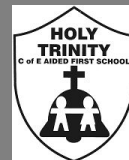


HTFS NEWS



8th March 2019

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STEM Week

STEM Week has been a great success and we would like to thank all the visitors that have come into school and shared their passion, knowledge and expertise. There have been many memorable events happening and the children have loved the hands on activities that our visitors have had them completing. We hope that we have gone some way to opening our children's imaginations to the world of STEM and some of the exciting opportunities that are available to them in the future. We would like to thank Simpsons Malt, Elizabeth Devon, Proctor and Gamble, Torness Power Station, Ahlstrom, Hutton Stone and Edinburgh University. A big thank you goes to Mrs Peck for organising a fabulous week and to all of the teachers that have planned many alternative STEM themed activities.



Steel Pans

The doors of Mango Music Shed are opening once again for those who have played before or who would like to start. They will be every Saturday morning for six weeks from 6th April, in the school hall.

9.30—10 and 10—10.30 Kalypso Kids age 3-6 (mini-pans)

10.30—11.30 Children 6+

11.30—12.30 Adults

To book a place, please contact the school office.



Nursery Woodland Circle

Nursery have been enjoying their new campfire in their Woodland Circle. We would like to thank Mr Wilson who organised the tree stump seats and Allan Brothers Woodyard for providing plenty of logs to keep us nice and warm over the next few months.



Diary Dates

Mon 11th March

Holy Trinity celebrates World Book Day - each class will have their own arrangements

Fri 15th March

Red Nose Day—bring £1, wear a touch of red (no dyed hair please) and bring in your best joke to share

Wed 20th—Fri 22nd March
Year 4 Residential to Ford Castle

Thur 21st March

Class 2 Film Premiere (2.30—3.15pm)

Fri 29th March

PTA Bingo Night at Berwick Rugby Club 6pm

Mon 1st April

Hoopstarz Day

Wed 3rd April

Easter Play at Holy Trinity Church

Thur 4th April

Teacher/Parent Consultations

Fri 5th April

School closes for the Easter holiday

School reopens on Tuesday 23rd February

Pancake Day

Well done to Charlotte and Mrs Wilson our winners this year. They managed to beat off all other competition in a very hard fought contest. Their pancakes were delicious!



Help with Attendance

As you may know one of the judgements made about the effectiveness of a school is the attendance of its pupils. At Holy Trinity we have prided ourselves by being consistently better than the National Average of 96% and our persistent absentee average (those children with less than 90% attendance) is usually significantly below 10%. However this year we are only slightly above the 96% for all pupils and our persistent absentee rate for the first time has remained above 10%. Through our analysis the main reason for this is term time holidays and whilst we absolutely do appreciate that there are legitimate reasons why term time holidays are taken they are having a negative impact on children's education. To highlight the point, a child with 90% attendance will have missed nearly 100 lessons in a school year.