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Dear Parent / Carers
Our Christian Value this term is Peace

Our Ethos Statement is: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.' John 14:27

#### **Summer Term**

This week we had visiting headteachers from RTHS, Adel and Ireland Wood. We were exploring how well our children used their Oracy skills in their learning. It was wonderful to see how well our children could talk about their learning with each other and how confident they were in speaking to our visitors too. Our School Council then met with the group of headteachers and spoke about why being able to use their skills in speaking and listening were important; not only in their learning in school but also when they moved from Holy Trinity to high school and then onto their future careers. I must admit to having a proud headteacher moment as I listened ©

On Friday our children in Reception class excitedly set off for their trip to Hesketh Farm – they had a wonderful day – their behaviour was, as ever at Holy Trinity, brilliant. Well done Reception class!

## **Praying Parents**

We have had a request to move the day of Praying Parents so that more parents can attend. With this in mind our next Praying Parents group will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If parents meet straight off the playground in the Conference Room where tea/coffee/water and biscuits will be available. The group will formally meet at 9:30. If you are able to come then please do!

## Pupil of the Week

RB

This week our pupil of the week is Kani Abubakr. Kani has been working so hard with her sound recognition, her reading and her writing. During our class discussions Kani has been putting her hand up and offering contributions. Kani is developing her sense of number and numeral recognition. Keep up the good work! Well done ①

RC

This week our pupil of the week is Wanda Dekker. Wanda has continued to work extremely hard on her sentence writing throughout reception and it is has made great progress. Wanda is always kind and sensible and a lovely member of our class. Well done Wanda!



























#### 1K

1K's pupil of the week is Mollie. Mollie has been working hard in her Phonics lessons to learn new sounds and is applying them to her reading. I was also impressed with Mollie's handwriting improvement in English this week. She took her time to form each letter on the line and used clear finger spaces between her words. Well done Mollie, keep it up ①

#### 1RC

Our pupil of the week is Isla. Isla always tries her best in every lesson. We have been particularly impressed with her independent sentence writing in English. Isla has also worked hard when estimating and measuring height and length in maths. Isla is a lovely, kind friend to everyone. Well done.

## 2J

Our pupil of the week in 2J is Hana. Hana must have had her hand up to answer almost every question I've asked in class this week. She is always 100% focused in lessons and wants to learn new things and do her best all the time. Hana is an enthusiastic learner, but is also a kind and polite member of the class. She is a lovely friend to others and is responsible and trustworthy. Keep it up Hana!!

# 2S

We have chosen Thalia Pope as our pupil of the week. Thalia has come back after the Easter holidays with the most fantastic attitude towards her learning. She's trying so hard in every lesson and it's been wonderful to see her confidence growing so much, especially in maths. She's making great contributions to class discussions and has enjoyed sharing her learning from outside school with the class. Keep up your fabulous efforts Thalia, we're all really proud of you! Well done! (3)

## 3R

This week we have chosen Ethan for his fantastic work in maths. We have been looking at money this week and Ethan has really pushed himself to tackle the reasoning and problem solving challenges. He has also been working hard in History with our work on Ancient Greek life. He has been putting his hand up more in class and has been super helpful around the classroom too. Well done Ethan! Keep it up

# 3W

This week in 3W we have chosen Hugo as our pupil of the week. Hugo has really impressed me with his English where we have been creating an ancient Greek mythical beast. He has included lots of interesting adjectives and similes to describe his beast and it's been lovely to read. Hugo has also been working really hard with his maths and it's been lovely to see that he is growing in confidence and answering lots of questions. Well done Hugo, keep up the good work.

# 4W

Well done to Erin Iceton who is 4W's Pupil of the Week. Erin has had a fab week and has really impressed me with her hard work in maths. We have been looking at decimals and Erin has worked really hard which has lead to a great understanding of her learning. She has also had her hand up in lessons lots, providing excellent and insightful answers. Not only that but I was super impressed with her hockey skills this week too. Well done, Erin!

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This week in 4S our pupil of the week is Zac! Zac always tries his absolute hardest in every single lesson, and his confidence continues to grow. He has been doing some amazing work in our English and Maths lessons, and I have been so impressed with his description of the Volcanic eruption in Pompeii. He has shown so a great understanding of fractions and decimals in our Maths lessons, doing some really tricky questions. Well done Zac, keep up the amazing work!

