



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

December 2018 newsletter

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:6-7

As the year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during 2018. It has been an exciting year as my first year as Head Teacher. Thank you also for the support you continually offer our children, staff and school – working in partnership is such an important aspect of our school. A particular thank you at this time of the year for your support with our Advent/Christmas activities – this really means a lot to our children and staff.

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. On behalf of our children, staff and Governors I wish you and your family a restful and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs A Swift Head Teacher



Holy Jesus, by being born one of us,
and lying humbly in a manger,
you show how much God loves the world.
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
until we reach our home in heaven,
and see you on your throne of glory.
Amen

Friday 21 st Dec	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 5 th	Y2 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 7 th	Red class worship
Tuesday 12 th	Y5 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 14 th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Friday 15 th	Non-uniform day
Friday 15 th	School closes for half-term
Monday 25 th	School re-opens for children
Mon 25 th – Wed 27 th	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Tuesday 26 th	Y4 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m. NEW DATE
Thursday 28 th	Y3/4 and Y5/6 Discos PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
March	
Friday 1 st	"We are artists" including celebration of work for parents/carers
Tuesday 5 th	Y3 Open Morning 9-9.30a.m.
Thursday 7 th	Green class worship
Tuesday 12 th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Thursday 14 th	Consultation Meetings for parents/carers
Thursday 21 st	Blue class worship
Thursday 21 st	YR and Y1/2 Discos

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April	
Mon 1 st -Wed 3 rd	Y5 Bogglehole Residential
Thursday 4 th	Yellow class worship
Thursday 4 th	Fair Trade biscuit sale
Friday 5 th	Non uniform day
Friday 5 th	School closes for Easter

Safeguarding update

Our school has many policies and procedures to ensure that all children are safe in school. These include ensuring that all adults who come into school and have regular contact with children have enhanced DBS checks and additional checks on those with whom they live. The school also ensures that all staff have had training in how to identify the signs of concern and what to do in the event of their noticing these signs. We keep careful records of these identified signs; most of these are easily explained but it is only through this vigilance that we can ensure that all children are kept safe.

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

Y4 Open Morning

Please note the date – Thursday 26th February.

Annual Questionnaire

Thank you to those who responded to our Annual Questionnaire. We would love to replicate this response on Parent View www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk – The survey only takes a few minutes to complete - thank you.

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

School Photograph request

We recently had a request via email
 "I'm sorry to bother you but I was wondering if you had any old school photographs from around 1961- 1965? I'm interested as I was a pupil at Holy Trinity (when it was in Yarm Lane) I'm researching my family history and I only have the main class yearly photos."
 If you can help please contact our school office – thank you.

School lunch payments

A reminder that school lunches need to be paid for in advance (for the upcoming week). Our school lunches cost £2.05 per day - £10.25 per week. I find the easiest way is to pay by cheques. If you wish to pay by cheque please make cheques payable to Stockton Borough Council. Please ensure lunch payments are paid on time – if payments are received late into school this has a great impact on our office staff who allocate specific time in their week to deal with lunch money – it is not good use of their time to be chasing up late payments. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, Mrs Swift.

Thank you.....

A huge thank you to Sainsbury's who recently donated raffle prizes for our performances, Carols in the Playground and refreshments for our children's parties.

Policies

Our Governing Body recently adopted a number of new policies including Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy and our First Aid policy. Statutory policies are available on our website
www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/about/policies and copies of other policies are available on request from our school offices.

Trinity Site reminder

The Drop Box located in the Trinity Site foyer is for large items such as packed lunches, contact books, coats and bags. Please place items in here labelling them with one of the stickers located above the box. Please make sure that any monies are put in a clearly marked envelope and placed into the secure black post box situated on the wall of the foyer.

