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**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE LAST DAY OF  
SUMMER TERM  
FOR PUPILS WILL BE  
FRIDAY 17 JULY 2015**

**PUPILS RETURN TO  
SCHOOL AFTER THE  
SUMMER BREAK  
ON MONDAY  
7 SEPTEMBER 2015**



# *Trinity School Newsletter July 2015*

## *Dear Parents and Carers*

As we arrive at the end of another busy year, my senior staff have reflected on some of the work which has taken place in school over the past months. This newsletter records some of those very special outings and events which add so much more to the pupils' time at school.

Each day I walk around the school visiting classrooms, looking at work and talking to the pupils and staff. On many occasions I am accompanied by visitors. These walks always make me feel very proud of the pupils and staff and the work of the school. As I have often said, Trinity pupils and staff are in my opinion the 'Manchester United' of school teams and I am immensely proud to lead them. (My apologies to West Ham supporters).

However developments at school are continuous and over the summer, amongst many other smaller projects, we will undertake a major refurbishment of the Living and Learning Centre and the installation of new multi-sensory lighting in the school swimming pool. In September we shall open our new multi-sensory room and begin the installation of a small multi-gym in the Sports Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to all those pupils and staff who are leaving at the end of this year. I was very touched by a pupil who told me that she was going to miss the staff and the other students but that she must 'be brave' and put into practice all that she had been taught.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to say thank you for all your kind messages following my award of an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. I am very pleased and proud but a little embarrassed because I know that an OBE reflects the work of many people who have given so much to support my time here. In accepting the award, I do so on behalf of the pupils, their parents and staff at Trinity. I would also like to say thank you for the support and encouragement that my governors and colleagues from other Barking and Dagenham schools and Officers from the Local Authority have given me over the years.

I do hope that you have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing all the pupils again in September.

*Peter McPartland  
Headteacher*

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### Autumn Half-Term 2015

Monday 26 October -  
Friday 30 October 2015  
(Inclusive)

### Christmas Holidays 2015

Monday 21 December 2015 -  
Friday 1 January 2016 (Bank  
Holiday) (Inclusive)

### Spring Half-Term 2016

Monday 15 February -  
Friday 19 February 2016  
(Inclusive)

### Easter Holidays 2016

Friday 25 March (Good Friday  
Bank Holiday) -  
Friday 8 April 2016 (Inclusive)

### May Day 2016

Monday 2 May 2016  
(Bank Holiday)

### Summer Half-Term 2016

Monday 30 May (Bank  
Holiday) -  
Friday 3 June 2016 (Inclusive)

## NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS:

Please ensure that all  
belongings are clearly  
marked with your  
child's name.

## *Lower School*

Summer and the sunshine are here and the school holiday seems to be rushing very quickly towards us. So we would like to tell you about some of the exciting things which have been happening in Lower School since the last newsletter:



All the pupils in the phase celebrated St. George's Day with a street party in the playground - sharing party food with their peers before playing together. It was a very successful event and the pupils (and staff) looked great in their red and white clothes and costumes.

Five classes visited Old McDonald's to support our topic work for "On the Farm". This was a lovely day and one which we hope to repeat in the future with possibly more pupils taking part.

New Admissions morning was on 18<sup>th</sup> June and we welcomed 16 pupils and their families to Trinity School. We shared information about our provision before going on a tour of school. The pupils then had the opportunity to share playtime with some of our pupils on the Early Years playground. We now look forward to welcoming them full-time in September.

Lower School Sports Day was on 24<sup>th</sup> June, PMLD Sports Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June and Early Years on 26<sup>th</sup> June - all of which were well attended by families and were both enjoyable and successful for all our pupils.

Lower School Prizegiving this year is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This is a wonderful occasion at which we acknowledge all the good work our pupils have done over the year. We decorated the Sports Hall with their work and share songs from our topics - we welcome all families to attend.



The Early Years Tea Party on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July is the equivalent event for our younger pupils where they share tea and biscuits with visiting families, receive balloon prizes and then play together out on the playground. Again we welcome all families to attend.

This term has again seen Lower School pupils taking part in activities offsite - to Timbuk2 (soft play centre), Primary Panathlon events, visits to Morrisons, Osborne café, ELHAP and Adventure Island in Southend courtesy of the Variety Club.

Lower School pupils have also been involved in onsite activities - fencing taster day, aquatics festivals in the pool and adapted bikes re-visit. Two pupils performed as part of the school show and four pupils are due to participate in the end of year music show. We also had a visit from Bonnie the Bubble Lady for a day of PHSE activities - this was so successful that she is returning during the last week of term.



Chinese New Year was celebrated by Lower School pupils on 4<sup>th</sup> March - when the training suite was transformed using smells, sights, sounds and tastes and pupils "flew" there before having their passports checked on landing in "China".

## PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is absent, you must let the school know on the first day of absence before 9.15 am giving the reason e.g. illness, appointments etc.

All absences without a known reason will be followed up with a call by the school office.



Once again the social and communication skills seen showed how much our pupils gain from these experiences.

We also celebrated the arrival of spring with an Easter sensory experience - again in the training suite, where pupils were involved in sensory activities as well as arts and crafts. Pupils made a phase collage of their work which will be displayed in school along with photos of the event.

