Emma's fireworks made 25 stars?
Find two different answers.

Years 5 and 6

King Arnold

King Arnold sits at a Round Table.
There are 3 empty seats.
In how many different ways can 3 knights sit in them?

What if there are 4 empty seats?

In how many different ways can 4 knights sit in them?

Educational Psychologist Support for parents and carers

Our Educational Psychologist will be in school and is offering a drop in session for parents who are concerned about their child's learning. Mrs Lawson, Educational Psychologist explains "This could be about literacy, or numeracy, anxiety or social difficulties or more general advice and guidance regarding special educational needs. This will be done on a confidential basis, so I will not work directly with your child but can offer advice and strategies to support with various aspects of learning. Please let school know if you would like to attend and on which date so we can accommodate enough time for each parent."

17th January 2-3.15pm

22nd January 9-10am

I would strongly recommend that parents/carers take up this opportunity as there can often be a long waiting list to access a highly trained Educational Psychologist, there is a cost to accessing this provision. Please ring school to express your interest at attending one of the sessions. Please note sessions will take place on our Trinity site. Mrs

Christmas Flumpets

We are selling Christmas Flumpets in aid of the Children's Butterwick Hospice. They will be available to buy from Tuesday 4th December and are priced at £1.50 each. (Please note correct change is required)

Flumpets will be available to buy on both the Rosehill and Trinity site during break times and after school, KS1 children will be helped by their TA during break time, please send money in a clearly marked envelope.

Please note that they will not be available to buy before the start of the school day.



PE and Sport news

Our children have been very active this month! Year 1 entered a multi sports event and Y6 attended a basketball event. All children showed great team work skills and were a credit to the school. Classes are still trying very hard to incorporate active learning into their daily routines. It is great to see children up and moving throughout the day. Please can I remind parents that children need their full indoor and outdoor kits in school at all times. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Atkinson - PE subject leader

Christmas Holiday Activities at Stockton Libraries

All Events Free!



Please note that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult

Billingham Library

Billingham Town Centre, 01642 528084, billingham.library@stockton.gov.uk



Thursday 3 January – Winter Crafts

For children with an Autism Spectrum Condition who would like to attend a quieter craft activity with their siblings or friends. Enjoy some frosty fun with mask making.
9.30 to 10.30am – Booking essential – 5 to 11 year olds

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Fairfield Library

Fairfield Road, 01642 527962, fairfield.library@stockton.gov.uk



Wednesday 2 January – Animals from the Land of Snow

For children with an Autism Spectrum Condition who would like to attend a quieter craft activity with their siblings or friends. Create your own polar bear and cute penguin masks.
9.00 to 10.00am – Booking essential (booking opens from Thursday 27 December) – 3 years and over

Thursday 3 January – Animals from the Land of Snow

Create your own polar bear and cute penguin masks.
12.30 to 1.30pm – Booking essential (booking opens from Thursday 27 December) – 3 years and over

Norton Library

87 High Street, 01642 528019, norton.library@stockton.gov.uk



Monday 17 – Friday 21 December – Christmas Story Time

Drop-in every evening this week to listen to our Christmas stories.
3.30 to 4.00pm – Booking essential – 2 to 8 year olds



Saturday 22 December – Book Calendar 2019

For children with an Autism Spectrum Condition who would like to attend a quieter craft activity

Stockton Central Library

Church Road, 01642 526522, stockton.library@stockton.gov.uk



Saturday 22 December – Christmas Crafts

Drop-in and make something festive!
11.00am to 3.00pm – Drop-in – 5 to 11 year olds



Thornaby Central Library

The Pavilion, 01642 528117, thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk



Thursday 3 January – Happy New Year!

Forced to go to bed before midnight on New Year's Eve? Didn't get to ring in 2019 in style? Why not join us for our amazing NYE party? We'll be playing games, making hats and even re-creating the countdown to midnight in our new 'Imagination Station'!
2 to 3pm – Booking essential – 5 to 11 year olds



Stockton Central Library

Church Road, 01642 526522,
stockton.library@stockton.gov.uk



Save the Date!

Thursday 7 February
Harry Potter Book Night 2019

This year discover the magic of Hogwarts and share the magic of Harry Potter at the 5th annual Harry Potter Book Night.

Look out for further information and book your tickets from Thursday 3 January 2019:
<https://hpbn2019stocktonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk>

4 to 5pm – Autism Friendly Session
5 to 7pm – General Admission
Booking essential – Suitable for all ages – Free

FREE

north east
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PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

For children aged 5 and under going through the diagnostic process or with a diagnosis of autism



HOW TO REGISTER:

To register your interest please contact Kerrie Highcock on 0191 410 9974 or email Kerrie.Highcock@ne-as.org.uk





Tuesday 10-11.30 @ Early support nursery Tedder Ave, Thornaby, TS179.1P
Tuesday 1.30-3 @ Billingham Family Hub, Ochil Terrace Stockton TS232QJ
Wednesday 1-2.30 @ Family hub, Yarm Road, TS18-3PJ

www.ne-as.org.uk