Early Years Reindeer Walk

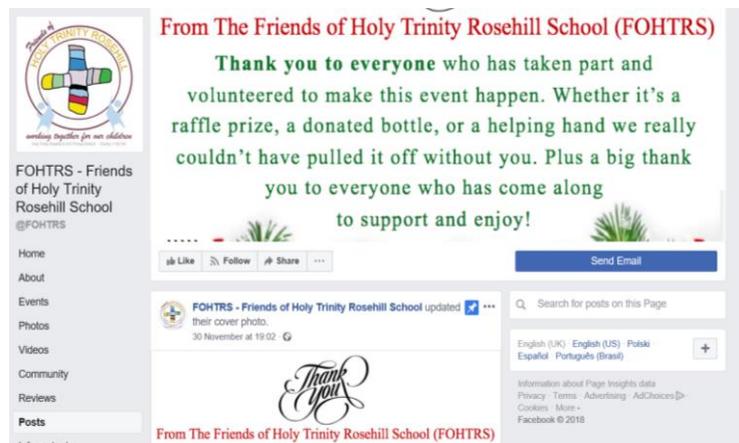
We are delighted to share that our Reindeer Walk raised an amazing £1000 for our Early Years team. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PE and Sport news

This month, Y5 have been attending Netball training on Lunchtimes. In the New Year, they will take part in an Intra-School competition. The Sports Crew have launched their first personal challenge this month, which consisted of Tennis skills. Details to follow. Have a great active Christmas and see you in the New Year! Please remember to bring your PE kits back into school week commencing Tuesday 8th January. Thank you for your ongoing support.
 Mrs Atkinson - PE subject leader

Hello from the Friends of Holy Trinity Rosehill School

Thank you to everyone who has "liked" our new Facebook page.
www.facebook.com/pg/FOHTRS/posts



Following our recent fundraising events we will soon be able to share the total of our fundraising efforts.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting Wednesday 9th January 2019 4.45p.m. (Please note revised time) on Trinity site. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday in each month.

News from Holy Trinity with St Marks church

Our cards outlining services and activities during Advent and into Christmas were sent home with children earlier this month – 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 soon.

Thank you...

Thank you to Rev Paul and all at Holy Trinity with St Mark's church for always making our children and staff welcome in church and for helping to ensure our Advent/Christmas activities have been so successful.

Attendance Report

Please find below attendance for December. Congratulations to Y2 Purple class (again) who have the highest attendance in November with 98.5% attendance.

We are delighted that over 100 children received 100% attendance certificates this term. These children will be entered into a draw for a treat in the New Year.

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. Since the last newsletter one home visit has been made (as per our attendance procedures) when a child was absent from school and contact could not be made with parents/carers. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school. Mrs Swift

News from our School Council

This half-term we have been discussing a number of important school issues including:

- The happiness of people in school (linked to our work on well-being) and if people feel safe. We asked children to complete a questionnaire and will have our findings soon.
- Playground activities – we think these are going quite well
- Personal Challenges set by our Sports Crew (this time is to keep a ball bouncing on a bat)
- Working alongside our new Fundraising committee
- A review of bullying- we feel there is little bullying in school, children feel happy and know if there was a problem they are able to tell someone.
- Locating our Child Protection Policy on our website www.holytrinityrosehill.org.uk/about/policies Mrs Swift explained that every school has a policy to keep children safe. This policy needs to be agreed by Governors, displayed on our school web site and is reviewed every year.
- Celebrating birthdays – we are going to celebrate birthdays during Celebration Worship on a Friday
- Making Christmas Cards for adults in school

We recently met with some of our school Governors who asked us some tricky questions – we asked them some questions too. We shared some of our ideas from our recent meetings. As a result we are going to invite children from YR/1/2 to join School Council in the New Year. We are going to show our younger children how to vote for members of their class to be School Council members. We also hope to attend a Governing Body meeting soon.





On Saturday 8th December, 10 children had the opportunity to walk out with the Middlesbrough FC players when Middlesbrough took on Blackburn Rovers. The children had been selected for having 100% attendance last academic year. MFC staff spoke highly of the children's behaviour and said that they wished all the groups that came to the Riverside were that well behaved. It was a fantastic day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to Miss Kelsey and Miss Horner who accompanied our children on the day.



Advent news from around school

During Advent, Yellow Class have loved taking part in the Nativity. Jude (a wise man) said "That was the best thing ever" after walking off the stage after our dress rehearsal. The children have a great understanding of the Christmas story and love dressing up and acting the story out in their free play.



