



# Holy Trinity C E Primary School

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6th March 2020

*"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13v34*



## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th March @ 8:45am  
KS1 Parent Reading Workshop  
**Celebrating World Book Day**

Thursday 12th March @ 8:45am  
KS2 Parent Reading Workshop

Friday 13th March @ 9am  
Year 2 Assembly  
**Sport Relief Day**  
**Year 5 Cake Sale**

Thursday 19th March @ 9am  
KS1 SATs meeting (instead of Stay  
and Read) for Year 2

Friday 20th March @ 9am  
Reception Class Assembly  
HTSA Quiz Night

Tuesday 24th March @ 6pm  
Year 5 Parents Meeting re Gilwell  
Park

Friday 27th March  
Vaccinations Assembly @ 9am  
Easter Service @ 2pm (at Holy  
Trinity Church)  
**Year 6E Cake Sale**

Monday 30th March—Autism  
Awareness Week

Wednesday 1st April @ 9am  
Coffee Morning  
Parents Evening 4:00-7:30pm

Thursday 2nd April  
Parents Evening 4:00-6:30pm

Friday 3rd April @ 1:30pm  
**END OF TERM**

**(Please note there will be no  
Afterschool Club on this day)**

### SIAMS

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and speak to the RE & Worship Inspector on Wednesday. He was very impressed with the behaviour and politeness of our children. He commented that the parents who were able to attend were so supportive and proud of our school. The visit went very well.

### VACCINATIONS ASSEMBLY

We are lucky to have a few doctor parents in our school who have agreed to share their knowledge with us about vaccinations. Please join us for an informal chat about vaccinations on 27th March at 9.30am and why they are important.

This could be a great opportunity to discuss the concerns some parents may have about vaccinations. Younger children are welcome to come along with you. Parents are also welcome to join the interactive school assembly at 9.00am where we hope to make an informative session about vaccination as fun as possible.



### COVID-19

Please be reassured that we are following all the guidelines which are being produced and sent to us on a daily basis by the DfE.

### AUTISM AWARENESS

Please remember that autism awareness week begins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. At school we will be learning and developing our understanding of inclusion generally. A coffee morning will run for ALL parents on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. However, I would also like to invite some guest speakers to talk to the children or parents about their personal experiences: This could include positive role models for the children or simply a chat about how we can be a good friend to a person who has different needs or even to portray a parents perspective. If you know anybody suitable please contact Ms Wharton.



### YEAR 4 FOOTBALL

Well done to our Year 4 football team at their Football Tournament. They played very well, scoring lots of goals, unfortunately narrowly missing out on going forward to the next round. Thank you to Mr Ritson and Kerri for taking and supporting the children.

### NEXT WEEK NON-UNIFORM REMINDERS:

**WORLD BOOK DAY**—Tuesday 10th March—Children to come dressed in their pyjamas (shoes to be worn under their pyjamas)

**SPORT RELIEF**—Friday 13th March—Children can come into school dressed in their own sporty clothes and bring in a donation of £1.

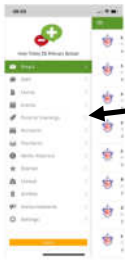


## PARENTS EVENING— Wednesday 1st April 4-7:30pm and Thursday 2nd April 4-6:30pm

Thank you to everyone who has booked via the ParentMail app. Slots are filling up fast, so please remember to book your Parents Evening 10 minute slot.

When you open up ParentMail app on your phone you should see something like this

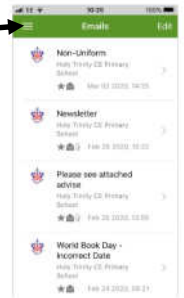
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And this screen will open. Click on Parents Evening (you should see a notification next to this).

On this menu you will also find

- Forms—this is used for permissions for school trips,
- Events- to book for (eg) Reading workshop)
- Notify Absence—to let us know if your child will be absent from school.



At present we are not using the Payments part of ParentMail as we still use ParentPay, but eventually this will become live as well.

If you are still unsure how to book your parents evening slot, further information can be found at:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/> .

Or alternatively come into the office and we will endeavour to help you.

## ENGLISH SUPPORT AT PARENTS EVENING

Ms Edge (English Lead) will be available from 5.30 - 6.30 on Thursday 2nd April if you would like any further support on how to help your child with reading or writing.

