



Weekly Newsletter

Empathy, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility

30 April 2021

Key Dates This Term

Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 5 will take place on **4/5/6 May**.

Wednesday 5 May
Class and Whole School Photograph

Thursday 6 May - Local Elections in the hall, no Breakfast or After School Clubs.

Term Dates

Closed - Monday 3 May (May Day)

Close - Friday 28 May

Open - Monday 7 June

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

1 st Year 2	100%
2 nd Year 3	99.6%
3 rd Year 1	99.5%
4 th Year 5	99.1%
5 th Year 6	96.8%
6 th Year 4	96.6%
7 th Reception	97.1%

Playground Equipment and Games

We have recently bought some new equipment and games to increase our children's physical activity during playtimes and lunchtimes. The children have really enjoyed getting more active and using the new equipment. We have also had some new playground markings this week including a fitness trail, a bike track for our younger pupils and a daily mile track which you may have spotted down the driveway. We hope the children will really benefit from these great additions to our playground.

Attendance

Please continue to report any absences before 9am each morning. If we do not receive notification from yourself, we will either telephone or, where contact can't be made, visit you at your home to meet our statutory safeguarding duties.

Punctuality is important for learning for all children. Please ensure your child is at school for the drop-off window of their class.

Good attendance at school is very closely linked to positive progress and achievement outcomes for pupils, as well as for their emotional health and well-being. Mr Smaldon, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Horner are our Attendance Team at Trinity Academy St Chad's. Where we have concerns about a child's attendance, they will contact parents by telephone or letter to arrange to discuss this. For further details, please read our [Attendance and Punctuality Policy](#) and [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#).

Nut Free School

We are a nut free school for allergy reasons. Please only send pupils to school with fruit or healthy snacks that do not contain nuts.

Stars of the Week**Reception:**

Frankie R
James S

Year 1:

Henry M
Jemimah M

Year 2:

Leo G
Sophie R

Year 3:

Megan C
Heather E

Year 4:

Milo HT
Phoebe L

Year 5:

Jacob D
Tilly M

Year 6:

Holly R
James L

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week for their great achievement!

Summer Term Parents' Evening Dates for Reception to Year 5

A reminder that these will take place on Tuesday 4 May, Wednesday 5 May and Thursday 6 May. Please contact the office with any queries.

Local Elections 6 May

Our school hall will be used for the local elections on Thursday 6 May. The children will still come to school that day but there will be no Breakfast or After School club. Please refer to the letter sent before the Easter holidays.

What have we been learning?

In **Reception** this week, we have continued our Dragon theme and read the story 'Tell me a Dragon', the children really enjoyed this story and planned some fantastic dragon creations inspired by the book. We used lots of different media to create our dragons, some children wanted to paint their dragons, others used junk modelling, some drew and coloured in their dragons. In Maths, we are thinking about spatial reasoning this week and rotating, matching and manipulating shapes to make pictures. We have read two stories to help us with this: 'Which One Doesn't Belong?' and 'Snail Trail: A Journey through Modern Art'. The last two weeks in Phonics we have spent learning our split digraphs! The children have done so well in recognising, reading and writing these sounds.

In **Year 1** this week, we have been writing our own fairy-tales. In Maths, we have been exploring place value by looking at tens and ones. In History, we have learnt all about the history of Halifax and the children have made their own amazing models of the Halifax mills! In PSHE, we learnt all about why exercise is important to stay healthy. We talked about our favourite ways to exercise and the effect this has on our bodies.

In **Year 2** this week, we have been writing our own instructions using time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adverbs. We have been exploring mass in our Maths lesson and in History we have been thinking about the impact of Christopher Columbus' discovery.

Year 3 have been writing their own suspense stories based on Ancient Egypt this week, which follows a Pharaoh's treacherous journey to find his Queen. In Science, we discovered just how much sugar was in our favourite drinks and we were horrified at the results! In History, we discovered the Egyptian Gods, and the influence they had over the Egyptian's everyday life.

This week in **Year 4**, we have started our new text type. We are now looking at information texts, specifically 'What the Romans did for us'. We started our lesson this week with internalising a WAGOLL, and the whole class impressed Mrs Hirst and Mrs Smith with how well they could remember the actions and key vocabulary. In Maths, we are rounding off our decimal unit, ready for shape next week. The children have thought about a new dental product in Science, that they believe will help keep our teeth clean and healthy! They have come up with some amazing ideas.

This week in **Year 5**, we have been writing our own historical narratives based on the story 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens. Year 5 have written some amazing stories and Mrs Hirst even came in to say how impressed she was! In Maths we have finished off our unit on decimals and have been looking towards our next unit, shape. In Science, we have been continuing to think about how humans grow and develop, and compared this to other animals. Finally, in History we have been learning about the Chartists and what they achieved for the working class population of England during the Industrial Revolution.

This week **Year 6** have been finding out about the Jewish migration during the Middle Ages and the importance of the Jewish communities at that time. They have also been tackling pie charts in Maths and will be learning how to draw their own next week.

School Meals

Week commencing **3 May (back to school on Tuesday 4 May)** will be **Week 2** on the school meal rota.

Please remember to pay for school meals weekly in advance on My Child At School. If you cannot access the system, please inform Mrs Horner by email or phone the office.

Reporting Absence

When a child is absent, please telephone the office on 01484 712361 and choose option 1. Please leave your name, your child's name, class and reason for absence. Please do not advise of absence via the class email.

PE Kit

Children will need their PE kits in school every week. Please remind your child to bring it to school on Monday and take it home again on Friday for washing.

Internet and Gaming Safety

This week, we have emailed a parents' guide to 'Roblox' which we know some of our younger pupils are familiar with.



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Some of our new playground markings and one of the "Be Internet Legends"

