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Collective Worship

Next week in collective worship we are continuing our Advent journey.

In Collective Worship we will be lighting our second Advent candle the candle of Peace. This candle represents a light shining in the darkness.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th December – Nursery Nativity at 10am, followed by Stay, Play & Learn at 10:30am

Tuesday 12th December – Y3/4 Christmas Play at 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 14th December – KS1 Nativity at 10am

Thursday 14th December – Reception Christmas Concert at 2pm

Friday 15th December – KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day (whole school)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church at 9:15am

Wednesday 20th December – Infant School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December – Junior School Christmas Lunch (KS2 children can wear their Christmas jumpers)

Friday 22nd December – School closes for Christmas

2024

Monday 8th January - LDLT Training Day school closed to pupils.

Tuesday 9th January - School reopens to all pupils.

Year Group Christmas Party Dates

Spa Thursday 21st December (am)

Reception Wednesday 20th December (pm)

Year 1 Thursday 21st December (pm)

Year 2 Friday 22nd December (pm)

Year 3 Tuesday 19th December (pm)

Year 4 Wednesday 20th December (pm)

Year 5 Thursday 21st December (am)

Year 6 Thursday 21st December (pm)

Please come in your normal school clothes for the day of the week and bring your party clothes to change into after lunch.

Training Days 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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Our Federation

Dear families,

Elf Day!

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Elf Day. We raised a fantastic total of £470! Your donations will be used to buy a story telling chair in memory of Ihor. The chair will travel through school with Ihor's cohort.

Remember, Remember 100% in November!

Well done to all those pupils who achieved 100% attendance in November! Our winners are Lucas Waite at KS1 and Roman Hutchinson at KS2.

Phonics & Reading Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents join us for our phonic and reading open afternoon. Parents especially enjoyed working alongside their children and grandchildren. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming lots of parents to watch our nativities and Christmas performances. All families are welcome to join us for our Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church at 9:15am on Wednesday 20th December.



Anti Bullying Policy

Our Anti-Bullying Policy has been updated and is now available on the school website. The pupil governors have been involved with writing this policy. They have been very articulate about how they want their school to feel and how bullying should be discussed openly so pupils are aware of the different types of bullying and what they can do if they or anyone they know is affected by these behaviours.

Baby clothes appeal update

As you will see from the photos, the baby clothes which the parents and children of Holy Trinity kindly donated, arrived at the hospital in Knysna. The process of giving them to new young mothers who have very little has already begun! The photo shows two members from the YFC Options Care Team sorting the clothes, making them into gift packets and then delivering them to the maternity ward at the hospital.



Ghila, who visited us to collect the clothes, sent the following message, "We can't thank you enough for the clothes. Our cupboards were actually running on empty. God provided through the school at just the right time. Thank you so very much."



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Cathedral Nativity Design Cover

Pupils at the Infants have been participating in a competition to design the front cover for the Cathedral's Christmas Eve Service. Every child who has taken part can see their picture hung up around the Cathedral from 5th December through to the 9th January 2024. The winner will be on the front cover at the Christmas Eve Service. Please take time over the holiday to visit the Cathedral. It is free to go and look! The Service is at 11:30 on Christmas Eve.

Regards

Sue Sanderson

Executive Headteacher

Safeguarding

How can going online affect our wellbeing?

There are lots of positives for children being online, however there can be negatives too. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount.

Many things can impact our online wellbeing, and you can take control of the choices made to reduce any negativity. Being aware of the impact of being online, just like you would be aware of the impact of offline activities, is the first step to managing your children's online wellbeing.

We can:

- ✓ manage the content that our children see,
- ✓ ensure interactions are suitable
- ✓ and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities.

There are several things you can do to help support a child with their wellbeing online, including specific apps, and looking at settings.

Have regular conversations with your child. Give children the chance to talk about what they're experiencing online, what apps and sites they use and who they're talking to. Talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. Remind them that it isn't just you that they can talk to – another trusted adult or a Childline counsellor might be easier sometimes.