### CHRISTIAN VALUE—FORGIVENESS

Psalms 86:5 - You are forgiving and good,  
O Lord, abounding in love to all who call on you



### LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

Our Language of the month for March is **Swahili**. If you speak Swahili and would like to help, please let us know.



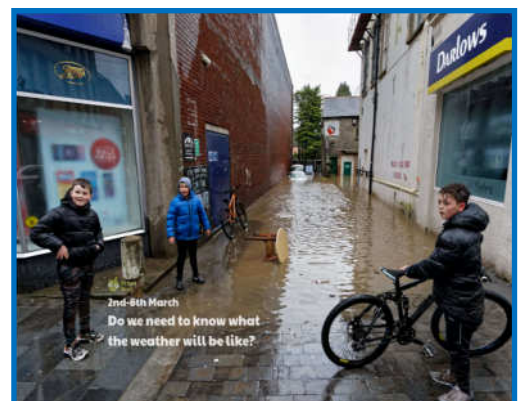
### GOLDEN BOOK

Year 3 - Amelia Wilf  
Year 4 - Muhammad  
Year 5 - Calum

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

**Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March**

Congratulations to Year 3 for having the highest attendance and to Year 5 for being the most punctual class (100%).



### ASK ME WHAT I DID POSTCARD

Nursery - Ava  
Reception - Matty  
Year 1 - Dylan  
Year 2 - Lucy  
Year 3 - Eden  
Year 4 - Josie  
Year 5 - Taylur  
Year 6E - Sezen  
Year 6G - Amber

### Word of the Week!

# optimistic

It means Always looking on the bright side, feeling confident



Can you use this word in a sentence?

### British Values

2nd-8th March

#### Individual Liberty

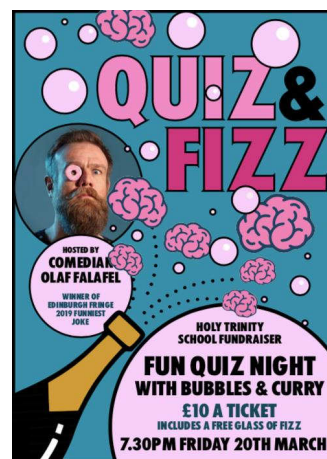
We can get a good idea of what the weather is going to be like by watching the weather forecast. Sometimes it's not safe to be out in some weathers and we may then need to change what we had planned to do.

# HTSA NEWS

**Quiz night in two weeks time : Friday 20th March.** Please come along and see your class reps for tickets. It will be good fun and we are hoping to raise lots of money for the school to put towards activity benches in the infant and junior playgrounds and lots more ! More details next week on what the money is going towards for the children.

**Summer Fair : Saturday 16th May 12noon - 3pm.** Please add the date to your diary.

**Sunday 12th July - Race the Neighbour 10k run.** If anyone is entering this or thinking about it please let your class rep know and perhaps we can arrange some team sponsorship ( PS. We wouldn't all need to run together on the day but we could do a couple of jogs together in the warm up to it 🏃🏃♀️ )



## GOVERNORS' NEWS

### We really need your help....

A few months ago we wrote to you regarding parental contributions. These contributions are voluntary, however, we are really concerned about the very large shortfall we currently have. The reality of school funding is that we will have to make cuts on areas such as classroom resources, music and sport to meet this shortfall as we are obliged to pay this. We appreciate that not everyone can make the full contribution, but we ask you to please give what you can.

Holy Trinity is a voluntary aided school. This means that, although our school is in the state system, we can retain our Christian traditions, however in return the state does not own the buildings of the school and does not contribute to its maintenance. With all this in mind, the Governors ask for a voluntary parental contribution of £50 per year if you have one child at the school and £85 per year for families with two or more children.

The school needs to pay for the upkeep and repair of its buildings and infrastructure and also are required to pay into an insurance policy held by the London Diocesan Board for Schools. The insurance policy is set on a fixed price per child that attends the school and may be used if we need large and expensive works conducted. This is obligatory for the school.

Much of our school is over 50 years old and the demands made upon it by 200 energetic children, plus staff, mean there is a constant requirement for improvement and repair to provide not only the best learning environment possible, but to keep in line with current legislation.

### How we've received help from the Fund...

As a school we've received far more back to maintain and refurbish our school than we pay in. Over the years we've had our kitchen refurbished and a new school roof - this year we are bidding for a full refurbishment of the Reception Class and Year 1 and 2 toilets, as well to fix the leak in the pipe under the KS1 playground which is causing the Nursery toilets to flood. This will involve digging up and repairing the playground as well as replacing 10 meters of piping.

