



## The Prayer



Dear God,  
Thank you for the example of the Saints.  
I desire to join in their company,  
worshiping You forever in Heaven.  
Please help me follow their footsteps, and  
Yours, Jesus Christ.

Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking  
Your will in all things, as the Saints did.

Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do,  
to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.

Amen.

## Year 3 Trip to Hill End

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Hill End. Mrs McGeehan said it is one of the best trips she has been on, made even better by the beautifully behaved children.



The cross-country proved to be very exciting and our results are yet to be announced. Staff said it was a privilege to watch our teams' strong sense of sportsmanship.

## Message from the Headteacher

This is the longest term of the academic year, and I want to congratulate the children for their continued enthusiasm and hard work in all of their lessons.

This morning, Martin from Teams4U Christmas Box Appeal led our assembly and talked to the children about how much joy the vulnerable children in Eastern Europe feel when they open their special Christmas box. A leaflet explaining more about this wonderful appeal has been put in the children's book bags. The date for collection of the boxes is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

On Monday, Year 5 went to Cadbury World. They watched demonstrations on chocolate modelling and had a go themselves. They enjoyed a talk on Mayan culture and how the Mayans used chocolate and had a tour of the factory, where they learnt about the Cadbury family.

Also on Monday, Reception children welcomed parents and carers into the classroom for their reading café. They had a lovely time.

To commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday our Prefects will be selling British Legion poppies in school the first week back. The Year 6 children will also be attending a special service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Chipping Norton on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will be hosting our annual Book Fair. You will be able to come in before and after school to browse and buy your books. Thank you for your continued support.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Arthur and his colleague for kindly volunteering to tidy the Prayer Garden, despite the very wet weather.

Finally, on behalf of the Governors & Staff, I'm pleased to announce that from Jan 2020 Mrs Claire McGeehan will take up the position of Deputy Head.

Please see letter from Mrs McGeehan to parents and carers overleaf.

Have a safe and restful half term

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the love of God



24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

Many of you already know me as the Year 3 class teacher at Holy Trinity, however I am writing to introduce myself in a new role as the Deputy Head. I am aware that even the smallest of changes to a school's structure can be daunting for both parents and children and therefore will ensure thorough lines of communication with you all. I feel it is important to continue with the many successes of the school and celebrate these, as well as building on them to continue future success.

Over the last few months, I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Holy Trinity. I am always impressed with the hard working and courteous nature of the children; not to mention their zealous approach to learning. The school is a happy place where the strong Catholic ethos radiates throughout. From the very beginning, the family atmosphere has made me feel extremely welcome.

I was extremely impressed with the schools last OFSTED report, graded 'outstanding', which reflects the hard work and dedication from all staff. My aim is to work with Mrs Buchanan to continue to build on suggestions from this report, together with encompassing the new OFSTED framework, as well as other exciting initiatives over the coming months. Firmly rooted within this plan will be the Catholic Values, which underpin all that we do.

I feel truly privileged to be taking on this role and look forward to using my background and teaching experience to add to the wonderful place that Holy Trinity is. I will continue with my Year 3 class responsibilities alongside my new position.

The climate of education has undergone some big changes and although we will need to embrace some of these; I believe it is important to do so in a timely manner. At the forefront of all ideas should always be the children, their happiness and their learning.

I am excited to get to know you all better and will ensure I am present as much as possible before and after school, should you wish to come and say hello!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Claire McGeehan



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Late All Saints Mass in Church 9.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Book People Book Fair Begins
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4 Viking Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Trip to National History Museum, Oxford
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School to Oxford Playhouse Pantomime
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Pizza Supper Club
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christingle Assembly
	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service Afternoon and Evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Mass in Church 9.15am
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas at 12.05pm</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
	Epiphany Mass in Church 9.15am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 5 Trip to St. Chad's Cathedral - Birmingham
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 3 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 3 – 6pm
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Eye Tests
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day Assembly 9.10am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception's Mothering Sunday Assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Production 6pm
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>School Closes for Easter at 12.05pm</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	New Bank Holiday for 2019
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Yenworthy
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fete
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Trip to Hill End
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Disco
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of School Production
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes for the Summer at 12.05pm</b>

# team Anna<sup>v</sup> DOG WALK at Blenheim Palace

To raise funds in support of Anna Drysdale's cancer treatment in New York.  
If you wish to read more about her story, please visit:  
[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anna-drysdale](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anna-drysdale)

on **Saturday 9th November 2019 from 9.30am**



**A 5 mile Christmas-themed dog walk. All welcome to join, you don't need your own dog!**

Registration only in advance please: **£5/child, £10/adult, 0-4 years free.**  
Registration closes at midnight on **31st October 2019** (or earlier if 101 dogs register).

**Sign up at: [www.GoTeamAnna.org](http://www.GoTeamAnna.org)**



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