



Trinity School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely half term. We are back into our school routines very quickly with a lovely positive attitude towards learning shining through. As I've walked around the classes this week there is a clear emphasis on writing, our text driver approach is inspiring our writers and I have seen some fabulous examples from the authors of the future!

I'm excited to share some updates as we move through the school year, as well as some fun events and changes that are happening around our school.

First up, our nature garden got a lovely makeover over the half-term break! We've tidied up the area, added some mulch to give it a fresh look, and put in new tables for outdoor learning. Plus, we can't wait for a storytelling chair to arrive soon – it's going to be the perfect spot for some creative outdoor adventures.

We're always thinking about how to keep everyone safe and comfortable at school. Recently, we had a review to make sure our school is accessible to all and a security check, which led to some changes with our front gate and office access. Starting Monday, all visitors will need to use the intercom at the gate to get in. Our office team will confirm who you are via camera before letting you in. Once you're in, just head up the main steps to the office and buzz in like usual. These updates are part of keeping our school safe and following new guidelines, and we really appreciate your understanding!

I'm also thrilled to share that our new Senior Advisor, Jo Pearce, recently visited us and had lots of positive things to say. She was really impressed by the hard work we've been doing to improve our curriculum and the way we make sure every child's voice is heard. If you haven't checked out our website lately, be sure to have a look – we've updated it with more details about the exciting things your child is learning. <https://www.trinity.sch.je/curriculum/core-curriculum>

Looking ahead, here are a couple of fun things to mark on your calendar:

- Some of our children have been chosen to be match mascots at the Jersey Bulls game next Saturday! How exciting is that? They'll get to walk onto the field with the team – it's going to be such a memorable experience.
- Red Nose Day is coming up on Friday 21 March. We'd love for the children to wear something red and bring a £1 donation, which you will be able to pay through ParentPay. Mrs Racjan will send out a link in due course.
- PTA Disco is on Friday 14th March – please ensure you get your slips back in time!

Trinity School – Summer School 2025

We are delighted to announce the Trinity Summer School will be open and running for August 2025. This Summer School is available to Trinity School students who are currently in Reception through to Year 6.

We will be running for two weeks as follows:

Monday 18 August – Friday 23 August

Tuesday 26 August – Friday 29 August (Monday 25 August is a Bank Holiday)

This year so we are offering two sessions;

8.30 am – 1.00 pm £32 per child per day

8.30 am – 3.00 pm £45 per child per day

We appreciate that the hours may not be suitable for some families and they may prefer us to open earlier or close later however, we do not have the staffing and it is not financially viable for us to open after 3pm this year. You are able to book for the full week or just for specific days during this two week period. We hope to run the Summer School with similar experiences to our After School Club to make these two weeks as fun and varied as possible for the children.

Booking forms will be out soon from the office.

TAG

On Tuesday we held our monthly pupil voice meetings. In the oracy TAG they made information sheets to put into classrooms to raise the profile of the different types of groupings which could be used when using oracy techniques. They talked about the importance of oracy and what it helps with when doing our learning.



HAZARD	who may be harmed?	Reducing the risk
 HOLLY	ANYONE	Look where your gang and who is walking
 brown water	ANYONE but mostly younger ones	Empty it
 Slippery floors	ANYONE	Be Careful walk and hold the railing
 Bees	ANYONE	Don't try to harm them if they sting tell an adult.
 Wobbly bench	ANYONE	Move the bench to safer ground

This week the Health and Safety TAG group visited the recently refurbished Nature Garden. The children identified and took photos of any potential hazards. We spoke about who the hazards may harm and how we could reduce the risk. The children were fantastic at creating posters to display this information.

In the Eco TAG they read a book about the 'Life of a Little Plastic bottle' who became many things before being turned into...a new plastic bottle! They were kindly gifted a fabulous 'sustainable swap kit' from Jersey Reuse Revolution - sponsored by HSBC. The children enjoyed handling all of the many everyday items which included a food storage box made from rice husk, a pen made from recycled newspaper and a plant based compostable sponge (for helping with jobs around the home!). They were fascinated to learn about the positive impact on the environment these swaps can have and would like to have a go at making their own 'eco-friendly' natural bar of soap...watch this space!

Within the Inclusion TAG, they revisited the Trinity children's definition of inclusion, shared it with Mrs Martin-Foley and explained to her what TAG was. Children described it as 'children thinking of ways and working on improving our school.' They also watched some videos to understand a bit more about Autism, as this was something that the children were asking the meaning of, and arranged the assembly with their learning and research into Autism, that they are going to share with the school in a few weeks.

Please take a look at our website, our Trinity Comms TAG group interviewed some children from the other TAG groups: <https://www.trinity.sch.ie/children/pupil-voice>

EYECAN

EYECAN is focused on fostering children's eye health and ensuring they have access to glasses when needed. By enhancing their vision, we empower children to build lifelong healthy habits that will support their overall well-being and development.

Has your child benefited from the Children's Spectacle Voucher Scheme operated by EYECAN? If so, they value your experience and would love to hear your feedback!

Your insights help them improve and continue providing the best support for young people in Jersey. Please share your thoughts by completing this very short survey which should only take a couple of minutes. <https://forms.office.com/e/hyrMrG1W0v>

Thank you to everyone who is arriving at the gates that little bit earlier to ensure that their children are in school learning by 8.45am. As a reminder the school gate is open from 8.25am with learning available in class from that time and that lessons officially start at 8.45am. If you do arrive later than 8.45am, please go up to the school office so that they can be signed in.

Inclusion Drop in - Mrs O'Connell and Mrs Sleath will be in the After School Club room from 9 - 10am on Monday morning (3rd March) if any parents/carers would like to come in and discuss their child's needs or attendance, and any support that we can offer.

Just a reminder to send in your designs by Friday 7 March for our Liberation Tea Towel competition – please see the email sent out on 3 February for more information.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents who've already booked their parent consultation meetings. If you haven't yet, we encourage you to contact the office. These meetings are such a great way for us to work together to support your child's progress. We know how busy life can get, but your involvement is so important to making sure our children have the best experience possible at school.

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