

## Dear Trinity Community,

A busy, successful and purposeful half term, thank you. There has been much to celebrate this half term such as the children settling into learning routines and behaviours, participation in The Henley Literary Festival, successful leadership

appointments for our Y6 children and a brilliant Black History Culture Day yesterday.

May the holiday give you the break you deserve and may everyone return fit and healthy in November. I



would recommend households acquire LFD kits in preparation for the next half term and hope they are not needed.

Thank you for all your support and for your amazing children who bring such happiness and joy to Trinity.

Happy half term.

Beatriz Melero and The Trinity Team

#### **PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

Thank you for joining us during our virtual parent consultation held this week. The meetings went incredibly well with only a few technical glitches. For those parents/carers who missed appointments or found they had technical issues, we will endeavour to arrange an appointment with you.

Thank you to all the teaching staff who worked hard to ensure you received key messages regarding your child's learning and next steps and to all the support staff who provided cover in order to enable the meetings begin at 1:30pm. It was a great team effort.

### **PARENTING SMART**

The children's mental health charity, *Place2Be*, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. It gives practical tips to support children's wellbeing and manage behaviour. Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?
- The Parenting Smart website can found here: <a href="https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.">https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.</a> uk/

#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

https://parentinfo.org/article/online-friendships-a-parents-guide

Please take a minute to read through an article regarding online safety and friendships.



### **QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The DfE has therefore amended the Education



(School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools by one day – so that for 2021/22 teachers must be available to work 189 teaching days (+5 INSET days), rather than 190.

The DfE has advised the council that, as the Bank Holiday falls within Oxfordshire's summer half term holiday, schools will be able to choose to take the extra day off at any other time of their choosing. Therefore, Trinity will be closed on MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021**

We have had an incredible Black History Month with so much going on at Trinity! Each week we have looked at different inspirational people: Nelson Mandela, Katherine Johnson and Tessa Sanderson. Our homework project has been a big success with children from all year groups bringing in booklets they have made. It has been so



impressive seeing the hard work and dedication that the children have put into these. We have had booklets about Rosa Parks, Marcus Rashford, Will Smith, Misty Copeland, Martin Luther King, Maya Angelou and so many other amazing figures

### **BLACK HISTORY DAY OF CULTURE 2021**

On Thursday 21st October we held our first ever Black History Day of Culture. It was an incredible day, jam packed with activities for our children to enjoy and be inspired by. Read on for more information about what activities the children took part in on the day.

### Reception

The children explored the artist Alma Thomas and replicated her piece 'The Vision of Spring.' They also learned about Mae Jemison and finished off their day with an African dance workshop in the afternoon.

### KS1

The children in Years 1 and 2 looked at the artist Faith Ringold and recreated work inspired by her style. They also learned about reggae music, its origins and listened to some songs by influential artists. Finally, in their PE lesson they talked about Tessa Sanderson and tried out the javelin, the sport for which she won her gold medal in 1984.

### LKS2

The children in Years 3 and 4 explored the artist Faith Ringold and used watercolours to create art inspired by her style.





They also took part in music workshops where they learned about reggae music, its distinctive use of rhythm, Bob Marley and his influence on the

musical world and listened to some great pieces of music. In their poetry workshop, the children explored the work of Langston Hughes.

#### UKS2

For their art workshop in Years 5 and 6, the children looked at artist William Johnson and made some wonderful pieces

of art, influenced by his unique style. They explored the poetry of Amanda Gorman,

specifically 'The Hill We Climb' and analysed its key messages. Finally, the children learned about reggae music, Bob Marley and his influence on the musical world. They also listened to and sang along with some great pieces of music.

#### PEBBLE PROJECT

In addition to all of the above, children from Years 1-6 also took part in our 'Pebble Project.' Each child decorated a

pebble dedicated to a person from Black History. It was amazing to see the diverse range of amazing people that our children have dedicated their

> pebbles to. The pebbles have been sent home today and we are hoping that the children can place them around Henley over half term, for others to discover and be inspired by. If you spot any pebbles during half term left by the Trinity community, we'd love to see a photo of where they ended up. Please send them to cnewman@trinityprimaryschool.org or to your child's class teacher on Dojo.

### **BLACK HISTORY MUSIC PERFORMANCE**



To mark the end of Black History Month and the end of term, we put on an outdoor performance of songs by influential black musicians.

Reception gave an amazing performance of Three Little Birds by Bob Marley, KS1 sang What a Wonderful World by Louis



Armstrong beautifully, Years 3 and 4 sang Ben E.King's Stand By Me wonderfully and our Year 5 and 6 children raised the roof with RESPECT by Aretha Franklin.

It's been wonderful marking Black History Month with our children at Trinity. It is so important that everyone has the chance to celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture on our world today. We really hope the children have enjoyed it and are looking forward to placing their pebbles around Henley.



Well done to Olivia, Matilda, Arabella and Lisa who produced wonderful books on Rosa Parks. Thank you for sharing these with me and for talking about what she did and the impact this had. I was ever so proud of them.

### **HENLEY 10K**

I recently ran the Henley 10KM race. I found it hard but I didn't want to stop until I finished. There was a big cheering crowd at the finish line which was encouraging. I finished the race in one hour. Joe (Y6)

Well done Joe. We are all ever so proud of you. Keep running and building your stamina and strength.

#### **FLU IMMUNISATIONS**

The School Health Nurse Team has not been able to advise us of a date yet of when they will be able to offer Flu Immunisations at Trinity. Please be assured we will email parents and carers as soon as they have.





**DIARY DATES New Dates in Red** 

**Half Term Break** Monday 25 - Friday 29 October 2021

**Diwali (Day of Light)** 2-6 November

**Reception Reading and Phonics Meeting** Thursday 4th November at 3.45pm (Via Zoom)

**Open Day for prospective Parents** 

for Entry to EYFS 2022 Tuesday 9 November 9.30-11am

**Open Day for prospective Parents** 

for Entry to EYFS 2022 Wednesday 10 November 9.30-11am

**Operation Christmas Child – Filled Shoeboxes** 

to be Returned to the School Office Wednesday 10 November Remembrance Day **Thursday 11 November** 

Anti- Bullying Week: One Kind Word 15 -19 November

**Open Day for prospective Parents** 

for Entry to EYFS 2022 Wednesday 17 November 9.30-11am

**Tempest Individual Pupil Photographs Thursday 18 November** 

**FOTS Christmas Bazaar** Friday 10 December

KS1 (FSU, Yr 1 & 2) Christmas Lunch **Tuesday 14 December** KS2 (Yr 3,4,5 & 6) Christmas Lunch Wednesday 15 December

**End of Autumn Term** Friday 17 December at 1.15pm After Lunch

**Christmas Break** Monday 20 Dec – Tuesday 4 January 2022 Inclusive

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – No School Today **Inset Day** 

**Back to School for Spring Term** Wednesday 5 January 2022

**Half Term Break** Monday 21 – Friday 25 February 2022 **End of Spring Term** Friday 8 April at 1.15pm After Lunch

**Easter Break** Monday 11- Friday 22 April

**Back to School for Summer Term** Monday 25 April

**SATS Week** WB Monday 9 May

**Half Term Break** Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

**Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday** Monday 6 June – No School Today **End of Summer Term** Tuesday 19 July at 1.15pm After Lunch

**Inset Days** Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 July 2022 - No School