# 5L

My 5L Pupil of the Week is Amir Wasi for a wonderful week of learning! Amir has

## 5K

I have chosen Amelia Furlong for her excellent attitude towards her maths, she has shown a

impressed me this week with his knowledge and understanding in math - identifying and drawing different types of angles! Amir has also shown great enthusiasm in our reading sessions, summarising and explaining our class text, Beowulf! Well done, Amir! (3)

growth mindset when tackling some tricky angles work and persevered. She has also impressed me with her science work this week where she has has shown a good understanding of the reproduction of plants. Well done Amelia!

#### 6C

Leila Carter for her superb efforts in Year 6 this week. Leila has worked really hard in all lessons and has demonstrated a determined attitude during our revision lessons. In English, she has used carefully chosen persuasive language to encourage others to visit The French Alps, and in maths, she has explained the different methods to solve multi-step word problems. Well done Leila – keep up the great work and focus!

#### 6E

Christian Holmes is our pupil of the week this week. He has really impressed me with his levels of oracy and how he is able to talk through problems, especially in maths where he found efficient and effective ways to solve errors in our 'badly done test' whilst assisting his partner to explain why. Also, in his English work he has made a superb start to our persuasive text about visiting the Alps. Well done, Christian.

## **Dates for your diary**

Tue 6 May – Orienteering for parents and children at 3:30pm

Wed 7 May – Year 3 music performance for parents 3pm

Wed 14 May – Year 3 trip to Herd Farm

Sun 18 May – Cookridge Community Fun Run

w/c Sun 19 May - Science Week

Fri 23 May – school closes for half term

Mon 2 Jun – Training Day – school closed for children

Tue 3 Jun – Class Photos

Wed 4 to Fri 6 Jun – Year 6 residential to Peat Rigg

Fri 6 Jun – OPAL Stay and Play PM (information to follow)

Fri 13 Jun - Year 4 trip to Elland Road (PM)

Tue 8 Jul – Year 2 trip to Eureka (information to follow)

Wed 16 Jul - Whole school treat day (Animal Day)

Thur 17 Jul – Year 6 Leavers service (2pm)

Fri 18 Jul – School closes for summer

## PTA Dates for your diary

Sun 6 Jul – Summer Fair

# **Parenting support**

Our cluster team are offering a Parent Gym Course, covering the foundations of parenting to support happy, confident children. This is a fantastic course for any parent wanting to practical strategies for everyday life and emotional wellbeing.

Starting Tuesday 10th June - 15th July 2025 for 6 weeks 9:30am - 11:30am at the Brownlee Stone Centre, Horsforth LS18 5BL

Please see link below with more information.

There are 6 modules that cover:

Chat

Talking and listening to your child in a positive way every day

#### Love

Getting the right balance of closeness and independence

#### Behave

Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that work

#### Care

Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy

#### Discover

Help develop healthy learning habits with your child

## **Together**

Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved

More detail can be found here: Home - Parent Gym

If you would like more information or to be signed up, please contact Mrs Casling via the school office.

#### **Scarecrow Festival**

This weekend is the annual Cookridge Scarecrow Festival (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon to 5pm). We have chosen a VE Day theme this year! A HUGE thank you to Mrs Foster and her team for making our fabulous scarecrows!





## **Maths homework**

This term for Maths homework we are switching over to Times Tables Rockstars for KS2 and Numbots for KS1. Year 6 will also continue to be able to access the Learning by Questions platform in preparation for SATs. Please see the attached parent guides for more information about the programmes if you are not familiar with them.

Whilst we get used to the new programmes, the homework recommendation is a few mins a few times a week - little and often practice can really improve children's fluency with number facts, giving them a strong foundation for their Maths work in school.

Your child's teachers will ensure all pupils have a log in, and will advise pupils on suggested use.



## WHAT IS TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS?

Times Tables Rock Stars is an award-winning maths learning platform where children can practise their times tables like a rock star!

Suitable for all learners aged 6 years and up, our question-based games automatically adapt to each child's unique learning needs, helping them to recall their times tables in record speed. Accessible on any device, via the app or browser, children can play anytime, anywhere.

Plus, the engaging gamification and motivating rewards mean it is never difficult to entice children to play. Result!

What is NumBots? NumBots is an online maths learning platform that helps children learn how to add and subtract, improving their fluency and recall in basic mental maths, and equipping them with maths confidence. NumBots covers subitising, number bonds, and addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers; gradually helping your pupils to build a solid conceptual understanding of number sense.

## **Golden Welly**



This week the Golden Welly Award was awarded Year 3. Well done everyone!