

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



Word of the week – Distribution

Worship Theme of the week – Fruit of the Spirit

Core value of the week – Respect and tolerance of different beliefs

Biblical reference of the week – Galatians 5:22-23

There is only one word that summarises my thoughts on our first term – pride. Each day I am bursting with pride at the behaviour, attitudes, appearance, and work ethic of all of our children. Couple this with the outstanding teaching and amazing experiences delivered by our dedicated and superb staff, you can see why I say this. I really hope you feel the same and are proud of the achievements of your child(ren) and that you are proud to belong to the #TeamTrinity family. It was brilliant seeing the pride on the children's faces when they kept coming to see me and other staff to tell us their Masters of Recall scores on Tuesday; they are proud of their hard work and their ability – how refreshing is this. Part of our culture is to develop resilient young adults who have high aspirations and goals, and we also want to develop good people. This week we have seen the good in so many children and families, the donations we received for Barnsley Food Bank were just superb, in a time where many of us are still feeling the pinch of inflation. Thank you. A big thank you to Nancy in Y8 who bought all the food below with her pocket money. What a very kind thing to do. This development of being a good person was a big part of our Harvest service this week and for us all to show gratitude in what we do. I know all the staff are extremely grateful to teach your children and we are grateful for all the support you continue to give us. Please do have a lovely half term break as a family, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 7th November.





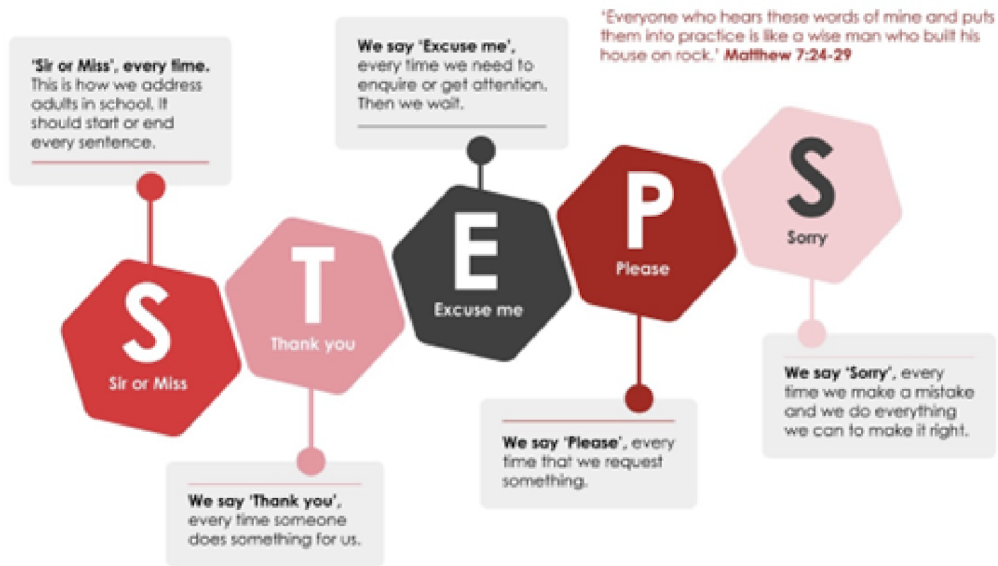
## Sport at St Edward's

The PE team have been taking all year groups across Yorkshire this week. Football matches for the boys and girls, rugby in Rotherham, cross country in Barnsley and netball in Wakefield. It is great to see all the enjoyment from participating. Well done to the Y7/Y8 girls' football team who have done it again and progressed to the next round of the national cup winning 2-1, with goals from Amelie and Lily. Another huge shout out to the cross country team for the final race this half term and a very big well done to Ava Jowitt who won her race – what a performance. Not far behind was Kaddi (8th), Reuben (5th), Ellis (8th) in the boys' race. In the Y8/Y9 races Austin came 2nd, Joel 7th, Orla 8th and Maisie 9th. Well done to the entire team of 23 runners, you did yourselves proud.