Take Breaks Our devices are designed to keep us coming back. Features like infinite scrolling, app notifications, auto play and rewards for playing games every day are all persuasive designs to increase our use. Mobile and wearable tech such as phones and smart watches can make us feel like we're always online and it can help everyone to take a break sometimes, to help switch off from online pressures. You can use the settings on individual apps, or in the device settings to silence notifications for a period of time.

Use wellbeing settings and apps Here are sites and apps which are specifically designed to help children with their online wellbeing:

[BBC Own it](#) which gives advice as they chat to their friends online.

[Headspace for Kids](#) is an app to teach children the basics of mindfulness in a fun way. It's aimed at 3-12 year olds, with different content for the different age groups. Free for Headspace subscribers, limited access for non-subscribers.

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[JoyPoP](#) is an app designed to help users find their inner resilience to deal with the highs and lows in their day to day lives. By rating mood for the day, users are directed to complete different activities to help switch to positive emotions. App costs £6.99.

You can also utilise the 'do not disturb' mode available on most devices to mute calls and notifications, to help avoid distractions.

Class News

Please see the class pages on our new website which will be updated each week with latest news!

Inclusion Team

Thrive

Our Thrive sessions conducted through whole class, small groups and 1:1 sessions are now fully underway and we and the children are noticing the benefits of a Thrive Approach.

The Thrive Approach helps us identify what aspects of the social and emotional curriculum we need to focus on for each class of pupils. As children grow, there may be events that interrupt their social and emotional development from being as secure as we would hope. When learning from earlier strands is not-yet-secure the child will need additional strategies and activities to 'repair' the gap or interruption in their learning. In Thrive we call this Reparative; we meet the children's developmental needs from earlier strands using relevant, appropriate and age respectful strategies and activities. By using the Thrive Approach as a SEMH assessment tool, we will be provided with action plans, strategies and activities to help adults plan the provision to meet the social and emotional developmental needs of children.

Our year 3 small group sessions, over the past few weeks, have enjoyed designing and making their very own worry monsters.



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Target Mats

Teachers have uploaded the new Target Mats onto Provision Map which you will be able to access from home via a personalised parent link. If your child is being monitored on the SEND Register and has a Target Mat this will be emailed to you once the plans are finalised by **Friday 22nd December** alongside an explanation of the functions you can access. These Target Mats are the Autumn Term 2023 plans which will be reviewed in the second half of Spring Term 2024.

Additionally this term, in response to parent feedback, we are offering parents/ carers a session with the SENDCo to talk you through the updated Target Mats and Pupil Profiles commencing **Wednesday 13th December**. These sessions are 20mins long, can be face to face or by telephone and are optional to attend. If you would like to book a 20min session with Mrs Cope, the SENDCo, please use the link provided via email.

Office & Community

Vacancies

We have an exciting opportunity for someone to join our Admin team. Please visit our school website for more information and how to apply.

The Easy Learning Shop

The Easy Learning Shop has moved back to Duck Hill with some amazing ideas and new products for 2024.



FREE money for our schools when you shop online

Visit EasyFundraising for more information and use our school code!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/htjce/>

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Holy Trinity Church



Messy Church - Christmas

📅 Sat Dec 9, 2023
🕒 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM
📍 Holy Trinity Church - Arches



9.00 am Holy Communion

📅 Sun Dec 10, 2023
🕒 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
📍 Holy Trinity Church



Family Church

📅 Sun Dec 10, 2023
🕒 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
📍 Holy Trinity Church Rooms 1&2



10.30 Morning Worship

📅 Sun Dec 10, 2023
🕒 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
📍 Holy Trinity Church - Nave



☑ Stay & Say

📅 Sun Dec 10, 2023
🕒 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
📍 Holy Trinity Church - Arches



☑ Daily Morning Prayer - Zoom

📅 Mon Dec 11, 2023
🕒 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
📍 Online - Zoom



Little Fishes

📅 Mon Dec 11, 2023
🕒 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
📍 Rooms 1 & 2



☑ Decorating the Church for Christmas

📅 Mon Dec 11, 2023
🕒 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
📍 Holy Trinity Church



Renew Ripon

📅 Mon Dec 11, 2023
🕒 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
📍 Holy Trinity Church - Coffee Area