Red Class

In Red Class we have been busy with Christmas activities. We have talked about the importance of giving gifts and how gifts do not always have to cost money, but can be an act of kindness. We have made and decorated cubes and added a special gift inside to give to someone like a smile or a cuddle. We have hung these special cubes on the class Christmas tree.

We have read a story about a letter to Santa where a boy called Sam asks Santa for a special gift for his mum, which ends up being a snow globe with a special memory in it. We have then written our own letters to Santa asking for a special gift for a special person.

We have also looked at the journey that Joseph and Mary made to Bethlehem and all the people who visited Baby Jesus on his special day.



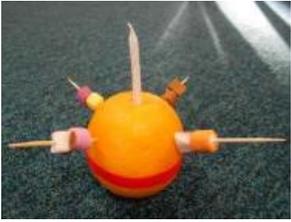
Green Class

In preparation for Advent, Green class have been talking about gifts and how Jesus is God's greatest gift to the world. We have made boxes from cube nets and decorated them. We have written a message to someone to say thank you for something they have done for us and placed these messages inside of our boxes. Part of Advent is having a heart of gratitude and remembering to say thank you. We are remembering to say thank you to God for Jesus and our amazing world.

Year 2 have been learning all about the Christmas story during advent. We thought about the long journey that Mary and Joseph took to get to Bethlehem and then we talked about who we would like to go and visit if we had to make a very long, special journey. We have also been thinking about the nativity story from the point of view of lots of the different characters and imagined how it would have felt to have been one of them. We even wrote our own diary entry pretending that we were the donkey having to carry Mary all the way to Bethlehem.

Emerald Class have been busy writing diary entries in RE during Advent. All children wrote from the point of view of the shepherds at the birth of Jesus Christ. They did a fantastic job!

In **Crimson Class** we have been looking at the nativity through the eyes of the shepherds. We thought about how the shepherds felt when the angels appeared, when they entered the stable and when they left the stable. We wrote a diary entry remembering the special day.



In RE **Indigo class** have been making Christingles and learning about the significance of the different components.

Azure Class During this season of Advent, Azure class have been preparing for Christmas through our class Advent calendar. At the beginning of Advent all the children were involved in producing our calendar. Each day we have opened a door to reveal a picture relating to preparing for Christmas and read an extract from the Bible relating to the Christmas story. In addition, the children compiled an alphabet of words associated with Advent, which are discussed and reflected upon each day.



In **Year 5** we have been making gift boxes for Advent.

We talked about the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus at Epiphany and about the special gifts that we have been given; talents, unique abilities and ideas, characteristics, things that we are good at.

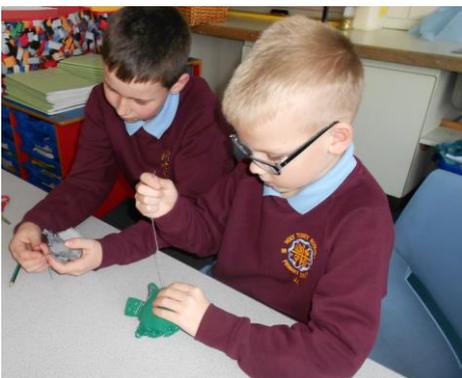
We wrote our special gifts such as empathy, sports ability, creative writing, leadership, artistic talent, music, listening, organising and peace-making on pieces of paper and placed them in gift boxes as a symbol of our intention to give our gift to others.



In **Year 5** we've also been making Christmas decorations as part of the DT curriculum. The children took great care in designing and making these. Each child designed their own unique decoration and even had the opportunity to make more than one.

Each class have an advent calendar, the children enjoy counting the days off until Christmas.

Moonstone class had the opportunity to take part in a shared Christmas service at Thornaby CE Primary school. Six other schools took part too. We read from the Bible and prepared a dance on "Mary's boy child". The children enjoyed meeting up with other pupils and sharing the special message of Christmas.



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.

Did you see our school in the Evening Gazette this month?



December Maths Challenges

Early Years – Nursery and Year Reception



Packing

Sorting and describing, using mathematical properties such as size, shape, weight, capacity and pattern

Counting and comparing numbers



Children often enjoy putting “like” things together, when putting things away and gathering them together.

