

Thursday, 20th April 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Trinity Term! We have lots of exciting news in the Junior Department which we are keen to share with you.

Firstly, congratulations to Mrs Sutch and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Christopher Jacob. The family are all doing well, and we were thrilled to have a cuddle with him on Tuesday.

We have also welcomed back Mrs Brimblecombe who has worked at More House previously. She will be a Junior teacher and form tutor on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Mrs Jones has also joined us as a teaching assistant on a Wednesday and Friday.

Years 4 and 5 have started their project on their 'Local Area'. Their half term homework prepared them for this and there have been some fabulous presentations delivered to the classes. The boys have also started 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. Curriculum maps are being designed and will be published on the parent portal soon.

Year 6 classes have completed fabulous designs for their 'Around the World in 80 Days' board games. It is clear they have worked hard on these and have enjoyed having an opportunity to play them. Year 6's also started their next project 'Cause and Effect' and curriculum maps will also be published on the portal shortly. Year 6 will also be exploring 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo.

On the afternoon of the 5th of July, parents will be invited to join us for a tea party to showcase the work that we complete over the term.

Planning for activities week is well underway and we will be talking to the boys about the locations and activities throughout the term. A reminder letter with forms will be sent to you shortly and it would be helpful to have your replies as early as possible. You will also be invited to an information evening before half term in relation to the residential.

As we start the new term, I would ask the boys to ensure their pencil cases are well stocked with all the essentials, a pen, pencils, rubber, ruler etc. Reading books should be kept in bags so that they can be read at home and in school. We are keen to give house points for boys who read at home and have this signed off in their reading record so please do this as often as you can.

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Boys often bring in toys from home and it is great to see them sharing these and playing together. However, please remember that trading cards must not be traded or swapped in school and that the school cannot take responsibility for any items brought in from home.

Just a reminder to check the parent portal it is always an excellent source of information providing a snapshot of a day or a week. The Behaviour for Learning system shows information about house points and any consequences.

For those boys who have accrued no consequences, C1s or any others, there will be a special tea with the Headmaster next week. It is a significant achievement not to have had any warnings since the start of the academic year so I would encourage you to celebrate this with your son, if he lets you know he has been part of this reward.

Yours sincerely,

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