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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 4th January 2021—
SPRING TERM BEGINS**
with new times

**Thank you to those who wear
face coverings. As we are now
in Tier 3 please can we request
that all parents/carers to wear
a face covering when
dropping/collecting at the
school gates.**

**Especially, if you
need to talk to a
member of staff.**



CHRISTIAN VALUE— KOINONIA



ASK ME WHAT I DID POSTCARDS

Nursery - Valerie
Reception - Maryna
Year 1 - Micole
Year 2 - Dan
Year 3 - Titan
Year 4 - Renny, Shervin
Year 5 - Torben
Year 6 - Tyler

THANK YOU!

I just want to say a huge thank you to the children and staff who have made this extraordinary term into such a special and memorable time.

The dedication and passion from the Holy Trinity Family never fails to amaze me. In the midst of staggered starts, breaks that are separate, lunches that start from 11.45 and finish at 1.45pm, new and ever changing timetables and guidelines, the staff have continued to make sure the children are happy and enjoying learning.

I am so proud that we have managed to have an Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity as well as the Christingle Service where Year 6 were still able to be at the church and share their moment with their Christingles. The speed in which we have all learnt to work in a virtual world has been phenomenal. If you haven't had a chance to watch them yet, they are on the front page of the website.

Thank you to the parents and families of those who have had to self-isolate. It has been lovely to still see the children and be able to help them to continue to learn even though they are not in a classroom. This of course couldn't happen without your support.

We have all had fun watching the Pantomime with popcorn and treats which was kindly provided by the HTSA. We also had a delicious Christmas Lunch with crackers that were recyclable, at the request of the children, also donated by the HTSA. We are continuing to raise funds towards the long-term project of a MUGA (multi use games area) so that the children will have a specific area to play football and other games.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, however you are able to celebrate this year. I hope that 2021 bring you joy and happiness.



GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

Year 6 — Kristina



COMMUNICATION OVER CHRISTMAS

Thank you so much for all your wonderful messages of thanks on Google Classrooms and ClassDojo. Please note that these will not be checked now until January. The office email will only be checked for COVID related messages. Please ensure you follow information on the website if you need to communicate.



CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

2020

This certificate is awarded to
Holy Trinity CE Primary School
for their participation in the Barnet Partnership for
School Sport Virtual League

SPORTING NEWS

The children were brilliant and we are very proud of them. There were four categories and Holy Trinity were placed as follows:

- * Key Stage 1—3rd
- * Key Stage 1 SEND—2nd
- * Key Stage 2—Joint 1st
- * Key Stage 2 SEND—1st

Well done to all the children who took part.



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from the HTSA with best wishes and full of hope for 2021

HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED, SPONSORED, SUPPORTED AND GOT INVOLVED IN 2020



Dear HTSA, Wednesday 9th December
We are writing on behalf of the School Council at Holy Trinity. We have been talking about reducing the plastic in your Christmas crackers. If it is not too late the crackers have already been bought I please could you get some Christmas crackers with no plastic. We have also thought of an alternative which could be sweets.
Kind regards,
Finlay (Yr4 Councillor)

Andys Virtual Magic Show

Over 54 families zoomed in and enjoyed the show

"Jake had a great time"

"Tiggy loved it"

"Kids loved it thank you"



Pantomime & Treat Boxes

"Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the panto event so much fun for the kids. Both mine really enjoyed it and their goody bags"

"Thanks Hiliana for organising the lovely treats and thank you again to Jac and Freddie for the Seek& Solve - a real triumph"



LET'S HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS

Contact Tracing over the Christmas Holidays

As parents will be aware, schools have taken on the role of contact tracing and issuing isolation advice in the event of a positive test result for a member of the school community. If you are at all concerned, please go to the school website where clear instructions are given on how to report and what to do if your child has symptoms or tests positive. <https://www.holytrinityceschool.org/>

Please complete the form and email the office, this information will then allow us to begin the contact tracing process. If we need to contact students or families with advice to self-isolate we will do so via ParentMail. I know that we all want to ensure as good a Christmas as possible under the current restrictions, the importance of following all relevant safety measures is so important. I would be grateful for your support in re-enforcing this message at home and also ensuring that all restrictions and protections are followed outside of school. If we are all able to do this effectively, we will reduce the risk of transmission.

It is also worth remembering the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19:

- a high temperature,
- a continuous cough
- and a loss or change of taste /smell.

