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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has passed us by and I can't believe that next Friday afternoon we finish for half term!

Year 3 are currently learning about the Stone Age and on Thursday they went back in time and created some amazing Stone Age tools in the Nature Garden. There was a fantastic range of completed items at the end of the day including hammers, axes, bows and arrows, spears and other great creations. Reception also visited the Nature Garden and they were comparing lengths of sticks whilst looking for autumnal items. This has led to some great interest with stick play kebabs and wands were created - these interests will be continued back in class next week!

House Charities

Year 6 House and Vice Captains shared this year's House Charities in assembly this week. Durrell are fundraising for Philip's Footprints, Gallichan for Dementia Jersey, Riley for Jersey Trees for Life and Young for Autism Jersey. Look out for their amazing fundraising events!

Trinity Action Groups

We had another successful TAG session on Wednesday with lots of ideas from the children being implemented to move the school forward.

Opal Playground They discussed some changes that they would like to make to how they use the playground at break and lunchtimes. They talked about how long they spend each week in the playground and how this time could be used more effectively by developing creativity, problem solving and collaboration skills. They also recorded their ideas on plans of the playground to help us think about how to organise. This will be a long-term project, but they have made a good start.

Talk Detectives looked at the different types of groupings and practiced using them. They made some videos to share with the teachers to show what the different groupings look like. They have done three groupings and will continue to do this next TAG.

ECO This week the children learned about the journey of rubbish after we throw it away and explored the impact of landfill sites. They had thoughtful discussions about the importance of reusing clothes. Which led to an exciting initiative - they are organising a 'Christmas jumper swap' at school! The children were inspired by how quickly they grow out of their Christmas jumpers and wanted to create a solution that allows others to enjoy them too. The pre-loved Christmas jumper sale will take place in the school hall on 29th November from 2:45 - 3:15. A donation of £2 per jumper is requested with all proceeds going towards enhancing our school's Nature Garden. The children are excited to organise and run this event and we would love your support! Please send in any donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers into school by 22nd November.

Trinity Comms The children got really enthused by doing their own version of my newsletter! They worked together to produce slides of what each class have been doing these last few weeks. They did so well considering they only had just under an hour to complete the job! It was a delight to see the older children working with the younger ones, being their scribe and asking them such wonderful questions about their learning.

The Inclusion TAG asked questions and researched what ADHD was and have started working on an assembly to deliver to KS1 & 2 around understanding ADHD as well as raising the profile on positive role models with ADHD.

Results of Children's Survey

We have completed a survey with the children in Y2-6 and I am delighted with the responses. The very large majority of our pupils enjoy school and feel safe at school. They also feel that if there is any bullying that teachers deal with it and it is sorted. Some of the comments around why they would recommend Trinity School to a friend are so lovely; (they are quotes - not my misspelling! 😊)

- They have lots of support and they all treat everyone equally
- This school has a lot of respect.
- everybody is kind and enkloosive (from one of our youngest pupils)
- because trinity is a kind and loving school
- Because its a very safe and respectful school
- this school is safe and if u are getting bullied or getting worried it will be solved
- it is a great school and I feel like my voice is heard. The teachers are fabulous and I also just really like this school and there are no outsiders in this school. In trinity school we have 3 core values.
- Everyone who decides to come to trinity school will always have a special part in the schools community

There were so many more

Building Works

Your child may have told you that the building works for the servery are well under way. They are having to work evenings and weekends as they cannot work when the children are on site. Despite the late start we are confident that we will be finished by Christmas to ensure a January start to hot meals!

Not being one to stand still!! I am looking for the next project to enhance our school environment, I am talking to architects, builders, Property Holdings and CYPES to see if we can turn the caretaker's store into a more usable space. It is in the centre of the school and has direct access to the outside so would be a prime position for After School Club for our Nursery children as well as an extra room for supporting children during that day. As I am sure you can appreciate these things take time but starting the process this side of Christmas means we can have it operational next year.

After School Club Nursery

Thank you to those Nursery parents who filled in the survey around after school provision for Nursery aged children. We are a pilot school for this project, and we are communicating with CYPES trying to see what we can offer. Being realistic, at this stage we are potentially looking at a few sessions every week until 4pm that parents could buy into if they wanted to/ needed to. In the future we are trying to organise something a little bit more substantial, but this relies on many things such as the room, staffing, finances etc. In the meantime, we would like to capture thoughts of our current Nursery parents and if they would use the service which days they would like. Look out for the very quick survey later today or early next week!

Inclusion/Attendance drop in; 4th November 9 - 10am

We are planning our next inclusion/attendance drop in for parents and carers. On this day we have CAMHS, a Speech and Language Therapist as well as the school nurse. They will all be there to answer questions and signpost parents and carers to support and advice. Please do pop in if you think talking informally to these professionals may help you with a query or a worry. It is an informal event!

Online Safety Parent Group

Jersey Safeguarding Partnership and NSPCC Jersey are inviting parents and carers to be part of a campaign development group to help shape a new campaign addressing online safety and 'self-generated' image sharing among 9 to 11 year olds. The group will review what's currently available for parents and carers and make key decisions on the approach, style and content of the campaign. The group will meet 3 times between November and April. Vouchers will be given to attendees and travel costs reimbursed if needed. For more information contact: s.sleath@trinity.sch.je First meeting: 6th November: 6pm to 7.30pm

Christmas Dates in School

Please see below the Christmas dates for the Autumn Term Second Half, there will be more details to follow on all of these events but it would be good to get these in your diaries now:

Date	Event
Friday 29 November	Deco Day
Thursday 5 December	KS1 Carols by Candlelight (Y1 & Y2)
Tuesday 10 December	Reception Christmas Event
Wednesday 11 December	Nursery Christmas Event
Thursday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day – raising money for Save the Children
Monday 16 December	KS2 Carol Service at Ebenezer Church (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Party Day – Early Years and KS1
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Party Day – KS2
Thursday 19 December	Last day of Term with a usual end of day finish

After School Club & Breakfast Club Invoices

A final reminder that invoices need to be paid by **Monday 21 October** to ensure that your child's place at the clubs is secure for the next half term. Thank you.

A **junk modelling plea** from Nursery and Reception!

We are a little bit picky about our junk, primarily we are looking for cardboard boxes, tubes, bottles and clean containers. Things like the flat amazon packets aren't really any good to us as the children struggle to create with them. We will take a little bit of plastic, however not too much as it's not that easy to paint when they come to extend their models and designs. We are very appreciative of the things that come in, our creative children even more so!!

I hope that you and your family have a lovely weekend, and we will see everyone on Monday,

With my best wishes

Mrs K McMahon
Headteacher