### Please give what you can...

If you have not yet made a payment for this academic year, you will find the payment details on your child's parent pay account. Thank you.

**Thank you for your continued support to our school.**





Steam is the largest video game digital distribution platform on the planet by quite some distance. Serving as a one-stop-shop for buying and playing video games on your PC, Steam's game library exceeds over 30,000 titles ranging from fun children's games to those with extreme adult content. It's certainly possible to play games on a computer without Steam, but there's no denying it makes the entire process much, much easier with its download and play model. While Steam is by-and-large perfectly safe, parents should still be aware of the potential pitfalls embedded within PC gaming's most well-known digital distribution platform.



What parents need to know about

# STEAM



## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



While there are a wide variety of games on Steam, including many that are child-friendly, it does have a 13+ age limit. Because Steam only hosts the majority of games and doesn't make them, they leave it to individual accounts to self-regulate what they download and play. If you wanted to view a game with mature content on an unfiltered account, you would only have to put in your date of birth to verify your age, and the content is freely available. Naturally, this can lead to minors being exposed to a lot of adult content not meant for them if they were to lie about their age.

## RISK OF PHISHING

Hackers are a persistent threat on Steam, with countless people having their accounts hacked and stolen for their extensive libraries of games. This is a huge problem, because games you buy through Steam, are only available through your Steam account; if the account is gone, the games are gone. As with any online space where children can interact with strangers, be sure they understand the dangers and repercussions of giving out personal information that could be used to infiltrate their account.

## ABUSE OF GIFTING SYSTEM

Steam has a gifting system where players can gift games to other people on their friend list. On the surface this is a wonderful way for people to buy presents for their friends and loved ones, within the safety of Steam. However, there are people who might prey on the generosity of others and attempt to scam them out of games. Once a game is gifted, it cannot be retracted, meaning somebody could trick a young person into thinking they can share the game, or both get a copy, while simply keeping it for themselves.

## HACKING VULNERABILITY

Phishing is when somebody attempts to gain information from you through deceptive means. On Steam, phishers could disguise themselves as a child's friend in order to encourage them to share personal information, or worse. Remind your child to never give their password or account information to another person, and never click on strange links sent to them on Steam. If you suspect your child might be talking to somebody who intends to exploit them in some way, raise your concerns as soon as possible both with your child and Steam, who will be able to advise you on what to do next. The Steam Support page also has a breakdown of how to detect suspicious links.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With its own built-in chat function and multitude of games to play, Steam is an easy place for strangers and people you don't know contacting your child. Realistically, the danger is no more or less than any other place online where people might gather but being aware of the games your children are playing and with whom, can make all the difference. Anybody you don't recognise or games you deem to be inappropriate need to be dealt with swiftly and if necessary, the proper authorities notified.



## Safety Tips For Parents

### IMPLEMENT FAMILY SETTINGS

Under Account > Preferences, you can choose what kind of content is visible on the Steam account. For example, you can set it so no games featuring mature content like violence or sex references can be viewed on the platform. The Family Library Share also allows up to 10 other computers and 5 Steam accounts use of the same games and settings, giving a parent(s) control over the master account, with the ability to limit what the shared accounts can do.



### USE GIFT CARDS

It's always a good idea to limit the use of banking details and credit cards on the internet where possible. Thankfully Steam sells gift cards that can be purchased either online or in many high street shops. Buying and updating Steam accounts with a gift card will give you peace of mind that young ones aren't spending on your card without you knowing.



### APPLY STEAM GUARD

Two-Factor Authentication (commonly known as Steam Guard on Steam) requires anybody attempting to access your account from an unrecognised computer having to complete additional security checks, usually connected to a trusted phone number or email account. In short, if somebody tries to hack your account with two-factor enabled, they'll need access to your private phone or email in order to do so.



### USE STEAM SUPPORT

The Steam Support page has a comprehensive list of ways to deal with specific problems encountered on Steam like reporting hackers, regaining access to lost accounts, reporting stolen games and so on. If you're struggling with the suggested automated processes, you can also initiate a ticket that will be dealt with directly by a human, but this may take longer than the support page.



### DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Steam can certainly be an overwhelming place for younger children, so it always pays to be upfront and frank about some of the things they may see, and where your expectations for them lie. Adjusting your family settings will help curate the experience but arming them with the knowledge of what is and isn't acceptable while playing games will allow them to make their own decisions when you're not around.



## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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