Adults could have lots of boxes, (or trays), perhaps “shoe-box” style available for children to use as well as large groups of small items like zoo/farm animals, train set carriages, or any similar shaped items.

The Activity

You could provoke the children by saying something like, “These have all got muddled up” as you present them with an assortment of small items.

Encouraging mathematical thinking and reasoning:

Describing

Tell me about your box and the . . . you are putting away.
How many will fit? Will they all fit?

Reasoning

Looking at all the boxes we’ve got here, who has the most . . . in their box.
How do you know?
Could we fit more/fewer in . . . ’s box?

Opening out

Which boxes/trays would be best for keeping which things in?
Are some things better to be kept in something other than a box or tray? If so what?

Recording

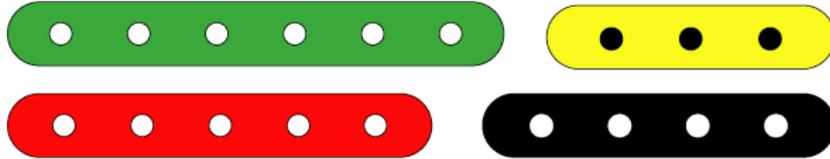
Do you want to make a new label for the box showing how many are inside?

Year 1 and 2

Let's Investigate Triangles

Age 5 to 7 ★

Vincent and Tara are making triangles with the class construction set. They have a pile of strips of different lengths.

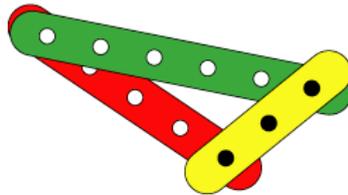


There are:

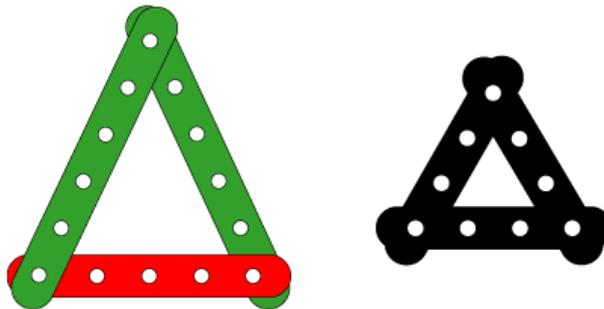
- **yellow** strips with 3 holes
- **black** strips with 4 holes,
- **red** strips with 5 holes and
- **green** strips with 6 holes.

There are plenty of strips of each colour.

Vincent makes a triangle with a **green** strip, a **yellow** strip and a **red** strip.



Tara makes a triangle with two **green** strips and one **red** strip and another triangle with three **black** strips.



How many different triangles can you make with these lengths?

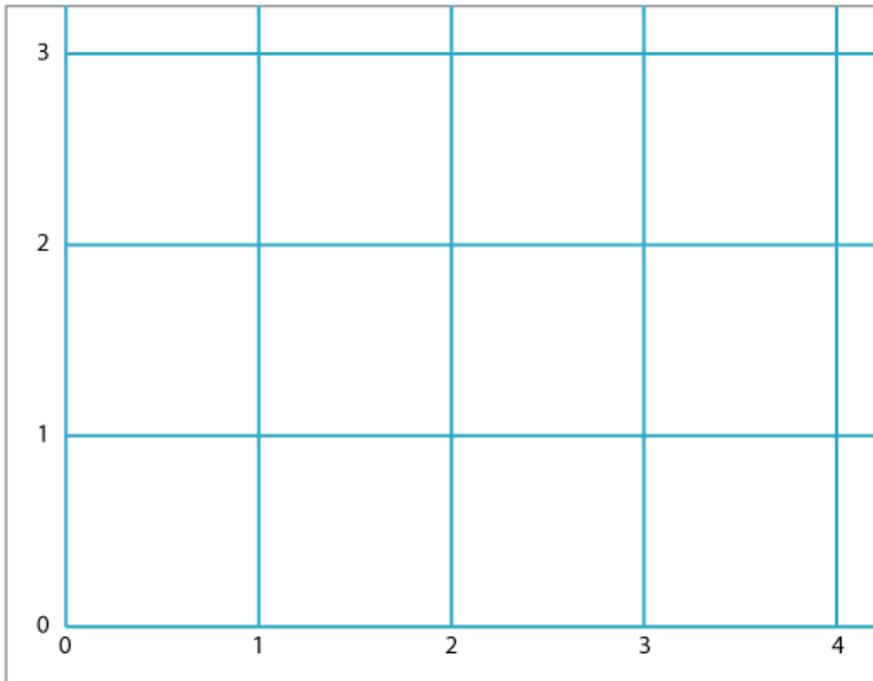
Can you find three strips which cannot be made into a triangle when you use them together?

