

# Newsletter

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Dear God,  
Please help Father Tony in his vocation of being a priest.  
Help him to live a happy and gracious life.  
When we are sad at funerals, help us to recover.  
When we are waiting, help us to be patient.  
When we are cross, help us to feel love.  
When we are tempted, help us to have self-control.  
When we are deficient in courage, help us to be courageous.  
Help us to demonstrate a perfect lifestyle.  
Guide Father Tony to help his Parish to participate in God's love.  
Help him to use his gifts of communication to love and serve others.  
Amen.

By Benji



**'WELL DONE!' to the following pupils who received special awards this week:**

Foundation Stage – Siena, Poppy, Lara

Year 1 – Ned, Honour, Jacob

Year 2 – Joe, Leo, Morgan

Year 3 – Alfie, Arthur, Abbie

Year 4 – Elin, Grace, Lucinda

Year 5 – Mia-Jayne, Finn, Joe

Year 6 – Oliver, Charlie, Benji



## Message from the Headteacher

*We have had some very exciting news this week; I have been invited by the National School's Commissioner and the Department of Education to attend a reception in London. The reception is to say 'Thank-you' to the top 20 KS2 schools in the North West London South Central, Academies Group. A great honour!*

*Talking about success, our Boccia team reached the quarter finals in the West Oxfordshire partnership competition. Congratulations to all the children who competed.*

*As a school we are working hard to foster a climate where regular attendance and punctuality are valued by the whole school community - teachers, parents and pupils. It is important that as adults, we help children understand the importance of being on time, and help them arrive at school for a prompt start to the day. This year Key Stage 2 have opened their doors at 8.40 am each morning to allow time for the children to get ready for an 8.50 am start to their learning. Due to its success, we are extending this start of the day to Key Stage 1 and Reception. As of Monday (30<sup>th</sup> January) all school gates and classroom doors will be open at 8.40 am and closed at 8.50 am the start of the school day. Can I please ask that parents of children in Reception and Key stage 1 classes leave them at the cloakroom doors. However, if you need to speak to a member of staff please come to the school office and we will arrange an appointment or phone call for you. We would ask for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

**Working Together  
Through the Love of God**

## Chinese New Year The Year of the Rooster

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, is the start of the 'Year of the Rooster', and Holy Trinity have been learning about some of the traditions of the Chinese New Year.



A huge thank you to Louise Giddons and her family for sharing their celebrations with us. They generously donated a fortune cookie for each child to open at lunchtime, and a pair of chopsticks for them to take home.



Year 4's classroom today has been beautifully decorated with Chinese decorations. Jevon, Louise's cousin, came to talk to all of Year 4 about what happens at Chinese New Year, and taught us some 'wishing lines' – phrases that families and friends use to wish each other good fortune in the New Year.

Other classes in the school have looked at traditional stories about the Chinese zodiac animals, particularly the Rooster.

Reception Class made a dragon's head and did a dragon's dance.

This week the children at HT Active enjoyed a Chinese style snack of Noodles and Prawn Crackers. They also made Chinese lanterns.



Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Happy New Year!)



This weekend it is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2017 and there's still plenty of time for you to get involved and enjoy the wildlife in your garden.

Big Garden Birdwatch is a chance for everyone to help nature by donating one hour during this coming weekend, to count the birds and other wildlife in your gardens. The data gathered from this survey provides a vital health-check of the wildlife that makes its home there.

In 2016 around half a million people counted the feathered friends in their patch. To take part this year, just visit the Birdwatch

website [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

### REMINDERS

**ASSESSMENT WEEK IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.  
RESULTS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT  
PARENTS' EVENINGS**

**PARENTS' EVENING SLIPS NEED TO BE  
RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS  
TEACHER BY TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

**NEW MORNING PROCEDURES FOR KEY  
STAGE ONE AND RECEPTION FROM  
MONDAY MORNING**

**RECEPTION CLASS VISION SCREENING ON  
TUESDAY**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.00PM ON FRIDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FOR HALF TERM.  
H T ACTIVE WILL BE RUNNING AS NORMAL.**

## DATES FOF THE SPRING TERM

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Reception Class Vision Screening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Years 5/6 Netball Tournament
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Last day to order Scholastic Books online
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3/4 Balls Skills event at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half-term at 3.00pm
<b>HALF TERM 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parents' Meetings 3.10 -5.30pm (further details will be sent out in due course)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Parents' Meetings 3.15 - 6.00pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuck Shop after school run by the PTA
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 trip to the Living Rainforest
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School Mass in Church - Ash Wednesday Reception Class and Year 6 Weight and Height check
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> March	MULTI FAITH WEEK ( <i>new</i> )
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and 4 to Sikh Temple in Southall ( <i>new</i> )
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> march	Buddhist Visitor in to see Years 5 & 6 Multi Faith sharing Assembly ( <i>new</i> )
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 at Dance Festival at the Chipping Norton Leisure Centre 1.15 - 2.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3/4 trip to see the Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall - 'Wow Day'
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day Assembly at 9.00am, Year 2 parents are invited
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Years 1 and 2 visit Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford ( <i>new</i> )
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Assembly at 9.00am, Reception Class parents are invited
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	First Confessions for children taking their First Holy Communion this year at 10.30 am
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA Bingo Night in the school hall
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 3 and 4 Easter Production to parents at 6.00pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 and 3 at Schoolympics at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre (1.15 - 3.30pm)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Assembly in school Finish for Easter holidays at 12.30pm

**Return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**