

# **Holy Trinity C E Primary School**

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# **CHANGES TO START TIMES**

Our first full week of the children coming into school as a staggered start has been extremely successful and we have had many positive comments and feedback. Thank you for supporting the school to ensure the safety of your children and all adults.

We have reviewed our times and feel that we are able to shorten the timings for drop off. Please make a note of the changes. From **MONDAY 14th September** the following start times will apply.

Start Time	Front Gate	Back Gate
8:45am		Year 5
8:50am	Year 2	
8:55am		Year 6
9:00am	Year 1	
9:05am		Year 4
9:10am	Year 3	
9:15am		Reception
9:30am	Nursery (ASC Entrance)	

#### **WET WEATHER**

Please make sure you children are prepared for wet weather as we will take the children outside when it rains.

We will also not have any facility for sheltering children and adults at pick up and drop off if it is raining. This includes children being unable to come into school early if it is raining. This is due to the pinch points in school and the time in school needed between classes for the children to wash their hands. Please make sure you and your children have wet weather gear to be able to wait for their start time and for playtimes.

#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We hope that the new coming in system has been mainly smooth for families. We are aware that this system does not give much time for a quick catch up at the gate. To ensure that your questions can be answered, we will be using the following ways to communicate:

<u>Members of staff on the gate—</u> there will be members of staff available for most drop off and pick up times, please feel free to talk to any of them.

For anything which needs to be dropped off to the office please use the DROP BOX which will be located outside the front entrance to the school and will be emptied once all the children are in school.

<u>Class Teaching Assistant</u>— the class teaching assistant will be available most mornings if you have a quick question.

<u>School email</u>— Please email the school office who will forward your questions to the classteacher. The class teacher or member of staff will get back to you as soon as they are available.

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<u>ClassDojo</u>—this is a class 'noticeboard' where teachers can post reminders and messages from the class Teacher, ie PE days, non-school uniform day, general class reminders, etc.

<u>ParentMail</u>— any formal communications from the school ie newsletters, forms and letters.

Google Classroom— this will be our new online learning platform which homework may be set and will be used if a local or national lockdown is issued. This is also where information regarding school work can be shared. We are aware that the classes have not been updated. This is a nationwide technical issue, which is being dealt with.

#### **WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES**

Our first group of Reception children started this week. All the children have settled in really well and we are looking forward to welcoming the second group starting on Monday. We also have new Nursery children starting during the next couple of weeks, so welcome to our Holy Trinity family.





#### **CHANGE OF DETAILS—REMINDER**

Please let the office know if you have changed any of your contact details eg. mobile, landline, home or email address. Thank you.

# **MUSIC LESSONS**



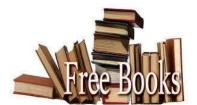


If you would like to sign up over the weekend can you please do this. We will be contacting other parents to check if it is for both instruments, or just one.

Please remember Recorder lessons are for children in Year 2—Year 6 and Piano lessons are for children in Year 3—Year 6 only.

#### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We are very excited that our new and improved library is ready to be opened to the children next week. At present we do not require any more reading books. In fact we have so many books surplus to current requirements that we will be giving these books away every day next week. These will be available outside the front entrance of the school from 2.50pm-3.40pm. Please help yourselves. To ensure they are covid safe, the books will not have been touched for over 72 hours prior to going outside.



The only books that we do need are any books that support parents and children with Special Educational Needs, as well as any dual language books. So if you have either of these that you no longer need please drop them in the drop box, which will be located outside the front entrance.

# **NURSERY**

We currently have spaces for both 15 hour and 30 hour provision. If you know anyone who is looking for a Nursery place for their child who is 3 years old or will be 3 years old this year, please can you let them know and direct them to our website. There is also a post on the Holy Trinity Facebook, please feel free to share this to spread the word.



# **CHRISTIAN VALUE—KOINONIA**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body.



# Finchley Food Bank needs your help!

Every week more families are relying on this essential service, for example 17 new families joined just last week. Last Saturday, they provided food for over 300 people (including many children). Therefore, the shelves are now getting rather sparse.

If you can help, please send in any donations with your child and Sibbers will arrange for it to go to the Finchley Food Bank. Alternatively, if you are shopping in the East Finchley Sainsbury's they also have a food bank box which goes to the Finchley Food Bank directly. (The food bank box in Colney Hatch Tesco's goes to the Camden Food Bank).

Thank you.





# Welcome back from the HTSA (holy Trinity School Association)

Dear Parents & Carers old and new - a big warm welcome back from the HTSA!

I hope week 1 has gone well and everyone is enjoying settling into something which looks and feels slightly more like normal.

And hello to our new reception class! We will be sending you all some info about the HTSA shortly to introduce ourselves and explain more about what we do and why. As soon as your child starts at Holy Trinity you are automatically a member of the HTSA and our collective goal is to raise money for the school to improve the experience and opportunities our children benefit from whilst at Holy Trinity.

This term will look quite different in terms of our fundraising activities....we have our first meeting on **Tuesday 29th September at 7:45pm** via Zoom. As part of this meeting we will look at what we raised and spent last year and discuss ideas for fundraising for this year as well as review the schools Wishlist of items. It would be great if as many people can join as possible to generate some creativity around virtual fundraising...

Please save the date and I will send around Zoom details closer to the time.

If you have any uniform needs please do visit our second hand uniform sale at the front gate today from 3:15pm.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend, Nichola (Chair), Geetha & Iliada (Treasurers)

# **GOVERNORS' NEWS**

Dear Parents,

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the school's Governing Body. If you'd like to consider putting yourself forward for the role, from next week a nomination form will be available to download from the school website. This can be found under the Governors tab (Governor Vacancy). Nominations must be emailed directly to the governors email: governors@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk.

Being a governor is a significant responsibility and is undoubtedly both challenging and rewarding. Whilst no particular skills or qualifications are required, most of all you need to have the commitment and capacity to contribute, including the ability to give some time both outside and during the school day.

For this current vacancy you do need to be a parent with a child at the school, and we would particularly welcome applicants who can help advise and support around matters concerning finance, HR or health and safety, though this is not mandatory.

To find out more about being a Governor, please talk to any serving Governor, or email me at governors@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk.

Emma Tsangarides Chair of Governors