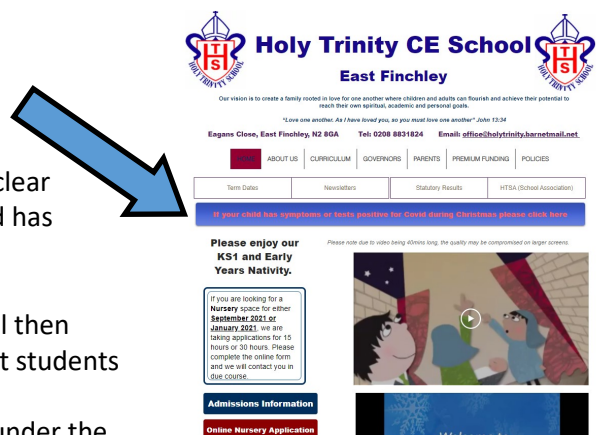
Please note that the temperature does not need to be diagnosed with a thermometer, the NHS advice is that this can just be feeling hot or hot to the touch.

What to do if you are worried about Covid-19

As the pandemic wears on, we know that there are more and more individuals coping with living in a heightened state of anxiety. This can affect children, parents and staff alike. If you do find yourself negatively affected by anxiety about the pandemic and the safety of yourself and those that you love, please do be aware that there is support available. The NHS have a dedicated website

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>

which contains helpful advice on how to manage these feelings and links towards further support.



British Values

14th – 20th December

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Being kind to someone helps to show that we care. We all like people to be kind to us so we should always try our best to be kind to everyone too.



UN Rights of a Child

If children are always treated with kindness and compassion, they will survive and develop in the best way possible.





COMMUNITY NEWS



FREE MEALS

East Finchley Neighbourhood Support have teamed up with local resident and chef, Giuseppe Sollo, Grange Big Local, and CommUNITY Barnet, to cook and give out FREE freshly prepared homemade meals to those struggling to make ends meet.

There's no referral needed and no questions asked – just pop along to the collection point at the Phoenix Cinema, give the school collection code *HT*, and get some food!



Important details you need to know:

- Collection point: Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, London, N2 9PJ
- Collection times: 10.30am – 12.30pm, every Tuesday starting on Tuesday 15th December
- Collection code HT
- One meal per person (you can collect one meal for each person in your household or bubble)
- If you can, try to bring your own bag to carry the food back home!



ASDA FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

Asda is offering children the chance to eat for free in its cafes throughout December. All 216 of the supermarket's cafes are taking part and will provide children under the age of 16 with a meal, completely free of charge, when accompanied by an adult. There is no minimum spend restriction or restriction on the number of children in a family or group that can take advantage of the offer.

Asda cafes located in Tier 3 Covid restrictions will still provide this offer to local children via a takeaway service. The offer will run from December 1st until 31st December 2020 except Christmas Day when stores are closed.

DIRECTORY OF FAMILY SUPPORT

Barnet have produced a pamphlet which includes helpful information for families to access over the coming winter. We have attached a copy of this to our newsletter. It gives information including: financial guidance, community groups, food banks, children's centres, mental health, wellbeing, and much more.





Putting the Community First



London Borough
of Barnet

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will join with me in sending our ongoing and heartfelt gratitude to all Barnet schools for their continued dedication and commitment during the COVID-19 crisis. I know that many of you will be showing your thanks to all the staff in many ways and that this is much appreciated by schools.

During this whole period, schools have tried so hard to stay open as much as possible and have attempted to keep 'business as usual' for all children and young people in their care. We know that continuing to provide education and a safe environment is vital for every child and young person and that all schools are fully supportive of this. It was so rewarding to see how happy all children and young people were to be back in school full-time at the start of the autumn term.

We know that it can be frustrating for all concerned when individuals, classes, bubbles or even whole schools, must close. Schools continue to review and update their rigorous risk assessments to ensure that children and staff continue to be safe in school. We know these are shared with you, usually via the school's website. The decision to close part of, or even a whole, school only happens because there is a health risk to all those concerned. We are grateful to you for your understanding.

Schools are also working tirelessly to ensure that their online and 'blended' learning offer is as good as possible when children and young people need to learn remotely. Schools are grateful for any positive and constructive feedback they receive. They do review their practice as a result and put in place any improvements that are practical and possible to do.

In all aspects of education, schools will be striving to offer as much as they possibly can. However, we still need to remember that every school is different and that the educational offer, both onsite and remotely, as well as each individual school's risk assessments, will vary from school to school.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Barnet schools and wish you and your families well during these extremely challenging times.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Daniel Thomas
Leader of the Council