Our sensory experience for the first half of the summer term was a visit from Wellgate Farm - who brought a range of animals into school for our pupils to meet and pet. The Nursery garden was converted into a mini-farm with rabbits, chickens, ducks and a sheep. Next time we repeat this event, we plan to have an even wider range of animals for our pupils to encounter. Photos of the day are being made into a display along the Lower School corridors so both pupils and visitors can see how much fun we had.

Our science co-ordinators also arranged to have the Living Eggs back in school for two weeks so that pupils could see the eggs and then watch to see the chicks hatch. Classes had the opportunity to visit and handle them - the faces of the pupils showed how much they enjoyed this opportunity.

As you can see - we have all been very busy and are now looking forward to spending the summer holidays with our families. We would like to thank all the staff in Lower School for their hard work and enthusiasm again this year and wish everyone (staff, pupils and their families) a happy and restful holiday - so that we all return refreshed in September!

*Abby Town, Veronica Jackson &  
Candice Webb - Lower School*

## Middle School

The Summer term has seen lots of exciting events and activities taking place within the Middle Phase.

Our weekly Tuesday morning visits to Elhap have continued. Many students from the Middle Phase have represented Trinity School in a range of sporting and swimming events.

Many students from the phase enjoyed a session with 'Oily Cart' a theatre production company who specialise in interactive shows for young people with learning difficulties. This years show was called 'Bounce' and students participated in the show on trampolines.



Many trips have taken place during the Summer term, like the Presidents Cup Sporting Experience, a trip to Barking Park, a visit to Paradise Wildlife Park and weekly sports in the community experiences.

All students have experienced a workshop presented by 'Bubbly Maths'. During the sessions the concept of shape and colour were taught using a very sensory, hands on, practical approach.

All students have taken part in a French Theme Day experience. During the day students had the opportunity to participate in a French lesson, learning colours and numbers in French. They all visited a French café to experience a traditional French menu. They experienced a sensory story, completed a Tour De France race on scooters and enjoyed a game of Boccia.



All of Middle Phase staff would like to wish you all an enjoyable Summer holiday.

*Jan Fisher-Sibbons, Chris Komodromos, Veronica Roberts & Lucy Foster  
- Middle School*

### *Upper School*

As the school year rapidly finishes, the Upper Phase want to share some of the highlights of this term.

The Year 11 pupils have now completed their accreditation after many hours of hard work. We have recently received the results that show our students have yet again been very successful and the moderators have congratulated the school on presenting such an outstanding submission of work.

At the end of April we held our annual Prize Giving celebration which was a successful occasion.

Most students have taken part in work related workshops. They have included making stained glass items, floristry and massage therapy.

The gardens in both the FEC and KS4 are flourishing with produce. Regularly students are selling home grown potatoes, lettuce, spinach, cherries and strawberries.

On Friday 10 July we will hold our Leavers Assembly which is an annual event where we say farewell to both Year 11 and Year 14 students as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

Each student will be presented with a progress file illustrating many of their achievements during their time at Trinity School. Some students will transition to the FEC whilst others will be going to different colleges or day provision. During the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> July we will hold our disco/prom with an American diner theme. Many students usually “dress up” for the occasion, and look amazing.

Several students in KS4 and the FEC will be on residential trips during the last week of term. The FEC are going to the Red Ridge Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Wales and KS4 students are going to Trewern, the Barking and Dagenham Outdoor Pursuits Centre in mid Wales.

As part of their bronze award, six students in the FEC have recently taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme expedition to Gilwell Park in Waltham Forest.

KS4 students enjoyed three theme days; Victorian Day, Africa Day and WWII Day. Students participated in a variety of activities including theatre workshops, cookery and crafts.

## SCHOOL MEALS



From September  
2015 the price of a  
school meal will  
increase to £2.20  
per day



KS4 and FEC enjoyed their sports day, supported by the PE team and students from mainstream schools.

KS4 students participated in a Shakespeare Workshop facilitated by an actor from The Globe Theatre in London.

Many students have enjoyed a variety of offsite activities to celebrate their achievements. These have included bowling, London Eye, Tropical Wings and Colchester Zoo.

We have had a really good year where all our students have worked hard and achieved much success. As we say goodbye to some and wish them well, we welcome the new students to the phase and hope they will enjoy and are as successful during their time with us.

We wish you all a very happy holiday time.

*Sandra Burns, Denny Brackenbury, & Kim Case*  
- The Upper Phase Management Team

### *The Living & Learning Centre*

The LLC has had another very positive term. All students have been working well and enjoying activities with the school community and/or local environment. We are now looking towards the summer break and planning exciting opportunities for the students that attend the Centre. Luke - our sports coach is going to be delivering sessions. It is our aim for all students to attend activities within a local gym, as well as a range of different physical activities within the school environment.

Several classroom assistants from the main school have taken the opportunity to carry out the role of a Keyworker during the summer break. We look forward to welcoming them to our team during this period.

The LLC has experienced many changes over the last two terms which have impacted on students, families and staff in a positive way. The team are looking forward to continuing to deliver our unique service through the summer and next academic year.

Have a lovely summer.

*Jo Long*  
Manager Living and Learning Centre

