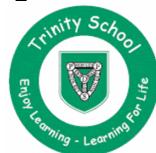


Trinity School Newsletter

9th February 2018



Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we are at February half term already – another busy week has flown past! It was Internet Safety Day on Tuesday and across the school we completed lots of activities and assemblies to remind the children the importance of keeping safe online. Thank you to all parents who came into school to share the learning that their child has completed in this very important area.

At the end of last term our digital leaders produced a new Acceptable Use code for the children which has been shared again this week. As part of the school's delivery of ICT, we offer pupils supervised access to the internet and email. We thought it was a good time to remind parents and pupils of our Acceptable Use Code and ask parents to discuss this with their child over half term and sign and return the paper copy that your child has received today. I have also sent a digital copy for your records. Our Reception and Nursery children do not have access to the internet or email however, we have sent them to all children in the Foundation Stage so you are aware of our policy for the future.

This week we have reviewed learning throughout the school and the teachers have been in each other's classes observing Maths and science lessons. The teachers really enjoyed the process commenting on the safe learning environments and very positive teacher-pupil interactions. We found that the children were enjoying their learning, they were on task and motivated in lessons – they showed positive attitudes towards learning and applied themselves well. The children were able to discuss their learning strategies with their Learning Partners and have started being reflective in their learning, this enabled them to make progress within the lessons. As always we have areas we need to continue to work on or embed and our next step is to ensure that we devote enough time for the children to be reflective, to respond as necessary to teacher written comments and to use their reflection journals.

Thank you for all your continued support with attendance and punctuality. I have had the very latest data from the Education Department from the Autumn Term and I'm delighted to report that Trinity's overall attendance is now above average for the

Island. Last term we had an overall attendance record of 97.1% which is up on last Autumn Term. I am also delighted that we have reduced the amount of children arriving late as research shows how disruptive this is to both that child's learning and the learning of others in the class. Please do continue to work with me on this very important area as we need to maintain this above average figure! ☺

The PTA minis have decided to change their name to the TPA ... the Trinity Pupils Association, their reasoning is that they are a group of Trinity pupils and although they support the PTA by raising money there are no parents in the group. As you know, I encourage and support 'pupil voice' used in the correct way so have agreed to the change! They have organised an Easter competition – I'm giving you advance notice so you can start planning. On Monday 26th March we are inviting pupils to bring in a decorated (hard boiled) egg. There will be 4 categories – Foundation Stage, KS1, KS2 and staff and it will be judged by Constable Le Sueur and Mrs Racjan. There are plenty of ideas on the internet that we have shared with the children in assembly today. We hope this will be a bit of fun and raise a few more pounds for our playground fund.

Consultation Dates are Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th February. The appointment schedules have been up since Monday – please do pop in today and sign up if you haven't already. We like to try and see every parent to discuss their child's learning at this time of year.

Finally, Trinity School has been chosen as one of Waitrose's (Rue Des Pres - St Saviour) good causes this month. PLEASE can I ask you to consider placing your green counter in our box! The more counters we get the more money we get! I have posted this on our Facebook page please can I ask you to share my post far and wide and see if we can get all our family and friends to kindly place a green token for us in our box! Every penny raised goes into our Playground Improvement Fund! Thank you so much.

Have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 19th February.

Katy McMahon

Enjoy Learning - Learning for Life!

Everyone who works with children should do what is in the best interests of each child.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child - Article 3.