



Holy Trinity C E Primary School

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Curriculum this half term

We will soon be sending out our medium term plans so that you can follow what your child is learning in school and support them.

This plan will look different from previous years and the expectation by the Department for Education is that our broad and balanced curriculum will be back to normal by the summer term.

For now here is some information about what we have been doing differently for the first two weeks of school. We have been ensuring the children have as many opportunities to work collaboratively, enjoy each other's company again and strengthen friendships. We have spent more time working on emotional well being and resilience for learning as these have to be in place before new academic learning can take place and any gaps in knowledge are filled. Children have had increased opportunities to talk to staff and each other about any concerns they may have due to the current situation. Transitions are taking a lot longer for example getting to know the children, liaising with other staff who have taught them and finding out what learning the children have retained and what they have forgotten.

We have been keeping to normal routines and structures as far as possible to ensure the children feel safe and happy to be back in school. The children have responded very well to these initiatives and are keen to start learning again.

In order to communicate how your child has settled in and how we are going to proceed this term we are able to offer the following:

1. **Meet the teacher 25th September**, a presentation by the class teacher to familiarise parents with routines for that class and an opportunity to ask questions. 20 – 30 mins. All welcome.
2. In the week beginning **5th October** we will have **One to One meeting with teacher** who will feed back how your child has settled in and address any concerns you may have. 10 mins via phone call.
3. We will be holding a **Parent Forum Meeting** for each class for all parents and parent reps on **Wednesday 14th October**. Times to be confirmed as each class will be staggered throughout the day. This will give you the opportunity to ask class based questions to the teachers
4. We will be sending a questionnaire in the next few weeks to establish any concerns you have and what you would like to know from your teacher.
5. In December we will be reporting on academic progress and gaps that need to be addressed in learning.

In the meantime with all the changes to communication and additional communication we are still working out how our class reps can help the teachers during this time. We may have to visit this again at the start of next term when we have all got used to this new way of working in school!

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:

Members of staff on the gate— 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.

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

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

office@holytrinity.barnetmail.net

ClassDojo—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.

ParentMail— any formal communications from the school ie newsletters, forms and letters.

Google Classroom— Many schools across Barnet are still experiencing problems with moving new classes over into Google Classroom. Thank you to those of you who have managed to log into Google Classrooms so far. If you have not managed to log in yet, please can you try to do this as soon as you can.

It may be easier to use the app which can be downloaded here:

For Android users: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/google-classroom/id924620788>

For iPhone users:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.classroom&hl=en_GB



In the meantime, if you have any technical issues with logging in to either Google Classroom or Class Dojo then please email these to the following email addresses:

Class Dojo technical issues: classdojosupport@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk

Google Classroom technical issues: googleclasssupport@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk

As Google Classroom is still not ready to use, there will be no homework set this week. We will keep you updated.

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

Our second group of Reception children started this week. All the children have settled in really well and some are old nursery children we are welcoming back and others are new to our school.



HEADLICE

It's that time of year again, when children have returned to school and the nits come out to play! Can we please remind all parents/carers that if your child (boy or girl) has hair which is longer than their collar, please tie it up. This really does help to stop the spread of head lice.

ATTENDANCE

We are aware that there have been some children that have got common colds and have been feeling unwell. Thank you for keeping us informed of this illnesses and contacting school to keep us updated. Some parents have had questioned as to whether or not they should send their child to school, and we really appreciate the kindness and consideration for all the other children and staff to keep them well. Therefore, we have set up a designated email address for questions regarding illnesses and COVID symptoms to give parents a point of contact and ensure these can be answered efficiently. Understandably children will get general illnesses after returning back to school and we are also beginning to enter the cold and flu season so we would like to support families and children with any concerns they may have.

Please email: attendance@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk

If your child is absent from school please can we remind you that you need to inform the school every morning that your child is absent. This can be done either via ParentMail or by emailing attendance@holytrinity.barnet.sch.uk

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.



HTSA NEWS

Thank you to the parents that helped out with the uniform sale last Friday. Our plan going forward is to do individual class sales to make it easier to find the sizes you want as we have built up a lot of stock now. Will be in touch again soon about that.

Reminder : HTSA meeting zoom call @745pm Tuesday 29th September.

ASK ME WHAT I DID POSTCARDS

Reception	- Eva	Year 3	- Harley
Year 1	- Ishak		- Pryce
	- Stephanie	Year 4	- Camille
Year 2	- Cyrus		- Finlay
	- Eden	Year 5	- Freya
			- Oscar
		Year 6	- Kristina

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