## Steps

Part of the work we do around teaching great behaviour and manners is to focus on our STEPS. We pride ourselves on using good manners and I constantly hear from members of the public and visitors to the school about how polite and respectful our children are, and what beautiful manners they have. Every week in form time we focus on one of the letters and think about how we can display our manners. We are looking forward to launching a new reward initiative on this after half term that Mrs Pearson will explain. In the meantime, please do congratulate your child(ren) and keep reinforcing the need to speak like this.



## Oracy

I said that we would aim to celebrate great work in this newsletter as well as amazing experiences. Every lesson, every day, our staff work hard to embed oracy in their lessons. No matter the subject, we encourage the children to 'Speak Like an Expert' in each area. It is amazing to see how much more confident our children become because they know they can speak in a calm and respectful classroom environment and deliver detailed and well spoken answers. Part of the curriculum in English this term in Y8 has been purely focusing on the use of language in speeches and how to construct powerful speeches. The work the children have produced in lessons has been superb. This work culminates in children volunteering to read their speeches in front of half the year group. The first group took part this week and blew our Chair of Governors away with their content, confidence, and delivery. A huge well done to Liam who came third, Caitlin second and this half of the year's winner was Matei. We look forward to hearing the other half of the year group after the half term break.





## School meals

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful head chef who is creating a menu that our children really enjoy. The downside to this is that children are overspending on their accounts. Some children are buying things at break time and then do not have enough money for the lunch they bring to the till. This half term we have allowed them to go over. After the break, if they haven't got funds in their account to cover the food, then they will have to take it back and not have it. Please remember that if your child has free school meals, the daily allowance is £2.40. This gets them a meal deal at lunch time. Unfortunately, we do not have the funds to pay for children's meals. Can you please keep an eye on your child's balance via the MCAS app and ensure you add sufficient funds. If you are having difficulties to fund your child's meals, then please get in touch and we will see how we can help.

## Parent Co-opted Governor

We have a well-established and highly skilled Local Governing Board who meet six times a year to put into place their delegated responsibilities given to them by our Trust Board. We would like to extend the number of our LGB by one this academic year. We are looking to recruit a parent who will be co-opted as a governor. This means they will have responsibilities on the LGB not because they are a parent, but because of their skill set and experience.

We are looking to recruit a parent to take up this role who has skills and experiences of leading a business, particularly with experiences in the accountancy side of business. If you feel you have these skills and would like to be considered to join the LGB please can you email you expression of interest and a brief synopsis of your skills and experiences to the clerk of the LGB, Lucie Clack ([lclack@stedwards.trinitymat.org](mailto:lclack@stedwards.trinitymat.org)). We will then look to invite interested parties to a meeting with myself and the Chair of the Governing Body. If we have multiple interests, we will recruit the individual we feel has the greatest skill set to meet the need of the LGB. We look forward to hearing from you.

This is the final call for any volunteers and we will be in touch with those of you who have shown an interest after the holiday.

## Daily Standards and expectations

As we move into the second term of the academic year we would like to thank parents/carers who support students to look smart and be their best every day. However, we would like to remind everyone of the uniform expectations for all students. Full school uniform should be worn at all times. This includes blazer, tie, white shirt/blouse, black trousers or knee length skirt (thick black tights should always be worn with skirts) lanyard, Team Trinity badge and House badge as a minimum. Students should also come equipped with a pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case, jotter and Knowledge Organiser. Please ensure that your child has these items every day. If your child has lost one of their badges please contact us at [contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org](mailto:contactus@stedwards.trinitymat.org)

## Dates for your diary/upcoming events

Tuesday 7th November – school reopens after half term  
Wednesday 8th November – Trip to the North Star Conference  
Friday 17th November – STEM Drop Down Day 1 – Sustainability