

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



WORD OF THE WEEK – SPIRIT

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – PENTECOST

CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENT BELIEFS

BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – ACTS 2V1-13

Another amazing term draws to a close. I cannot believe that we are already at Spring Bank. Where has this year gone. As the adage says, 'Time flies when you're having fun'. What a term it has been with so many amazing experiences and so much hard work from our children. It is brilliant to see them grow in confidence every day and every time a visitor comes to our school, they always comment on how smart our children look, how well they speak and how immaculately behaved they are. Our children are a real credit to the school and to you as parents. I hope that you can all have a restful and fun break for the next week. The next term will see us doing more transition events with our new Y6s, we will have our final STEM drop down day and we will have our awards evenings for both year groups. Invitations and letters to these will be sent out mid-June. You will receive a final parent report next term that will provide you an overview of the learning progress that your child has made and I'm sure you'll be proud of seeing their assessment results too. Have a lovely half term and we'll see everyone back and ready to go on Monday 5th June.

Trinity Scholars Y7

Our Year 7 Trinity Scholars cohort had a superb visit to Think Forensic on Monday. They played an active part in trying to solve a crime by using forensic science techniques. This was another amazing experience designed to open up horizons for our children and let them see how the wonderful world of science can be a profession for them in the future.



Parent survey

Thank you for all the parents who filled in our survey. There was a large majority who requested more support, guidance, and information on how to support children who may have mental health worries and also how best to support a teenager. Attached to this newsletter there are three documents produced by our partners, Kooth. These documents will give you some strategies and some ideas of how best you could support your child when needed. I hope you find these useful. If you have any concerns, please contact our safeguarding team or your child's Student Liaison Officer who will be able to advise and support.

In the survey, parents expressed a preference for email communication, and in this electronic age, we feel this is the best form of communicating. There were other requests about trying to ensure we streamline communications and try and use one platform. Over half term we will be working on improving the MCAS app and how we can send you push notifications straight to your phone. This will enable us to send you messages about achievement and behaviour points, detentions and other key information. This app is also where you can add money for lunches, pay for trips, pay for badges. If you haven't already downloaded it, please do so and get in touch with Mrs Robins at school for any assistance.



Awards Evening and sponsorship

Thank you so much for parents who have been in touch about sponsoring awards or an aspect of the awards evenings. We really appreciate your support and generosity. If you would still like to contribute you can, please email us at contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org

Sports Roundup

It has been another exciting and eventful few weeks with the PE department. Our Y7 boys football team have reached the final of the Y7 Barnsley Schools' Cup – we are hopeful it may be played at Oakwell. Well done lads! We had our first taste of tennis last week, some of our children signed up to tennis coaching sessions, and finally, we visited our sister school this week to play rounders against Trinity Academy Cathedral.

The week has been topped off by our school being awarded the School Games Gold Award for 2022/23. This is a fantastic achievement for our team, led by Mr Wilson. The Gold award is a reflection of the commitment we have to PE, to participation and competition and how we engage with our community. This really is a fantastic award, our children get such a rich experience in PE, and all of this at the moment without our own facilities, when we move to the new build, we'll be aiming for and winning platinum!



Principal's award

I will be presenting these awards every few weeks to children who consistently display attitudes and behaviours that make them model students. Our first winners are Leen and Dylan in Year 7 and Poppy and Gabriel in Year 8. Well done all four of you.

In the next few weeks, we will be presenting every child a folder where they can keep their certificates and awards so that they can build up a 'Record of Achievement' as they move through school.



Dates for your diary/
upcoming events

Monday 5th June
School re-opens

Monday 19th-21st and 21st-23rd
Kingswood residential

Thursday 29th June
Y6/Y7 transition evening