Year 3 4 5 and 6

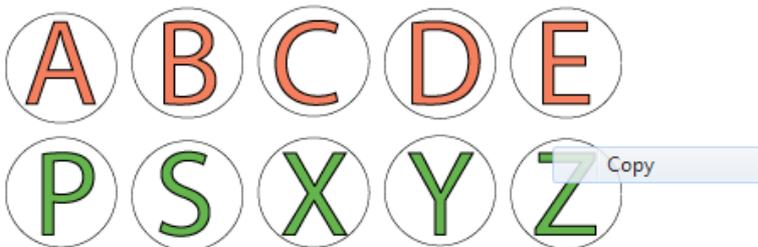
Coordinate Challenge

Age 7 to 11 ★

Here is a grid:



Can you position these ten letters in their correct places according to the eight clues below?



Clues:

The letters at (1, 1), (1, 2) and (1, 3) are all symmetrical about a vertical line.

The letter at (4, 2) is not symmetrical in any way.

The letters at (1, 1), (2, 1) and (3, 1) are symmetrical about a horizontal line.

The letters at (0, 2), (2, 0) have rotational symmetry.

The letter at (3, 1) consists of just straight lines.

The letters at (3, 3) and (2, 0) consist of just curved lines.

The letters at (3, 3), (3, 2) and (3, 1) are consecutive in the alphabet.

The letters at (0, 2) and (1, 2) are at the two ends of the alphabet.

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 Swift

Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 5 children.

The Community Immunisation Team recently visited school to provide the flu vaccine for children in Reception to Year 5 groups - if your child did not receive the vaccine a number of clinics are available as follows:

Saturday December 15th

9:30 - 12:00 Middlesbrough Central Library, Centre Square, TS1 2AY

13:30- 16:00 Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Ave, Thornaby, TS17 9PY

Thursday, January 3rd 2019

9:00 - 12:00 Wynyard Road Community Centre, Hartlepool

13:30 - 16:00 The Eston Surgery, Low Grange Health Village, Normanby Rd, Middlesbrough, TS6 6TD

Friday, January 4th 2019

9:00 - 12:00 25K Community Centre, Ayton Drive, Roseberry Square, Redcar, TS10 4EW.

13:30 - 16:00 Lawson St Health Centre, Stockton - on - Tees, TS18 1 HU

Saturday, January 19th 2019

10:00 - 12:30 Hartlepool Library, 124, York Road, Hartlepool, TS26 9DE

13:30 - 16:00 Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Ave, Thornaby, TS17 9JP

Saturday, January 26th 2019

9:30 - 12:00 Middlesbrough Central Library, Centre Square, Middlesbrough, TS1 2AY

13:30 - 16:00 Tuned In, Majuba Rd, Redcar, TS10 5BJ

To ensure we bring enough vaccines to the Clinics, please ring the Immunisation Team to register your child's attendance.

It's always wonderful to hear such praise from our amazing children – well done to those who attended this event.



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29th November 2018

Dear Mrs Swift

We would like to thank-you for attending the KS1 Multi Skills Festival at Durham University, Stockton on Monday 26th November 2018.

Our staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we hope everyone who attended did too. Please pass our compliments to your children on their attitude and behaviour both of which were impeccable. They were a pleasure to teach and were a credit to your school.

It was wonderful to see the children mastering new hula hoop skills and the sheer determination on some faces was a delight. We hope they will continue to progress their skills.

We would love the opportunity to deliver a Hoopstarz Experience Day to your whole school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to book a full day or if you require any further information.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tracey Davison'.

Tracey Davison

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