



**Leatherhead Trinity School and Nursery**  
**Inspiring Learning, Unlocking the Future**

**Autumn Term**

**Newsletter No. 14**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a long term! This week has been absolutely lovely with our three visits to church, thanks to all the parents who came along to join our services. We have also enjoyed a Christmas dinner and a hilarious staff panto this morning. The children have worked very hard this term and covered all kinds of topics, their files and books are full of work and our new displays showcase all their great learning – well done!

### **FOLT**

I am sure you will all join me in sending thanks to Tanya and her FOLT team. They have spent hours in school this week setting up and running the grotto, Elfridges and the Fair. This is all voluntary and they raise a huge amount of money for the children. We are very grateful for everything they do!



### **ATTENDANCE**

The attendance across the school this term has been exceptionally low. This is partly due to genuine and severe illness but there are also days lost to minor illnesses, days out and non -urgent appointments. We are launching a new attendance policy next year which will track the number of periods of absence as well as just days and require medical evidence much earlier than currently. We are also starting a wrist band incentive system. Your child will get a coloured wrist band with the name of the month on for each month that they attend every school day. **PLEASE** make sure your child returns to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January as missing even one day means they can't get their wristband for that month.

### **STAFF NEWS**

As you know, we are saying goodbye to Miss Chiarh, Miss Collins and Mr Gohil today. They stepped into working at Trinity at a time when several members of staff were on maternity leave and their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm has been amazing. They hit the ground running and have given so much to the children here over the last two terms. We wish them all the very best in their new schools and we really hope they come back to see us sometimes! There will be a teacher to work with Miss Collin's group until Miss Elston returns in February 2023. Mrs Harrison will continue to teach Kestrel class and Miss Mason is teaching in Hedgehog class now.

May I wish you all a very merry Christmas, a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year!

**Mrs Elizabeth Killin**  
**Headteacher**



### Upcoming Events

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS TERM

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Inset Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Chinese Dragon Workshop – Year 1 and Year 2

### Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

**Commitment:** Mohammed H (Eagle), Carly S (Squirrel), Joseph F (Maple), Harry S (Oak)

**Love:** Emma S (Hawk,) Kestrel Class, Olivia I (Chestnut), Kimberley-Ann (Fox) Logan (Badger)

# Attendance



Class	Week Ending 03/11/22	Week Ending 11/11/22	Week Ending 18/11/22	Week Ending 25/11/22	Week Ending 02/12/22	Week Ending 08/12/22	Week Ending 16/12/22
Bumblebee	91.5%	97.6%	96%	92.8%	92%	85.6%	91%
Ladybird	90.2%	96.15%	88.4%	96.5%	87.4%	77.85%	87%
Hedgehog	91.3%	90.4%	88.75%	87.4%	86.1%	68.7%	63%
Squirrel	92.85%	84%	82.9%	67.6%	81%	80%	82.10%
Badger	86.4%	96.2%	94.4%	95.2%	97.1%	84.3%	79.80%
Fox	93.5%	96.3%	93.2%	97%	95.2%	89.6%	82.40%
Chestnut	88.7%	93.95%	97.7%	95.15%	92.55%	84.85%	79%
Oak	84%	94.8%	91.9%	93.3%	90.3%	80.6%	76.90%
Maple	96.2%	93.9%	94.15%	88.2%	93.9%	84.2%	85.20%
Eagle	89.9%	93.6%	92.95%	95.65%	96.9%	95.6%	93%
Hawk	100%	93.45%	93.25%	90.6%	90.95%	90.6%	92.20%
Kestrel	92.05%	94.25%	93.40%	92.7%	91.6%	86.6%	84.40%
<b>100 % Attendees</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>120</b>

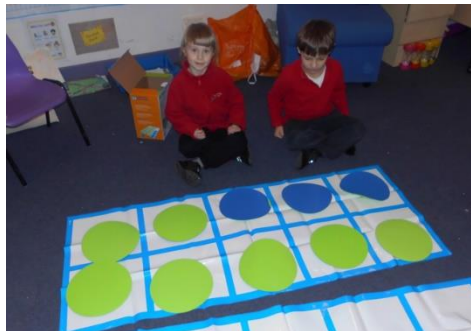
Dear Parents and carers

We have had a rough ride on attendance this term. I know there has been lots of genuine sickness. There has also been absence which could have been avoided. From January 2023 we are adding special wrist bands into our prize range so for every month that your child attends every school day they get the wrist band for that month. Let's see how many children can get all 11 next year! (no band for August) Congratulations to Eagle who have had the hamster for two weeks, the prize bag twice in a row and will be having a big prize next January.

**Mrs Gray**  
Deputy Headteacher

## A huge thank you to FOLT

Earlier in the year, we were very lucky to receive some money from FOLT to fund resources for our free flow areas, both inside and out. This has greatly helped the learning in year 1 and the children have thoroughly enjoyed using these resources. On behalf of everyone in year 1 - **THANK YOU FOLT!** With the money we were able to buy a shed to store all our outside resources, improve our construction resources, replace our table cloths, and purchase planting pots! We also bought some additional numicon, large ten frames, a tuff tray, writing aids and storage pots for our art resources. We are also awaiting the arrival of basketball hoop that will go in our outside area. The children are incredibly excited about this.



From everyone in Year 1 - **THANK YOU FOLT!**  
Key Stage 1 team

## Mental Health and Well-Being

Christmas is often a time of year that puts extra pressure on us, and can affect our mental health in lots of different ways.

For example, if you:

- Feel alone or left out because everyone else seems happy when you're not
- Wish you didn't have to deal with Christmas, or find it stressful because of other events in your life
- Feel frustrated by other people's views of a 'perfect' Christmas, if these feel different to your experiences
- Have ideas about what Christmas should be like, feel as if you need to enjoy it or worry something will ruin it
- Feel like Christmas gives you something to focus on and look forward to, and find it difficult when it's over
- Want to celebrate with someone who's struggling

There are many agencies you can turn to for support, some of these are listed below:

### Mindworks

If you are worried about a child or young person aged 6 plus, please call Mindworks 24/7 mental health crisis line free on 0800 915 4644 to talk with a trained call handler who will provide advice, support and signposting to a range of community services. It's open all day and all night, seven days a week. You can use the number whether or not you are already receiving mental health services. No formal request for support is needed.

In an emergency, please dial 999 or 112 from a mobile.

### Mindworks Surrey

Mindworks Surrey is the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children, young people and families. It offers an extensive range of advice, support and treatment provided by an alliance of NHS and voluntary sector providers. Families can request support themselves or through their school or GP.

Call the Access and Advice team on 0300 222 5755 or go to the [Mindworks website](#).



### Kooth

Kooth offer online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people. They are available Monday to Friday 12pm to 10pm and 6pm to 10pm on Saturday & Sunday. [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



### Every Mind Matters

The NHS's [Every Mind Matters](#) has some very helpful videos aimed at young people, especially on self-care tips to help manage emotional well-being.

For an extensive list of local and national support through the festive holidays please visit [Surrey Youth Voice](#).

For parents and carers that may need support with their own mental health and emotional wellbeing please visit the [Healthy Surrey website](#). The [Wheel of Well-being](#) is a tool which can help you improve your wellbeing in six different ways.

- **Mind**

Mind provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They will listen, give support and advice.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>



**Mrs Gattey – Designated Safeguard lead**