

Newsletter

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Dear God,
When I am finding something
difficult,
help me to reach inside and be more
determined.

When I can't do something,
help me to think that I can't do it *yet*,
rather than I will *never* be able to do
it.

Help me realise that being
determined
will help me throughout my life.
Amen



During half term, I had been thinking of what I was going to say in this week's newsletter, as we are half way through this academic year. I wanted my message to reflect what I would like the children to accomplish this year. As luck would have it, I happened to be reading the Times magazine and came across an excellent article which provided me with some food for thought, and I wondered if it might do the same for you.

The article was about Alex Thomson, the British sailor who recently came second in the Vendée Globe race, which is a single-handed non-stop round the world race going eastwards. Thomson describes how he took risks to move through the field early in the race:

"Ten days in, he gambled. Approaching the Cape Verde islands off Senegal, most of the fleet kept to the right to avoid them. Thomson knew that would risk being becalmed in their lee. He stayed left, then cut through the islands. He picked up a brisk wind and went from 11th to 1st place overnight. "I was gone," he says. "The boat was singing. Sometimes I was two knots quicker than the rest. We were in a different game. Everybody knew we were the fastest boat."

The article then goes to describe the moment disaster struck, when Thomson lost a foil owing to a freak accident, which slowed him down hugely. He reflects on the utter dejection he felt: "Instantly, it told me that I couldn't win, that I'd be lucky to be top ten. We'd spent four years preparing. The time, the energy, not just for me or my family. It's the same for the whole team. It's brutal. You feel bereaved."

In contemplating this, Thomson raises a really interesting question: "How do you make the decision to give yourself more pain to make more miles, and when do you cut it off? When do you say I've pushed the boat so hard it'll get destroyed?" The line between courage and foolishness is very fine indeed at times.

How did Thomson cope with this disappointment and keep going? "For four years he'd thought only of winning. Now he needed a reason not to quit. So he talked to himself. "What's an achievable goal now? To finish. OK. I'm happy. But that goal is two months away. I need one that's more tangible, closer, easier to achieve, so I start to shorten the goals, and I carry on shortening them until I get to the point where my goal is, 'After I've done this sail change, I'm going to eat a meal.' That's my goal. So I do my sail change. I eat my meal. And guess what? I feel good."

Which made me think, what do I want this school to have helped our children achieve by the time they leave? There are many things. One of them is that I want them to develop the inner confidence to believe that they can do anything they want in their lives; to have the mind-set of "why not me?" The second thing I want you to take is the message of small steps. That they will achieve their goals by setting themselves small, short-term, achievable goals. I want them never to forget, there is no such thing as a stupid question, only the one you don't ask.

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

Foundation Stage – Maia, Cooper, Florence

Year 1 – Emelia, Harriett, Josh

Year 2 – Oliver D, Ava G, Libbie

Year 3 – Oskar, William, Grace R

Year 4 – Felix, Harriet, Bethany

Year 5 – Carmen, Niamh, Toby

Year 6 – Benji, Charlie, Caitlin

Final reminders for the Chipping Norton Music Festival

KS1 and KS2 Choirs

The Junior Choirs class of the Chipping Norton Music Festival is finally here!

Date: Saturday 4th March

Time: 8.45am ready for an 9.00am start - please be prompt. The concert will finish at 10.20am, but children may be collected at 10.00am if they have other commitments. They will however miss the feedback from the adjudicator.

Venue: Chipping Norton School Hall

Dress: School uniform

**Speech and Drama Festival
(Years 1 and 2)**

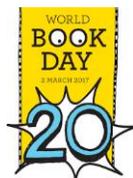
Date: Tuesday 7th March

Time: 1.30 to 2.45pm. The children will return to school for normal collection, though they may arrive just after 3pm.

Venue: Town Hall

Tickets are available on the door.

Good luck to our Choirs and all who are performing in the Chipping Norton Music Festival. We know you will do us proud!



Thursday 2nd March 2017

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we are running a Readathon sponsored read, which we would like everyone to be involved in.

Today, your child will have received a Readathon sponsorship card. Also, everyone should have received a letter via Parentmail about the charity 'Readathon' and how this event will be run.

We will also be running special events during the day. World Book Day tokens will be given out on the day along with a Readathon bookmark.

Thank you for your support.

HAPPY READING!



Dates for your diary!

Monday 27th February, 7.30pm - PTA meeting at The Fox.

Friday 31st March - BINGO! See attached poster for details...

Saturday 20th May - Holy Trinity School Fete, 11am - 2pm.

Please do come along to the meeting on Monday - all are welcome and we would love to hear any new ideas for the upcoming events. If you are able to help on either of these occasions, please leave a note at the office (along with your contact details) or email cnholytrinitypta@gmail.com

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

**Friday
24 March**

Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform to support Comic Relief, **Red Nose Day.**

We would be grateful for a donation of £1.00, which we will send to Comic Relief.

Thank you for your support.

DATES FOF THE SPRING TERM

Tuesday 28 th February	Year 4 trip to the Living Rainforest Photographer in school for Year 6 Memory Book
Wednesday 1 st March	Whole School Mass in Church - Ash Wednesday Reception Class and Year 6 Weight and Height check
Thursday 2 nd March	Meeting for Holy Communion parents in Presbytery at 2.30pm (new)
Saturday 4 th March	KS1 and KS2Choir to sing at the Chipping Norton Music Festival
Sunday 5 th March	Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion at 10.30am (new)
w/c 6 th March	MULTI FAITH WEEK
Tuesday 7 th March	Years 1 & 2 CNMF Speech and Drama at the Town Hall
Wednesday 8 th March	Buddhist visitor spending the day with Years 5 & 6 CNMF Wind Instruments playing at the Town Hall
Thursday 9 th March	Year 3 and 4 to Sikh Temple in Southall
Monday 13 th March	Multi-Faith sharing assembly
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 5 CNMF Workshop and singing at Chipping Norton School 2.15-5.45pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 1 at Dance Festival at the Chipping Norton Leisure Centre 1.15 - 2.45pm
Thursday 16 th March	NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' Assembly. Workshop for Years 5 & 6
Friday 17 th March	Years 3/4 trip to see the Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall - 'Wow Day'
Monday 20 th March	St Patrick's Day Assembly at 9.00am, Year 2 parents are invited
Thursday 23 rd March	Years 1 and 2 visit Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
Friday 24 th March	Mother's Day Assembly at 9.00am, Reception Class parents are invited Comic Relief - further details to follow
Saturday 25 th March	First Confessions for children taking their First Holy Communion this year at 10.30 am
Sunday 26 th March	Enrolment Mass for Confirmation children (new)
Friday 31 st March	PTA Bingo Night in the school hall
Tuesday 4 th April	Years 3 and 4 Easter Production to parents at 6.00pm
Wednesday 5 th April	Year 2 and 3 at Schoolympics at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre (1.15 - 3.30pm)
Friday 7 th April	Easter Assembly in school Finish for Easter holidays at 12.30pm

Return to school on Monday 24th April

HOLY TRINITY
PTA PRESENTS

EASTER

PRIZE

BINGO

& RAFFLE

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017

DOORS OPEN 6.45^{PM} 🐰 EYES DOWN 7.30^{PM}

AT HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERYONE WELCOME